



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

Welcome

Songs of Praise

Children's Message

Sara Peas

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Prayer

Song

Sermon

***Guided By the Star***

Meredith Menius

Giving Our Gifts

Song

Communion

Prayer

Song

Blessing

## Sermon Notes

### SERMON NOTES ***Guided By the Star*** Meredith Menius

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## Today's Music

### TODAY'S MUSIC

**Free Ride**  
by Edgar Winter Group

**Everlasting God**  
by Brenton Brown and Ken Riley

**You Never Let Go**  
by Beth Redman and Matt Redman

**10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lor)**  
by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

**Oceans (Where Feet May Fall)**  
by Matt Crocker, Joel Houston, and Salomon Lighthelm

**Come as You Are**  
by Ben Glover, David Crowder, and Matt Maher

**Beautiful Day**  
by U2

#### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

*Praise Team Leader - Matthew Covert*

*Worship Host - Rev. Kate Smith*

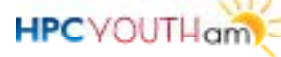


**PRESCHOOL: @9:30am - Room 9**

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](mailto:purdon@mail.com)  
Faith Weavers Micheal Hickerson, [mikehickerson@gmail.com](mailto:mikehickerson@gmail.com)  
Let's Get Real 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)

**Current COVID-19 Protocols**

- Require social safe distancing, per CDC guidelines.
- 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:**

**Staff and Family:** Our Children's Ministries department.

**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 9th.**

We join our brothers and sisters from Samara, Russia for a joint worship service, Live, as we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Pastor Kate's sermon, *Deep Joy* begins a new sermon series based on the first letter of John: *Deeper Living*. Her sermon is based on 1 John 1:1-4. Join us and invite a friend, relative, acquaintance 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**

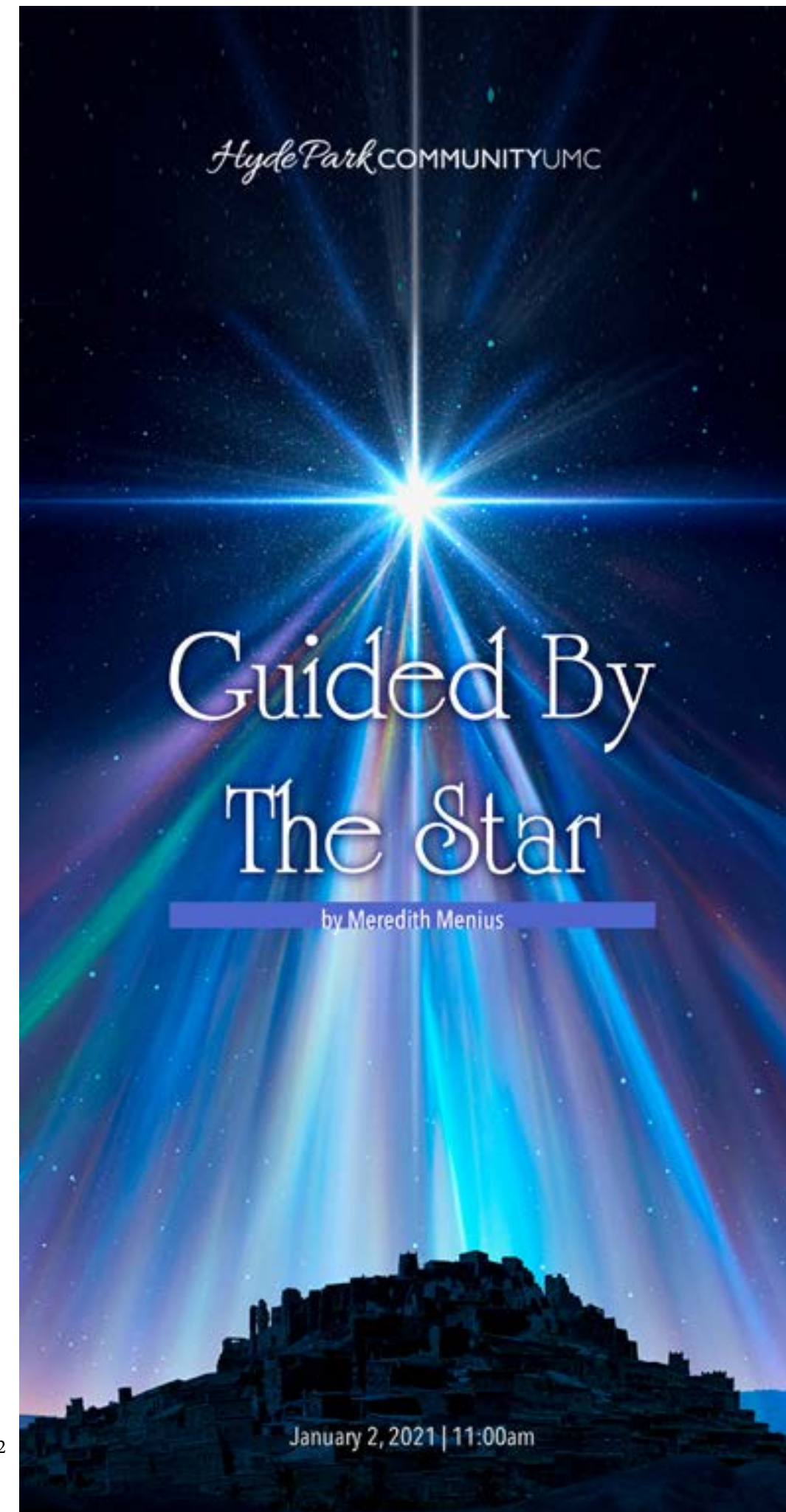
**1st Sunday of the month**

All Services (9:30 & 11:00am)

Every Sunday (8:00)



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