



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad you have joined us today!

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

UMH *United Methodist Hymnal*

Liturgist: Ben Owen

PRELUDE *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*
Dr. Brenda Portman, piano

arr. Brenda Portman

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

As I remember that first Christmas in Bethlehem, fill me with joy, O God. Your love and Your light has come. Fill me with Your holy presence. Help me to kneel before the Christ-Child, lost in wonder, love, and praise. Amen.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us rejoice in the gifts of God!
The gift of salvation for all creation!

The gift of discipleship for those who are willing,
The gift of new life in body, mind and heart.

The gift of peace waiting to be claimed.
Let us rejoice in the gifts of God!

* HYMN *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

UMH 220

* OPENING PRAYER

Incarnate God, by the birth of Your Holy Child, Jesus, You gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness. Grant that in His light we may see light. Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all people, and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life; through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

CAROL *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

UMH 216

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
as those of old have sung.
It came, a flowered bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere.
True man yet very God,
from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

**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 CAROL *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

UMH 224

EPISTLE LESSON Colossians 3:12-17

Pew Bible NT p. 201

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

SERMON *He's Arrived; Now What?*

Rev. Stephanie Tunison

OFFERTORY CAROL *What Child is This*

UMH 219

What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

* THE PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY

UMH 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

* CAROL *Angels We Have Heard on High*

UMH 238

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Toccatina on "Joy to the World"*

Brenda Portman



PRE-SCHOOL: @9:30am - Room 9

We welcome any preschooler (who attends a weekday preschool) to come learn about God's love for us, make friends and have fun! Class will have a weekly Bible lesson, playtime, snacks and activities.

ELEMENTARY: @9:30am - 2nd floor Little Theater

We welcome all children in K-5th grade to come learn more about God's stories, make friends and have fun! Class will have a weekly Bible lesson, fun activities, games and more!



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: @9:30am - 3rd floor Youth Lobby

All youth in grades 6th-12th are welcome to join us for weekly Bible study and fellowship. We split Middle School and High School classes to dive into scripture and apply it to our daily lives.



YOUTH GROUP: 4:00-6:00pm - 3rd floor Youth Lobby

All youth in grades 6th-12th grade are welcome to join us weekly for food, fellowship and fun. Come be surrounded by other Christian teens and deepen your relationship with God!

Masks are required for leaders and youth.

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
 Let's Get Real Jason Burgess, JasonBurgess13@gmail.com

11:00am

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

Current COVID-19 Protocols

- Require social safe distancing, per CDC guidelines, which will include every other pew seating in the sanctuary
- Refreshments between services will continue to be suspended until further notice.
- At the discretion of the Director of Music Ministry, choirs can resume singing in worship if singers are masked and socially distanced.
- Masks are highly recommended for public indoor gatherings and for congregational singing.
- Classes and small groups can continue to meet in person; however, it is strongly recommended that individuals wear masks.

In addition, the COVID-19 Task Force affirms the following CDC guidelines for protecting individuals and communities:

- Get fully vaccinated
- Wearing masks
- Safe social distancing
- Hand sanitizer

Invitation to Pray:

Sympathy: To Tracey Payling in the loss of her father on December 19, 2021.

Discharged: Chuck Wise from Christ Hospital

Celebration: You can still drop off birthday cards for Frank Iskra's 100th birthday (12/29) and Mary Belle Porter's 99th (1/4/22).

Staff & Their Families: Our TDG staff.

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

Our Church Ministries: Our classes meeting online and in person.

Our Global Ministries: Haiti, Romania, Russia and Mexico

Next Sunday, January 2nd.

Celebration of the Epiphany with Meredith Menius, Director of Discipleship and Connecting Ministries. Her sermon, *Guided by the Star*, is based on Matthew 2:1-12. Join us and invite a friend, relative, or neighbor.



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Hyde Park Community Worship:

Sundays 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am

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)
 Every Sunday (8:00)



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 Now What?**

by Stephanie Tunison



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