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## Meaning of Christmas

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(Christian Symbols)

### **Fish of Ichthus**

### **Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior**

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed." Luke 1:46-48

### **Manger**

### **The manger in which Mary placed the baby Jesus**

"...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." Luke 2:7

### **Alpha Omega**

### **The Beginning and the End**

"I am Alpha and Omega—the beginning and the end, the first and the last." Revelation 1:8

### **Butterfly**

### **Resurrection and New Life**

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, a new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

### **Cross and Crown**

### **Symbolizing that Jesus is the King of Kings**

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him." Colossians 1:11-20

### **Triangle**

### **The Trinity: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." 2 Corinthians 13:14

### **Descending Dove**

### **Symbol of the Holy Spirit**

"...and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'" Luke 3:22

### **Crown of Thorns**

### **Passion symbol of the Crucifixion of the Lord**

"They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him." Mark 15:17

### **Lyre**

### **Stands for Joy in praising the Lord**

"The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him." Psalm 28:7

### **Star of David**

### **Represents the Six Days of Creation**

"By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work." Genesis 2:2



**Hanging of the Greens**  
**December 3, 2023 - 6:00 pm**

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**Prelude** Kelley Hill

**Welcome**

**The Advent Wreath** Kelley Hill, Bob Taunton, Madsion Dorough & Tommy Lawrence

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Soloist: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

**Congregation: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Soloist: O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.

**Congregation: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Soloist: O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

**Congregation: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Soloist: O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be; before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.

**Congregation: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**The Poinsettias**

*Hail To The Lord's Anointed*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free; to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end. The tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

**The Sanctuary Green** *The Holly and the Ivy* Chancel Choir

**The Christmas Tree** *O Christmas Tree* Sarah Jane Patterson

**The Chrismon Tree** *What Child is This?* Chancel Choir

**\*Entrance of Light**

**John 1:1-5**

*\*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain:* In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Clint McBroom

**Postlude**

Kelley Hill

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*\*please stand as you are able*