



ENTRANCE

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: Rev Kate Smith

PRELUDE *Coventry Carol*

Dr. Brenda Portman, piano

arr. Brenda Portman

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*As the Magi journeyed to worship the Christ-Child and offered their gifts, guide my steps to worship Jesus, the newborn king. Open my heart this morning in wonder and praise. Amen.*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Guided by the Star we come,  
**To pay homage to the Shepherd of Israel.**

Guided by the Star we come,  
**To kneel before to the Light of the world.**

Guided by the star we come,  
**And we are overwhelmed with joy.**

Guided by the star we come to Worship.  
**We come to celebrate the Christ, our Savior.**

\* HYMN *The First Noel* vs 1, 2, 3, and 5

UMH 245

\* OPENING PRAYER

**O God of light and peace, whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem, still draws all people to Yourself: dispel the darkness that shrouds our path, that we may come to kneel before Christ in true worship, offering our hearts and souls, and returning from Christ's presence to living as we have been taught. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

HYMN *We Three Kings*

UMH 254

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

\* GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible NT p. 2

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

GOSPEL RESPONSE *Lulle, Lullay*

Kim Kirch, soprano  
Brenda Portman, piano

Lullay, Thou tiny little Child  
Bye-bye, lulle, lullay;  
Lullay, Thou tiny little Child,  
Bye-bye, lulle, lullay.

Oh sisters two, how may we do  
To preserve this day?  
This poor Youngling for whom we sing  
Bye-bye, lulle, lullay.

Herod, the King, in his raging,  
Charged he hath this day  
His soldiers in their strength and might,  
All children young to slay.

Then woe is me, poor Child, for Thee,  
And ever mourn and say,  
For at thy parting nor say nor sing  
Bye-bye, lulle, lullay.

And when the stars ingather do,  
In their far venture stay,  
Then smile as dreaming, Little One,  
Bye-bye, lulle, lullay.

SERMON *Guided By the Star*

Meredith Menius

OFFERTORY *I Wonder as I Wander*

Kim Kirch, soprano; Brenda Portman, piano

I wonder as I wander out under the sky  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
For poor on'ry people like you and like I.  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall  
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.  
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall  
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,  
Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,  
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

I wonder as I wander out under the sky  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
For poor on'ry people like you and like I.  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

John Jacob Niles

\* 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!**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 17

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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Please use the bread and cup provided in the pews and participate as directed by the pastor.*

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.**

SENDING FORTH

\* HYMN *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* vs 1, 2, and 4

UMH 203

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Wir Christenleut*, BWV 612

J. S. Bach

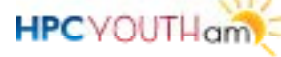


**PRE-SCHOOL: @9:30am - Room 9**

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](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**

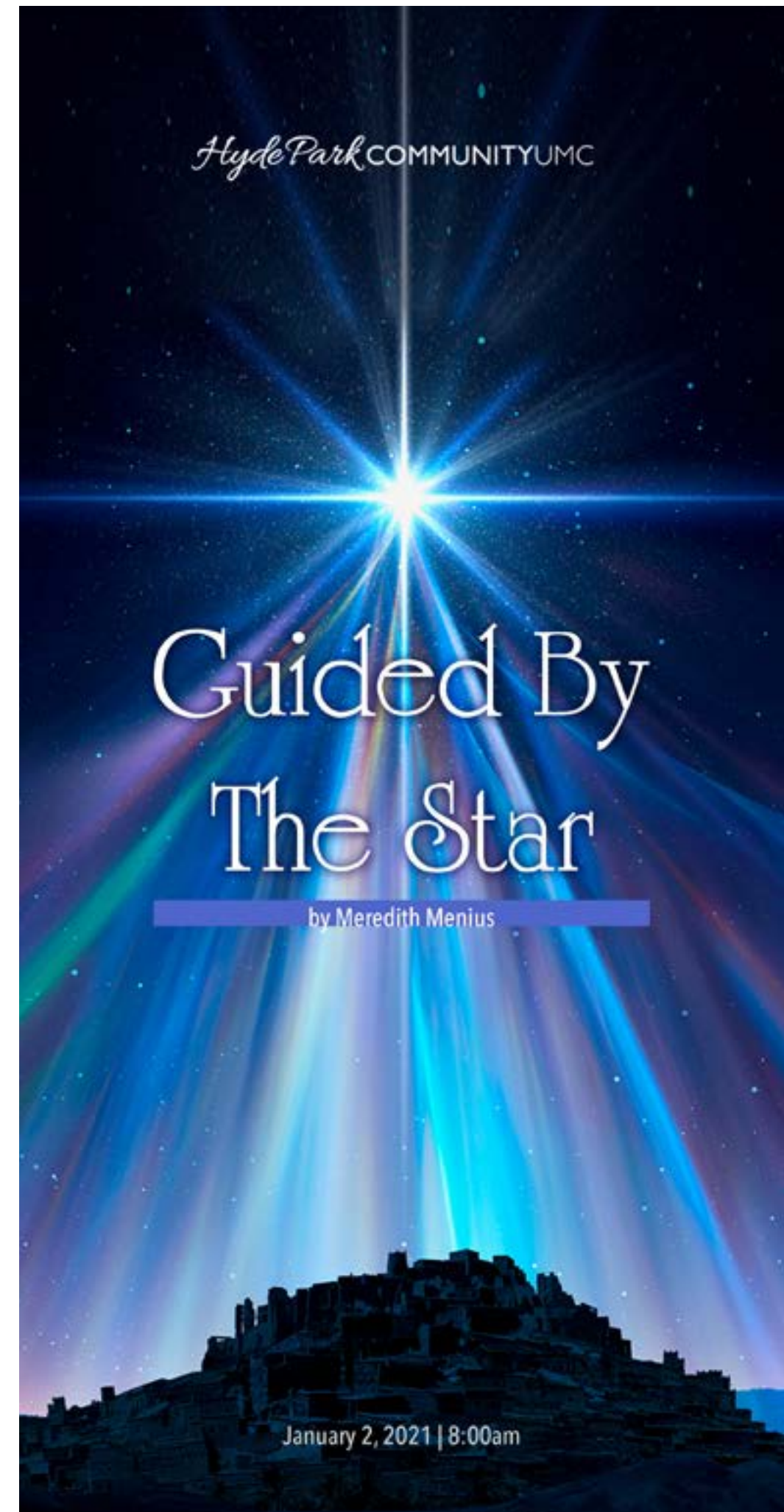
**1st Sunday of the month**  
All Services (9:30 & 11:00am)  
Every Sunday (8:00)



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