Christ is Born!

by Rev. Dr. Doug Johns

December 24, 2016
11:00 pm
Thank you for joining us for this celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ! Whether you are a first-time guest or long-time member, we welcome you to this community of faith on this holy night. We are a congregation that is committed to connecting people with God, serving our neighbors, and making disciples of Jesus Christ. Through mission partners who offer hope and healing both locally and around the world, we are committed to being the hands and feet of Christ. Through small groups and care ministries, we are committed to helping children, youth, and adults grow in their walk with Christ as they are supported and encouraged by loving friends. If you would like to hear more about Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, please visit our website at: www.hydeparkchurch.org, call the church office at 513-871-1345, or contact our senior pastors, Rev. Dr. Cathy Johns and Rev. Doug Johns at: cjohns@hpcumc.org or djohns@hpcumc.org.

Please honor us with your presence tonight by:
- If you have special needs, please ask an usher to provide you with assistive listening devices integrated with the sanctuary sound system or a large print hymnal and order of worship.

Connect with us in the future:
Live worship is available online each Sunday morning at 9:30 am and 11:00 am. Recordings of the sermons are updated weekly on our website (www.hydeparkchurch.org/media/), both in video and audio format.
ENTRANCE

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

PRELUDE

Fancies, Toyes, and Dreams - Giles Farnaby
In the Bleak Midwinter - Traditional English Carol - Setting by Gustav Holst
Wexford Carol - Traditional Irish Carol
The Canterbury Brass

Ding Dong! Merrily on High - Traditional English Carol
The Canterbury Brass & Brenda Portman, Resident Organist

WELCOME

Sign and pass the friendship/attendance pad located in the pew rack.
*Please stand as you are able. Join together in reading/singing the bold type.
UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

CHORAL INTROIT

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light - J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Please stand if able)

Christ is born!

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth!

*CAROL

(Standing) O Come, All Ye Faithful - UMH 234 (verses 1 & 3)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; Refrain
*LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE  *(Standing)*

On this holy night, God has pierced the heavens to announce:

A child is born in Bethlehem!

On this holy night, angels filled the skies of Bethlehem with song:

Gloria!  Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth.

On this holy night, God spoke to shepherds in the fields who heard the good news:

A Savior is born in the city of David who is Christ the Lord.

On this holy night, we celebrate the birth of Emmanuel, God with us:

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World!  Alleluia!

*RESPONSE  *(Standing)*  O Come, All Ye Faithful - UMH 234 (verse 6)

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

(Please be seated)

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON  Micah 5:2-5a - Pew Bible OT page 865

The prophet Micah announces God’s promise of a ruler from Bethlehem, the One of Peace.

ANTHEM  Carol of the Inn - Raymond H. Haan - The Wesley Choir, Neal Hamlin conducting

Holy Christ-child, gift of love, from the Father’s house above,
Fruit of blessed Mary’s womb, in this inn you will find room, Room within my heart.

Here no spacious courts of stone, here no marble steps nor throne,
Here no pillars, gems nor gold, here but warmth and will to hold, The Maker of my heart.

Not so tidy is this inn, host it is to dirt and sin;
Though it quakes to hear a knock, still my Lord, there shall no lock, Hold you from my heart.

Enter now my willing heart, enter, Lord, do not depart.
Ruler of all time and space, dwell within this lowly place, Dwell within my heart.
**GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 2:1-7 - Pew Bible NT page 58

*The birth of Jesus.*

**CAROL** *Away in a Manger* - UMH 217 (verses 1 & 2)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes; I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

**GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 2:8-15 - Pew Bible NT page 58

*The angels proclaim the birth of Jesus to the shepherds*

**CAROL** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* - UMH 240

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King, peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th’ angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th’ incarnate Deity, pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King!”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King!”

**GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 2:16-20 - Pew Bible NT page 58

*The shepherds visit the Christ-Child.*
MEDITATION  Fully and Lovingly Seen - Rev. Doug Johns

OFFERTORY  O Little Town of Bethlehem - arr. R. Vaughan Williams

SENDING FORTH

SHARING THE LIGHT

During the singing of the carol, we light our candles. The light from the Christ-Candle will be shared by acolytes who will come to those seated at the end of the pews. In turn, pass the light to the person next to you. The lighted candle remains upright; the unlit candle is tipped to the lighted candle.

CAROL  Silent Night, Holy Night - UMH 239

1. Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love’s pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

4. Silent night, holy night,
wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE  Joy to the World - William H. Bates

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
Rev. Dave Weaver - Liturgist
Neal Hamlin - Director of Music
Brenda Portman - Organist
The Canterbury Brass
Brian Buerkle & Scott Batchelder - Trumpets
Jonas Thoms - French Horn
Jose Mangual - Trombone
Tim Northcut - Tuba
Thank you, God, for coming as Emmanuel, God with us.

