



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.
You and your family remain in our prayers.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGIST David Scott

PRELUDE *Praeludium on "Coventry Carol"* arr. Thomas Bliss
Rick Marquardt, guest organist

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Help me to be still this morning and to know that You are God.
Remind me that today is a gift, an opportunity to shine brightly
for You. Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
Let us break forth into joyous song!
Christ the Lord is born!
O come, let us adore Him!

HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* [Hymnal 238](#)

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
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Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
(Refrain)

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
(Refrain)

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.
(Refrain)

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty and everlasting God, who by the Christ has
made us a new creation; we confess that we do not
always live in ways that reflect incarnational living and
love. Over and over, we refuse the strength, the hope,
the wisdom, and the generosity the Christ child birthed
into the world. Forgive us; and in this time of worship
anoint us. Bless us into a joyful desire to be Your beloved
partners. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

ANTHEM *O Holy Night* Adolphe Adam
Andrew Cunningham, tenor;
Rick Marquardt, piano

O Holy night! the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the 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 and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night, when Christ was born!
O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand;
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from the Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend;
He knows our need, He guardeth us from danger;
Behold your King! before the Lowly bend!

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 *Love Came Down at Christmas* [Hymnal 242](#)

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:22-40

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

SERMON *The Dash* Rev. Stephanie Tunison

OFFERTORY *Nunc Dimittis* Amy Beach
Andrew Cunningham, tenor;
Rick Marquardt, piano

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart
in peace according to Thy word, for mine
eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast
openly prepared before the face of all people.
To be a light to lighten the gentiles and a glory
for Thy people Israel.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart
in peace.

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 *The First Noel* (v. 1-4) [Hymnal 245](#)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *We Three Kings of Orient Are* arr. John H. Hopkins

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
 Faith Weavers Micheal Hickerson, mikehickerson@gmail.com
 Parents Group Jason Burgess, JasonBurgess13@gmail.com

11:00am

New Ventures Mike Vilardo, mpvilardo@gmail.com
 Soul Builders Ronda Deel, rodeel@fuse.net

Invitation to Pray:

Sympathy: To Craig Hartje and daughter, Elisha Victory, in the death of Karen Hartje on December 17, 2020.

Hospitalization: Al Mitchell at Mercy Fairfield Hospital.

David Clodfelter at Christ Hospital; Chris Gardiner at Jewish Mercy Hospital.

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, Jan. 3rd

Pastor Doug begins a new sermon series:
Living in God's Kingdom. His sermon, *Agents of Transformation* is based on Matthew 2:1-12.
 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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THE DASH
by Rev. Stephanie Tunison

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