



Join Us Sunday, November 29th Our Traditional Hanging of the Greens

10:00 am During Worship on Zoom

We will celebrate FCCW's tradition of "Hanging of the Greens" by creating an Advent wreath to use each Sunday during Advent and Christmas Eve services.

The traditional meaning of the wreath includes the following-

- **Circle of the Wreath** universal symbol of eternity
- **Evergreens** suggests life and hope, Juniper (St. Francis) a place of sanctuary
- **Lavender** purity and virtue
- **Thyme** a manger herb symbolic of courage
- **Rosemary** symbolic of remembrance
- **Horehound** bitter herb from feast of Passover
- **Dried blossoms** represent everlasting life
- **Burning Tapers** represent Christ as the Light of the World

To participate from home, we encourage you to have your supplies on hand prior to worship.

Instructions for Making Advent Wreath

Supplies:

- wreath frame
- wire
- a set of Advent Candles
- a votive to use as a Christ candle on Christmas Eve
- candles for each member to light and hold during the singing of Silent Night at the close of Christmas Eve service.

Assembly:

- gather evergreens such as juniper, pine, balsam, boxwood, mountain laurel, small leaf rhododendron, arborvitae, holly, ivy, flowers dried or live, herbs or other items that evoke the season (do not use hemlock which shatters indoors)
- Cut groups of small bunches of greens, flowers, herbs or other items .
- Attach wire to wreath frame - wire first bunch at the bottom of the bunch to frame by wrapping wire several times securing greens to frame then overlap the next bunch and wire to the frame continuing until the frame is completely covered with greens - do not cut wire between bunches just continue wrapping - wire will not show as you overlap the bunches if you wire only the bottom of the bunch tucking in the last bunch.
- Place candles into holders - they symbolize hope, love, joy and peace.
- On Christmas Eve place the Christ candle in the center of the wreath and light.

We look forward to sharing this virtual experience with you during Advent.