Emmanuel, we celebrate Your coming to us, for You meet us wherever we are. You meet us as we are: filled with joy or despair, lonely or blessed by the company of loved ones. God comes and stands next to us, holding a candle to guide our steps and brighten our path.

Thank You, God, this night for the gift of Your holy presence and light.

Amen.
Join us in making a difference this Christmas. We would like to invite you to partner with us to support our Global Outreach Ministries.

Historically our congregation has faithfully provided for the various needs of our global partners. Please prayerfully consider giving an extraordinary gift this Christmas to our Global Outreach Ministry. With your generous support, we will provide leadership training, education for those in poverty, supplies and staffing resources for health needs, as well as training and care for those who need support. Our goal is $60,000 to meet the needs of our partners.

You can make your donation using the envelope provided in your pew and placing it in today’s offering or by mailing it to the church office (1345 Grace Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45208). Checks can be written to Hyde Park Community UMC with a note in the memo; Christmas Global Offering.

Your faithfulness in giving above and beyond this Christmas will enhance the lives of children in Haiti, provide a Christ-centered place of worship amidst predominantly atheistic surroundings in Russia and Germany, or help to maintain the health and wellness of Americans who have followed God into full-time missions in Asia Minor. Keep Christ at the center of your Christmas and into the New Year.

*Merry Christmas!*

In Christ,
Rev. Doug Johns, *Co-Senior Pastor*
Sarah Putman, *Community Ministry & Global Outreach Ministry Assistant*
2016 Poinsettias

Given by

Yvonne & David Adams
June, Bob and Barb Borgmann
Lisa Koch Bryant & Rebecca Lysle Bryant
Robert Buechner
Ann Burrows
Cathy & Bob Duerler
Helen Durham
The Ernst Family
The Richard T. Findlay Family
Shirley & Gordon Garn
Lois Gettelman
Neal & Dee Dee Hamlin
Stephen & Christy Holmes & Family
Elizabeth Kuck
Larry & Nanci (FKA Mallin) LaGue

In Loving Memory of

Our Parents
Our Brothers
Earl Borgmann
Rose Mary & George Koch
Eva Ellen Simmons
Bishop Emerson & Jane Colaw
Larry Burrows
Bertie & William Harris
Edith & Robert Duerler
A.B., Maudie & Darold Moorefield
Emma & Seth Olson - Aunt, Uncle
Judy Ernst
Mr. & Mrs. Warren C. Stack
Mr. & Mrs. John S. Findlay
Our Dear Son, Tim
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Dale & Betty Knobeloch
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Rosemary Petry
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Keith Ronningen
J.T. Iles
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Malcolm Mowbray, Diane Randolph,
Robert & Margaret Smith
Mom & Dad, Anna & Walkie Tharp
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Bob & Linda Wright

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Our Mothers - Nita Swarts & Marcella Mahoney
Willard & Pauline Webster
William & Carrie Parker
Mary Evelyn Welding

In honor of
Angie, Justin, Leslie and Winston
Julie and Kaen, Robert and Leslie Ann, Brad and Buva
Our Children: Andrew, Ben, & Melissa
Clell & Shirley Catron
Dick & Sarah Ernst
Betty & Steele Mattingly
Virginia A. Swartz
Ashley & Michael Rosa
Blake & Jessica Johns
Carol Warner
My parents, Margaret & Dick Kuck
Steele & Betty Mattingly
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Juanita Landes
Children & Grandchildren
Roger & Patsy Higley
Ettore & Loredana Minghetti
Andrea S. & Larry Y.
Alex and Madeline Ronningen
Our Children: Eric, Heidi, and Brad
Bob & Bea Matthews

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Hyde Park Community Worship:
Sundays 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am, Sanctuary

Traditional Worship: 8:00 and 9:30 am
Join us for a celebration of God’s Word through inspirational preaching from the Bible, prayers, and congregational hymns. Our 88-rank Casavant pipe organ accompanies our adult choirs each week. Our children’s choirs and handbell choir also enhance our Sunday morning worship.

Worship @ 11: 11:00 am
You are invited to this multi-media service with inspirational preaching from the Bible, prayers, and a special time for children. Our praise team offers a variety of styles of music including contemporary Christian, jazz and gospel.

Over-the-Rhine Community Church Worship:
Sundays 10:30 am, Sanctuary

Join us at 1310 Race Street in OTR for a unique worship experience in the historic Nast-Trinity Church building. OTRCC is a New Church Start in a rapidly changing and highly diverse community. Worship here exemplifies the surrounding neighborhood with multi-cultural styles, a “come as you are” environment, and a strong focus on local mission and justice.

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Join us in the new year for a series that challenges you to live 2017 in a new way: joyfully, expectantly, positively, and lovingly. We hope to see you.

Join Us for Worship in 2017

Christmas Day
Join us at 10:00am
Come and Celebrate Christ’s birth!

Join us for our Service at 10:00am On New Year’s Day

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