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### 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.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGIST Dave Thomas

CANTORS Andrew Cunningham, Denis Larrick, Kristen Pessell, and Jennifer Russell

PRELUDE *Flute Sonata in E-flat Major, BWV 1031* J. S. Bach  
Jenny Cauhorn, flute; Ben Owen, harpsichord

## SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*In these quiet moments, O God, tend to my spirit. Replace my brokenness with a full measure of Your joy. Remind me that joy is not the absence of suffering, but the presence of God. Give me courage to be an ambassador of Your joy this week. Amen.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
**Those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.**

Come, let us worship our God  
**Whose light brings hope to a weary world.**

OPENING HYMN *Of the Father's Love Begotten* [Hymnal 184](#)

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. The Advent wreath, a circle, reminds us of our life in God that has no end. The four royal blue candles remind us of the royalty of Jesus, who is the King of Kings.

In these troubled days we ache for the return of Christ in final victory: "For he is our peace, in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us." (Ephesians 2:14)

Angels, who were with Jesus through His life, sang to announce His birth. As we light this second candle of Advent we join in the angel chorus that rang out over the hills of Bethlehem that first Christmas:

**(Sung Response): Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

ANTHEM *Glorious Dawn* by Jason Krug  
Carillon Ensemble - Sandy Greeb,  
Amy Hudepohl, Christopher Pessell,  
Dan Pessell, Kristen Pessell, Tom Williams,  
Jenny Cauhorn, Conducting

## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1: 1-8

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

READING RESPONSE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* v.6 [Hymnal 211](#)

O come, O Bright and Morning Star,  
and bring us comfort from afar!  
Dispel the shadows of the night  
and turn our darkness into light.

Refrain:  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee,  
O Israel.

SERMON *A Christmas Carol Revisited: Untangling the Present* Rev. Dr. Cathy Johns

OFFERTORY *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. M.L. Thompson  
*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
Carillon Ensemble - Sandy Greeb,  
Amy Hudepohl, Christopher Pessell, Dan Pessell,  
Kristen Pessell, Tom Williams  
Jenny Cauhorn, Conducting

**Please consider presenting your offering online or by mail today.**

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!**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND 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 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.**

HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* [Hymnal 196](#)

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 557* J. S. Bach

**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:**

**Discharged:** John Roos and Shirley Garn, both now at MPL for rehab (3550 Shaw Avenue, 45208).

**Staff & Their Families:** All of our staff and families during these difficult times.

**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



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**Next Sunday, December 13:**

Pastor Doug Johns continues our Advent sermon series with a message of hope: *A Christmas Carol Revisited: Claiming our Future*. It is based on Isaiah 41:8-10. We look forward to connecting with you

**Hyde Park Community Worship:**

Sundays 9:30am & 11:00am online

View live worship at 9:30am and 11:00am online. 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 & 11:00am)

**All other Sundays**  
9:00am, Grace Chapel



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