## PREPARING FOR THE STORY

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

MOMENT OF MEDITATION Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

Phil Mullinax,

Organ

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP What Is This Light

MBC Sanctuary Choir

INVOCATION

Rev. Jessica McDougald

SHARING GOD'S HOPE

May the hope of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

† SONG OF FELLOWSHIP

Hope, Peace, Joy, And Love!

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love!

These are gifts You bring from above.

Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be

Light of Your HOPE, reflected in me.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

THE ADVENT WREATH

The Tradition

Words Of Hope Zechariah 8:3-8

## LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

We are expecting God to come among us in new ways;

We are expecting to birth holiness right here!

Ring the bells! Clap your hands! Our hearts rejoice.

Make a circle. Light a fire. Sing a song of love.

We know the stories of the past -- priests and prophets, too.

Now for us this candle brings a vision of hope....

That God will move among us with strength and peace!

RESPONSE OF HOPE O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**GARLANDS AND GREENERY** 

The Tradition

Words Of Hope Isaiah 40:28

Response Of Hope The Holly And The Ivy

CHILDREN'S INVITATION TO GATHER Away In A Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,

The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head:

The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jessica McDougald

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ron Alford

OFFERTORY Creatio

Creation Will Be At Peace

MBC Sanctuary Choir

<sup>†</sup> Please stand as you are able to in body and spirit.

† DOXOLOGY Greensleeves

**POINSETTIAS** 

The Tradition

Words Of Hope Micah 6:6-8

Response Of Hope The Holly And The Ivy

**CHRISMON TREE** 

The Tradition

Words Of Hope Psalm 100

Response Of Hope The Holly And The Ivy

HOMILY Words of Hope Rev. Bob Stillerman

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

† HYMN OF INVITATION *People, Look East* Hymn #90

\*Warmth of giving offering may be brought down and placed beneath the Chrismon Tree at this time.

BENEDICTION Rev. Bob Stillerman

† SONG OF RESPONSE

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;

God with us, revealed in us: His name is called Emmanuel. (repeat)

DEPARTING REFLECTION Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Phil Mullinax, Piano

## MILLBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH



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