



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

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:**

We will continue to offer **online worship only** until further notice.  
Please check out our website for updates: [www.hydeparkchurch.org](http://www.hydeparkchurch.org).  
You and your family remain in our prayers.

**ENTRANCE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LITURGIST** Jenna Calhoun

**PRELUDE** *Theme: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* John A. Behnke  
Dr. Brenda Portman, organist

**SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

*God, in these quiet moments come and remind me of Your abiding presence. As the nights grow longer, remind me that Your love and light shine brightly in the darkness. Prepare my heart this Advent to welcome anew Jesus, the Christ-Child. Amen.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the good news which we proclaim,  
**Jesus Christ is the light of the world!**

We walk in the light of His love.  
**We live in the light of His teachings.**

Come, let us worship;  
**Let us celebrate God's forever presence of light and love.**

**HYMN** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* [Hymnal 206](#)

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. During this season, we prepare our homes and our hearts to celebrate God's great gift, Jesus, the Christ-Child.

We remember the longing of our ancestors who yearned for the Messiah, recalling words from prophets like Isaiah:

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2,6)

We celebrate God's holy movement in the lives of ordinary people, like Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist. In spite of his questions and disappointment, Zechariah still worshipped God. As we light this first candle of Advent, we join our voices with his, lifting our song of hope to God:

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE**

**ANTHEM** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Ruth Elaine Schram  
Vocal Ensemble: Ronda Deel, Sally Fee, Grace Devoid,  
Katie Riederer, and Janet Zeigler; Ben Owen, conducting

Of the Father's love begotten,  
ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending He.  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing;  
powers, dominions, bow before him,  
and extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
every voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore!

Alleluia!  
Let no tongue be silent,  
every voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore!

**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.**

**EPISTLE LESSON** I John 1:5-9

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

**READING RESPONSE** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* [Hymnal 211](#)  
v. 1 & 4

**SERMON** *A Christmas Carol Revisited:* Rev. Doug Johns  
*Freedom from the Past*

**OFFERTORY** *Walk in the Light*

arr. André Thomas

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hark the herald angels sing,  
Jesus, the Light of the world;  
"Glory to the newborn King,"  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Walk in the light, beautiful light,  
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hail the heav'nborn Prince of Peace!  
Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Walk in the light, beautiful light,  
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

**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** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* [Hymnal 218](#)

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Fantasia: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* John A. Behnke

**HPC Kids** SUNDAY SCHOOL:

- We are currently not meeting together on Sunday mornings and we miss you dearly!
- Please let us know if you would like to be added to our weekly email newsletter and be sure to join our Children and Family Ministry Facebook page.
- Please contact Pam Pilger to get connected from your home - ppilger@hpcumc.org

**HPC YOUTH am** 11:00am - 12:00pm

- Confirmation Classes are held via ZOOM

**HPC YOUTH pm** 5:30-8:00pm

Various times on Sunday evening:

- All Youth grades 7-12th are welcome to join a virtual small group. It's such a fun way to stay connected!
- Please email Dana Calhoun if you would like to join a small group - dcalhoun@hpcumc.org

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

We miss making music with you in person! We will be together again soon. In the meantime, if you have questions about our children's choirs, please contact one of our directors listed below.

- 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**

(Current class information, please contact class leader)

**9:30am**

Adult Bible Study                      Ron Purdon, [purdon@mail.com](mailto:purdon@mail.com)  
 Faith Weavers    Micheal Hickerson, [mikehickerson@gmail.com](mailto:mikehickerson@gmail.com)  
 Parents Group                      Jason Burgess, [JasonBurgess13@gmail.com](mailto:JasonBurgess13@gmail.com)

**11:00am**

New Ventures                      Mike Vilardo, [mpvilardo@gmail.com](mailto:mpvilardo@gmail.com)  
 Soul Builders                      Ronda Deel, [rodeel@fuse.net](mailto:rodeel@fuse.net)

**Invitation to Pray:**

**Hospitalization:** Shirley Garn at Christ Hospital, and John Roos at Bethesda North Hospital.

**Sympathy:** To Jeff Hudepohl and family in the death of his father, Alvin "Al" Hudepohl, on November 17, 2020.

**Staff & Their Families:** Our staff and families dealing with Covid 19.

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

**Our Church Ministries:** Our classes meeting online.

**Our Global Ministries:** Haiti, Romania and Russia

**Next Sunday, Dec. 6th**

Pastor Cathy continues with our Advent sermon series: *A Christmas Carol Revisited*. Her sermon, *Untangling the Present*, is based on Mark 1:1-8. Join us and invite a friend, relative, acquaintance, or neighbor.



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**Hyde Park Community Worship:**

*Sundays 9:30am & 11:00am online only*

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 (9:30 & 11:00am)



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