The Worship of God		The Dedication of New Chrismons	
		Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 55:12-13
November 27, 2016 The	e First Sunday of Advent	A Brief History	
		The Chrismons	Brenda Barton
<ul> <li>The Gathering         <ul> <li>The Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Danville, Virginia pioneered the first "Chrismon" tree in 1957. A Chrismon is a handmade ornament that proclaims the Gospel through symbolism. Our church's first Chrismon Tree was in 1977. Over the past two years, dedicated volunteers have crafted over 100 new Chrismons that will be dedicated this morning.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Early Announcements as the Church Gathers     <ul> <li>Prelude</li> <li>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</li> <li>arr.Tornquist</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Litany of Dedication</li> <li>Minister: How shall we prepare for the birth of our Savior?</li> <li>People: With the Evergreen Tree proclaiming life everlasting.</li> <li>Minister: How shall we prepare for the coming of the light into the world?</li> <li>People: With the lights on our tree and the candles of hope.</li> <li>Minister: How shall we prepare for the Incarnation?</li> <li>People: With Chrismon ornaments made of white and gold to proclaim the purity, majesty and glory of the Word made flesh.</li> <li>Minister: How shall we proclaim the Gospel's good news?</li> </ul>	
Choral Introit "Come to Bethlehem" Opening of the Bible	Freeman Jordyn Young	People: With beautiful Chrismons, each one telling a story of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.	
Call To Worship	Jenna Young	Minister:We dedicate our new Chrismons to the GPeople:We give thanks to all who have faithfully	
Leader:Advent is upon us, a season of wondering, watching and waiting.People:Come into our world, Lord Jesus.Leader:We see signs of God's presence all around us:People:In the face of a little baby,		designs to give praise to our Savior.Minister:May our Chrismon tree proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ for many years to come.People:We give praise to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.	
Leader:In the beauty of the Chrismon tree.People:Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus;		Hymn No. 163 "Lo! How a Rose E'er Bloom	ning" Traditional
Leader: Born to set thy people free.		The Children's Time	A Special Gift
Hymn No. 135 "Come, Thou Long–Expected Jesus"	"HYFRYDOL	New Testament Lesson	Romans 13: 11-14
The Dedication of Sterling Teresa Sheehan and Rocco LeGrande Varipapa		Hymn No. 367 "Day by Day and with Each Passir	ng Moment" BLOTT EN DAG
Introduction of Families Words of Dedication and Commitment		Morning Prayer	
Prayer of Dedication	Rev. Tommy Wilson	Anthem "Love Divine, All Loves Exc	elling" Rutter
Hymn No. 147 "Away in a Manager"	AWAY IN A MANAGER	Sermon "The Day is at Hand"	Dr. Ray Howell III
Lighting the Advent Wreath Candle	Brenda Hipp	Hymn No. 170 "It Came upon the Midnig	ht Clear" CAROL
Christian Greetings		Offertory Prayer	Greg Briggs

The Offertory

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Hayes

Choral Benediction

Postlude

Doxology

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I Sing the Mighty Power of God

arr. Tornquist

Today's Lay Reader is Tobin Shepard

Musicians for today's service

Dr. JoAnn Poston Hill and Betsy Cowan Organist/Pianist Sanctuary Choir

Christian Sympathy Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Jean Ashley and her family on the death of her sister, Jane Lawing of Marion on November 20.

> Sanctuary Poinsettias In memory of Don Minner by Sidney Minner and children In memory of Ted and Rochella Baker by Gary and Sue Wikstrom In honor of Sterling & Tina Wall by Hazel Frady

Christmas Angels Salvation Army Christmas Angels are available. Our church goal is 125 angels!

**Dollar Offerings** We continue our Dollar Offerings today and each Sunday through December.

No Youth Activities Today

Wednesday Night Activities All regular activities plus 2017 Budget vote and Dream Team update. Menu: Shepherd's Pie, Cole Slaw, Salad Bar and Dessert Children's menu: Pizza

> Frady/Johnson Mission Group There will be no meeting in December or January.

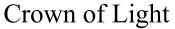
Extended Sessions:

November 27: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: Brian & Elizabeth Lancaster 3 & 4 Year Olds: Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham



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