



ENTRANCE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad you have joined us today!

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.*

Hymnal - *The United Methodist Hymnal*

The following assistive devices are available: assistive listening devices integrated with the sanctuary sound system and large print hymnals and orders of worship.

Following worship, please join us in the Welcome Center for refreshments.

Liturgist - Amy Reed

PRELUDE *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* Dieterich Buxtehude
Dr. Brenda Portman, organist

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, from the rising of the sun to its setting, we sing Your praise. There is no one like You; You hear the cries of Your people and lift the poor from the dust. During this hour of worship, feed us with Your Living Word. Dry our tears. Put a new song in our hearts and fill us with love for You and each other. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 9:2)

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.
Come, O Lord, and send us Your light.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.
Come and bring the light of God.

Come and walk among us.
Be our Savior and our Friend.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.
Come to bring us Your peace.

*HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Hymnal 196

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

In the beginning was the Word—spoken and breathed, a promise made and kept.

Listen and hear: God's promise is true!

The Word was in the beginning, and through Him all things come into being.

Eternal and near at hand, already and not yet, God's promise is the foundation of all life.

Listen! Hear the covenant anew, giving voice to a future with hope.

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Sung Response: (by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, used with permission)

The candle of hope we light in this hour proclaims that the Lord is coming in power. We wait for a future, now hidden from view, when Christ in his glory will make all things new.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

ANTHEM *Prepare The Way, O Zion!* John Carter
The Wesley Choir, Neal Hamlin, conducting

Prepare the way, O Zion! Hear the news, "He comes, He comes!" Glory to the newborn King!

Lift up your head, O Zion! Signs appear in heaven on high. Glory to the newborn King!

Rise up and sing, O Zion! Call His name Emmanuel. Glory to the newborn King!

Rejoice, be glad, O Zion! Leave your flocks to come and see. Glory to the newborn King!

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 [Pew Bible OT pg 638](#)

This is the Word of our Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Unwrapping Christmas: Blackbird Singing in the Dead of Night* Rev. Dr. Cathy Johns

Light _____ darkness! (Isaiah 9:2, John 1:5)

Jesus came to _____ to all! (Isaiah 9:6, I Timothy 1:1)

OFFERTORY *Bread of the World*

Mark Burrows

Bread of the world in mercy broken, cup of the world in mercy shed; by Him the words of life were spoken, and in His death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears of sinners shed; and be Your feast for us a token that by Your grace our souls are fed.

Circle of hope, remain unbroken. Circle of love, reach out and spread. Then all the world will share the glory, share in God's blessings, and be fed.

*The Presentation and Doxology Hymnal 94

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Hymnal 17

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal 895

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 GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion is by "intinction;" please receive the bread and dip it in the chalice. Please come forward by the center aisle, and return by the side aisles. A gluten free station is available by the organ. If you are unable to come forward, the bread and cup will be brought to you. Please let an usher know that you prefer 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 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* Hymnal 218

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661* J. S.Bach

Childcare - Available for all 3 worship services

Infants - Room 120

Toddlers - (2 - 3 year olds) - Room 119

9:30AM - Preschool - Room 9:

November's Theme: **"HAPPY HELPERS CLUB: I am thankful for people who help me."**

For ages 3-5 who are currently attending a weekday preschool. We sing, dance, play and do activities based on our weekly bible study. Preschoolers will love to participate in this fun Sunday School class!

9:30AM - Kindergarten- 6th Grade - Little Theater:

November's Theme: **"JAM SESSION: Build a better beat!"**

We start by gathering in one large community to praise God, learn scripture, and sing together. Kids will then break into smaller groups to dive into age appropriate discussion questions and activities. Your kids will not want to miss this fun filled Sunday morning experience!

9:30AM - 7th-12th Grade - 3rd Floor:

Theme: **"SENT: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas"**

God sent Jesus at Christmas. In turn, Jesus sends us into the world to be his hands and feet, head and heart. Youth will discover how, where, why we are sent as a way to prepare for Christmas and beyond.

***Will NOT meet 12/23, 12/30**

11:00AM - Children's Choirs:

Children ages 3 yrs-8th grade begin 11:00am worship with their families in the Sanctuary. Following the Children's Moment the children are then invited and escorted to attend choir. Please pick up your child in their respective room.

Joy Singers (Age 3 - Grade 2)

Elizabeth Hickerson - Director, Room 8

Sunshine Singers (Grades 3-8)

Dana Calhoun - Director, Choir Room 202

Youth Group:

Join us Sunday evenings in the Little Theater (2nd Floor) from 5:30p.m. - 8:00p.m. for youth grades 7-12 to gather together for dinner, worship, teaching, small groups, and fun. In November and December, we are starting from the very beginning: The Old Testament. We will explore the ancestors of our faith by exposing the real, unpolished, and unexpected personalities that God uses to do extraordinary things. Youth will discover the similarities between themselves and the unlikely people God selected.

Adult Sunday School

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| 9:30 am | Adult Bible Study | Library |
| | FaithWeavers | Room 205 |
| | Parents with Small Children | Parlor |
| 11:00 am | New Ventures | Parlor |
| | Soul Builders | Room 205 |

Invitation to Pray:

Hospitalization: Carol Cohn at Good Samaritan Hospital
Mary Meisch at Jewish Mercy Hospital.

Discharged: Doug Johns from Good Samaritan Hospital.

Staff & Their Families: Julie Vail and Lindsay Garrison

Men & Women in the Military: We are praying for all men and women serving in the military.

Our Church Ministries: S.A.M and Thursday Edition

Our Global Ministries: Haiti, Romania and Russia

Next Sunday, December 9:

"Unwrapping Christmas," our Advent sermon series continues. Join us next Sunday as Rev. Dave Weaver offers the message "Let it Be," based on Luke 1:26-38. Invite a friend during this holy season to join you as your guest in worship.

Hyde Park Community Worship:

Sundays 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am, Sanctuary

Traditional Worship: 8:00 and 9:30 am

Worship @ 11: 11:00 am

View live worship, 9:30 am & 11:00 am online. In addition, recordings of the sermons are updated weekly on our website in both video and audio formats.

Over-the-Rhine Community Church Worship:

Sundays 10:30 am, Sanctuary

Holy Communion:

Hyde Park Community

1st Sunday of the month

All Services (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am)

All other Sundays

9:00 am, Grace Chapel

Over-the-Rhine Community

Every Sunday, 10:30 am, Sanctuary



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