



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 readingsinging 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 - Christine McHenry

Grace Chapel Communion - Sharon Michaelson

PRELUDE *Triptych on "Helmsley": II. Berceuse* Brenda Portman
Dr. Brenda Portman, organist

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of wonder, during this season of Advent open our eyes to see the fullness of Your glory. Help us to be still and know that You are God. Tune our ears to the song of the angels; bend our knees with the shepherds. Lead us once again to Bethlehem so that we, like the Wise Men, may celebrate Your coming. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In this season of expectation,
we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, the Anointed One.

Into the bustle of our lives and the
hard-to-find moments of solitude,
we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, the Messiah.

Into our homes and situations
along with friends and families,
we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, the Savior of the world.

Into our hearts, and those often hidden parts of our lives,
we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

*HYMN *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* Hymnal 203

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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

**Speak it loud and clear—
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.**

Do not hold back!
Speak out, giving voice to God's peace that passes all understanding.

~candles are lit~

Sung Response: (by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, used with permission)
**The candle of peace shines bright with God's plan;
The wolf will lie down and dwell with the lamb.
Our guns and our weapons, our hatred and war,
Will give way to gardens that heal and restore.**

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Hymnal 47

ANTHEM *Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth* Praetorius, arr. Willcocks
The Wesley Choir, Neal Hamlin, conducting

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest Thy
virgin birth: let every age adoring fall; such birth
befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit, Thou art
still the Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised
fruit to man displayed.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, and darkness
breathe a newer light, where endless faith shall shine
serene, and twilight never intervene.

All laud, eternal Son, to Thee whose advent sets thy
people free, whom with the Father we adore, and
Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:26-38 Pew Bible NT pp. 56 and 57

This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Unwrapping Christmas: Let it Be* Rev. Dave Weaver

OFFERTORY *Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes* Hal Hopson

Thou shalt know Him when He comes; not by any
din of drums, nor the manner of His airs, nor by
anything He wears; not by His crown or His gown,
but His coming known shall be by the holy harmony
which His coming makes in thee. Thou shalt know
Him when He comes. Amen.

*THE PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY Hymnal 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!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Hymnal 206

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *Triptych on "Helmsley": I. Fanfare* Brenda Portman

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

9:30 am Adult Bible Study

FaithWeavers

Parents with Small Children

11:00 am New Ventures

Soul Builders

Library

Room 205

Parlor

Parlor

Room 205

Join Us

Invitation to Pray:

Sympathy: To Barbara McDonald and family in the death of David on November 30, 2018.

To the family of Joan Melvin who died on November 25, 2018; Memorial Service on December 14th at 2:00 pm at Lusain Funeral Home.

To Bev Tharp and her family in the death of her father, Kenneth Blair, on November 28, 2018.

Hospitalization: Mary Meisch at Jewish Mercy Hospital.

Discharged: Odie Kordons from Jewish Mercy Hospital. Carol Cohn from Good Samaritan Hospital to Marjorie P. Lee for rehab.

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

Next Sunday, December 16:

“Unwrapping Christmas,” our Advent sermon series continues. Join us next Sunday as Rev. Dr. Cathy Johns offers the message “The Long and Winding Road,” based on Luke 2: 1-5. 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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