

Fairmount Christian Church



28th Annual *Hanging of the Greens*

Sunday, December 3, 2017
at 6:00 p.m.

Presented by the Christian Homemakers Class
President, Jerry Hall ~ Teacher, Allen Melton



Order of Service



PRELUDE

Tracy Thomas

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Allen Melton

As we begin the Christmas season, let's not forget what the Prophet Isaiah wrote, "*Prepare ye the way of the Lord*" Isaiah 43 Tonight, we gather to prepare God's house for the celebration of the birth of His Son. Let us prepare our minds for the coming of the Christ child and our hearts for the long awaited Messiah.

OPENING HYMN

Deck the Halls

Congregation

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders, and He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

SPECIAL IN SONG

Jacob's Ladder & Branches

BLESSING OF THE GREENS

Congregation

Dear Holy God, we ask for your blessing on these symbols of life as we prepare and decorate Your house for the coming of Your Son. Let us know that He truly is the Light of the World. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Leader: Evergreens, the ancient symbol of God's eternity and everlasting love for us, even after death.

People: Praise be to God!

Leader: The wreath - round, with no beginning or end - symbolizes the victory and glory of the fulfillment of Scripture in the coming of Christ.

People: Praise be to God!

Leader: Poinsettia is a symbol of the blood that would one day be required of this Child. It was God's plan from the beginning. He would send His Son to earth to walk and talk... to laugh and weep... and then to give Himself as a sacrifice for the sins past, present and future for all creation.

People: *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)*

All: Praise be to God!

SPECIAL IN SONG

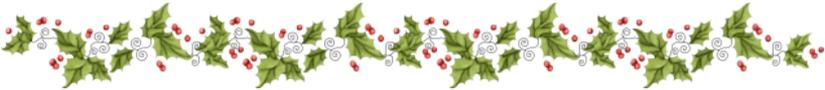
Joyful Sound

THE CHRISMON TREE

Many legends exist concerning the history of the Chrismon tree, and the meaning in all the legends is of a religious nature. We put up evergreen trees as a symbol, a reminder that Christ is ever present, and He is the tree of Life!

THE MEANING OF CHRISMON

A **Chrismon** is a Christian symbol used as a monogram for the name of Jesus Christ. The early Christians used a **Chrismon** as identification carved or drawn on jewelry, utensils, doors, and buildings. They were made of two colors ~ white and gold ~ white for the purity of the Lord, and gold for His majesty and glory. As the children place each **Chrismon** on our tree, may these symbols remind us of God's greatest gift of all... Jesus Christ.



PLACING OF CHRISMONS ON THE TREE

Parents of Preschool and younger children, please wait for instructions about children decorating the tree. Helpers will be on hand to direct and assist K-5th graders with hanging their Chrismon. Children will remain with their parents after placing their Chrismon.

Joyful Sound will place their Chrismons as a group and will stay together afterward.



LEADER REMARKS

Allen Melton

CHRISTMAS HYMNS

Congregation

SPECIAL MUSIC

Forever Young
Roland Greene, Piano
Worship Choir

LIGHTING OF THE TREE

Martha Loving

LEADER CLOSING REMARKS

Allen Melton

BENEDICTION

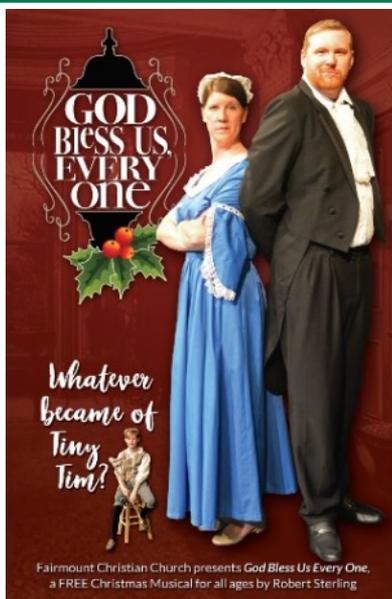
Jerry Hall



*May we all be filled with the Christmas Spirit ~
go in peace and serve the Lord our God.*

Special thanks to Fairmount's Deacons who decorated our church home for the Christmas season.

Jesus is the Reason for the Season!



God Bless Us, Every One

Please Join Us for this Free Christmas Production for the Whole Family
Presented in the Worship Center
No Tickets Necessary

Friday, Dec. 8..... 7:00pm

Saturday, Dec. 9 2:00pm & 7:00pm

Sunday, Dec. 10 3:00pm (Inf-3yo Nursery Available)

It's Christmas, 1870, and Dr. Timothy Cratchit is about to set sail for a new life in Boston when he learns he has inherited a dilapidated clinic from old Mr. Scrooge. Before he can leave for America, he must first do his duty as an Englishman and find a doctor to run the clinic. When none can be found, Tim has little

choice but to take the job himself, temporarily of course. Or is it? Once he meets the pretty but headstrong young nurse who works there, along with the orphans in her care, Tim has to decide between the two very different futures that await him.



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