

Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church

Sharing the love of Jesus to transform lives, Cincinnati and the world.

ENTRANCE

Enter to hear the Good News of God’s love
and to experience God’s hope and peace.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign and pass the friendship/attendance pad located in the pew rack.

PRELUDE: “Savior of the Nations, Come” Gerald Near
Brenda Portman, organist

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

O living and loving God, prepare our hearts for what You have for us this morning. Give us ears to hear Your good news, hearts to receive it, minds to comprehend it and the faith to live it. We offer ourselves in worship and praise. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 85)
Let us hear what God the Lord will speak.
God speaks peace to the people.
The Lord will always give what is good.
And God’s footsteps will show our way.

*HYMN: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” UMH #196

*THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
Today is the second Sunday of Advent. The Advent Wreath, a circle, reminds us of our life in God that has no end. The four royal blue candles remind us of the royalty of Jesus, who is the King of Kings.

In these troubled days we ache for the return of Christ in final victory: “For He is our peace, in His flesh He has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.” (Ephesians 2:14)

Angels, who were with Jesus through His life, sang to announce His birth. As we light this second candle of Advent we join in the angel chorus that rang out over the hills of Bethlehem that first Christmas:

(Sung Response): **Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

ANTHEM: “Adam Lay Ybounden” (15th c. text) Boris Ord
The Cathedral Choir, Neal Hamlin, conductor

*Adam lay ybounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple that he took,
As clerkes finden written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been,
Ne had never our Lady a been heavene queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen, Deo gracias!*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE: “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” UMH #218 verse 1

*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:10-14 Pew Bible NT page 58
This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ!
Thanks be to God!

SERMON: “The Original Christmas Album: The Angels’ Song of Peace”
Rev. Doug Johns

A Song of Peace:

1. Peace from _____.
(Luke 2:10; Psalm 103:2; Isaiah 1:18)
2. Peace in _____. (Luke 2:14; John 14:27)
3. Peace for _____. (Luke 2:14; John 16:33)

OFFERTORY: “Consecration” John Ness Beck

*THE PRESENTATION and DOXOLOGY UMH #94
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH page 17

THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Communion is by “intinction”. Please come forward by the center aisle, and return by the side aisles. A gluten free station is available by the piano. If you are unable to come forward, the bread and cup will be brought to you. Please let an usher know that you will need to be served in the pew.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN: “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” UMH #240

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Hyfrydol” Craig Phillips

*Please stand as you are able.
Join together in reading/singing the bold type.
UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

Liturgist: Lucinda Hurst

Acolyte: Kate Hurst

INVITATION TO PRAY

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” Romans 12:12

DEATH: Sympathy to Jana Cunningham and her children in the death of Robert Cunningham, husband and father, who died on 11/25/15. His service will be held in the Sanctuary Wednesday, December 9 at 5:00 pm.

HOSPITAL: Mary Alice McIntire (Christ)

HOSPITAL DISCHARGE: Joyce Bates

MARRIAGE: Leah Elyse Rehmert & Sean Robert Wenderoth were married in the Sanctuary on December 4.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Staff & Their Families: Gina Siegel, Julie Vail

Men & Women in the Military*:
John Tyler Mercer, Sr. Master Sergeant, U.S. Air Force Reserve (son of Sarah Pilcher)

Our Church Ministries:
Sanctuary Ambassadors, Adult Ministry Leaders, Music Ministry

OUR CITY:

For victims to find comfort and peace through forgiveness

OUR COMMUNITY MINISTRY PARTNERS:

Madisonville Education and Assistance Center (MEAC) as they serve the people of the Madisonville area with a choice food pantry, clothing, rent and utilities assistance in addition to educational opportunities.

OUR GLOBAL OUTREACH PARTNERS:

Germany (churches in Augustusburg, Chemnitz, Freiberg, and Plauen) as they shine Christ’s light in a community that is vastly atheistic.

OUR WORLD:

For peace among all nations and all those who are refugees.

AN ADVENT PRAYER FOR OTHERS:

God of mercy,
hear our prayer in this Advent season for ourselves, for our families, and all who live with painful thoughts and memories.
We ask for strength for today, courage for tomorrow and peace for the past.
We ask these things in the name of Your Christ, who shares our life in joy and sorrow, death and new birth, despair and promise. Amen.

**We want to include prayers for any active duty men & women in the military. Please send the information to lgarrison@hpcumc.org.*

Welcome to Worship

We are glad you have joined us today! Please sign the friendship/attendance pad and join us in the Welcome Center after worship for coffee, fellowship & information. If you are a visitor, please stop by our Hospitality Desk in the Welcome Center as we have a gift for you. *The following assistive devices are available: assistive listening devices integrated with the sanctuary sound system and large print hymnals & order of worship.*

News & Happenings is included in your worship bulletin and in our weekly e-mail news. Visit us online at hydeparkchurch.org for a comprehensive view of our ministries.

View live worship every Sunday at 9:30 am online. In addition, recordings of the sermons are updated weekly on our website in both video and audio format. The 9:30 am service from the previous week can be heard each Sunday on WCVX (1160 AM) at 1:00 pm.

Nursery (9:30 am & 11:00 am) Drop off your child in Room 120:

Infants	Room 120
1 year olds	Room 119
2 year olds	Room 118

Children's Sunday School (9:30 am - Lower Level):

Preschool (Ages 3 & 4)	Room 14
Ages 5 & Kindergarten	Room 15
1st & 2nd Grades	Room 8
3rd & 4th Grades	Room 6
Life Explorers (5th & 6th Grade)	Room 9

Children's Choirs

Children from Kindergarten - 6th grade begin 11:00 am worship with their families in the sanctuary and are then invited and escorted to attend children's choirs. Pick up your child in their respective room.

Joy Singers (Age 3 - Grade 2)	Sunshine Singers (Grades 3-6)
Elizabeth Hickerson - Director	Dana Calhoun - Director
Room 8	Choir Room 202

Student Ministry Bible Study

9:30 am	Middle School (7th & 8th Grade)	Room 301
	High School (9th - 12th Grade)	Room 302
5:30 - 8:00 pm	Middle School Youth Fellowship	Little Theater
5:30 - 8:00 pm	High School Youth Fellowship	Little Theater

Adult Sunday School

9:30 am	Adult Sunday School Class	Library
	FaithWeavers	Room 205
	Parents with Young Children	Parlor
11:00 am	New Ventures	Parlor
	Soul Builders	Room 205

NEXT SUNDAY, 12/13:

Hyde Park Community:

We continue with our sermon series: The Original Christmas Album. Pastor Cathy's sermon, "Mary's Song of Trust" is based on Luke 1:46-56. Join us next Sunday, and invite a friend, relative, acquaintance or neighbor to join you!

Over-the-Rhine Community:

Advent Continues with the message "Anticipating Church" preached by Pastor Dave Lyell. When we lose hope and see injustice all around us, we often say to ourselves, "Where is the church?!" Perhaps the church is here, but not where we thought.

We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!

Join us for worship:

Hyde Park Community Worship:

Sunday - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am, Sanctuary

September - May

2nd Tuesday of the Month - 7:30 pm, Sanctuary - Taizé Worship

Over-the-Rhine Community Church Worship:

Sunday - 9:30 am, Sanctuary

Holy Communion:

1st Sunday of the Month at all Services

All other Sundays 9:00 am, Chapel (Hyde Park)

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