### **ENTRANCE**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are glad you have joined us today! Please sign and pass the friendship pad located in the pew rack.

\* Please stand as you are able; join together in reading/singing the boldface type, and the hymns.

For your convenience, ushers can provide assistive listening devices and larger print versions of the hymnal and order of worship.

Following worship, please join us in the welcome center for refreshments.

Liturgist - Brett Connelly

PRELUDE Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Rick Marquardt, guest organist

arr. Aaron Shows

### SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Like the hush and beauty of new fallen snow, come and refresh my soul this morning. Thank you for the gift of Jesus, whose coming changes everything. May I respond to Your coming, Lord Jesus, with great love, for You and for all of Your children. Amen.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved Jesus, may we have the faith and insight of the Wise Men,

who, when faced with an ancient hope of a foreign people and the appearance of a remarkable star, grasped the connection. They went and followed that star.

We stand now at the border of a new year, which is like an unknown country.

We don't know what we will experience as we travel it; We don't know what obstacles will lie across our path.

Lead us, like the Wise Men, on a quest, of faithfulness and worship, of hopefulness and giving, and always unto Yourself.

\*HYMN Angels from the Realms of Glory

### Hymnal 220

### \*OPENING PRAYER

God with us, kindle Your spark within us, that together we may shine forth Your light, we might banish the shadows of this world, we might be the continuation of the Christmas miracle: Emmanuel is in this world, God is with us, now and evermore. Amen.

### **PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE**

**ANTHEM** *In the Bleak Midwinter*Andrew Cunningham, tenor

arr. Brenda Portman

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

### 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE Go Tell it on the Mountain

Hymnal 251

\*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-18

Pew Bible NT p. 2

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

SERMON Christmas Hangover

Rev. Kate Smith

Adolphe Adam

## **OFFERTORY** O Holy Night

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining, It is the night of our dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices For yonder breaks a new glorious morn.

Fall on your knees

O hear the angels' voices!

O night divine,

O night when Christ was born.

O night divine, O night,

O night divine!

### \*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 There's a Spirit in the Air

Hymnal 192

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE** Dialogue and Fugue on "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" arr. Michael Joseph



**CHILDCARE** - Available for all 3 worship services

- Infants Room 120
- **Toddlers -** (2 3 year olds) Room 119

### SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30-10:30am

• **Preschool** - Room 9: (Ages 3-5)

Current Theme-"Starry Starry Night: God gave us Jesus"

**Elementary -** Little Theater (2nd Floor)

Current theme-"Unboxed: Find the Joy in the Greatest Gift of All"



- All Youth grades 7-12th are welcome!
- Gather in the 3rd floor lobby for food, fun and fellowship
- Current Theme-"Christmas Cheer: A series about generosity!"

# HPCYOUTHpm 5:30-8:00pm

- All Youth grades 7-12th are welcome!
- Meet in the Little Theater for dinner, worship and fellowship
- Special Events in December:

Dec. 29th- No evening youth fellowship

### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS: 11:00am

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

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 am	Adult Bible Study	Library
	<b>FaithWeavers</b>	Room 205
	Parents Group	Parlor
11:00 am	New Ventures	Parlor
	Soul Builders	Room 205

## **Invitation to Pray:**

**Sympathy:** To Diann Bridenbaugh and family in the death her husband, Phil Bridenbaugh.

**Hospitalization:** Jo Seilacher at Christ Hospital. Shirley Garn at Christmas Hospital.

**Staff & Their Families:** Rick Kitchen and Zeke

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

Our Church Ministries: The Warehouse and Music Ministries

Our Global Ministries: Haiti, Romania and Russia

## Next Sunday, January 5:

Pastor Cathy begins a new sermon series based on the book of Galatians: Set Free. Her sermon, "Set Free by the Gospel" is based on Galatians 1:1-12. Join us and invite a friend, relative, acquaintance or neighbor.

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

## **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





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