

Hilton United Methodist Church
3rd Sunday in Advent, December 13, 2015, 10:00 am

We Gather to Worship

Prelude Dr. Hye-Bin Song

Introit "Christ Is the World's Light" arr. F.P. Green/D. Evans

Call to Worship Rev. Jennifer Green

Pastor: Are we ready?
This question, put to us on this fourth Sunday in Advent,
is a very personal one.
Christ comes again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
Are we ready?

People: Revive us, O Lord, God of heaven's countless hosts,
Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Pastor: Are we ready?
Ready for the coming of Christ Jesus
with the mercy which is judgement
and the judgement which is mercy?
Are we ready?

People: Revive us, O Lord, God of heaven's countless hosts,
Let your face shine, that we may be saved. - written by Bruce Prewer

* **Hymn:** "The King of Glory Comes" TFWS #2091

Lighting of the Advent Wreath "Advent Song" Verse 4 TFWS #2090

* **Opening Prayer** Mark Swanson, Lay Liturgist

Holy One, be the light in our darkness today. As we have lit the candle of
hope, we pray for those who feel hopeless . . .

As we have lit the candle of peace, we pray for all victims of violence . . .

As we have lit the candle of joy, we pray for those whose hearts are weighed
down by sorrow . . .

As we have lit the candle of love, we pray for those who do not feel loved,
for those who struggle to love others . . .

Holy One, be the light in our darkness today, that we might reflect your light
into the dark corners of our world. Amen.

~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on her [Spacious Faith](#) blog.

Choral Anthem "Advent Joy" Lee Dengler

Experiencing God Through God's Word

Message: The Jesse Tree ~Meeting the Messiah in the Old Testament Rev. Green

* **Hymn:** "To a Maid Engaged to Joseph" UMH #215

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer and Personal Confession

Pastoral Prayer

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

*God, I thank you for....
God, I need help with*

Giving to God

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

* **The Doxology** to the tune of "The First Noel"

* **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Celebration of Communion

Feel free to sing along with carols as you come forward for Communion

We Go Forth to Serve God

* **Hymn:** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240

Ministry Opportunities

The Benediction

Benediction Response: "People, Look East" vs 1 UMH #202

Postlude

* Stand in body or spirit P = Bible page number, LP = Large Print Bible page
TFWS # = The Faith We Sing Hymnal; UMH # or # = The United Methodist Hymnal

Welcome to worship. We pray you feel God's presence in this place. Please sign the attendance pad so we may get to know you and pray for you and your family.

Please consider joining us for refreshments and fellowship immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall, which is located down the stairs near the entrances.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Persecuted Christians around the world; The Hand to Plow Process;

Our Mission Outreach Children: Marbelly and Ariel Velasquez Alvarado.

Residents of Care Facilities: John Bean; Bob Hall; Gloria Hamm; Eleanor Harrington; Marie Nundy, Betty Schultz.

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bob Comstock; Ron Davies; Ed Earnhart; Betty Everts; Alea Floyd; Andrew Hardy; Margaret Hendershot; Bill Hess; Michele List; Anna Ponton; Mike Postilli; Meg Shubert; John Sweeney; Nicole & Nicholas Sypel; Natalie Turner; Chris Wanjon; Sgt. Cody Wise.

Service people: Sgt. Michael T. Bigley; Gen. James Blackburn; St. Sgt. Jason Brackley; Sgt. Ryan P. Campbell; LCpl. Nathan Coffey; Sgt. FC David Colucci; Msgr. Matthew Emerson; Capt Scott Fuller; Pvt Annika Moody; Sgt. Nick Mucci; Maj. Jathan Payne; LCpl Scott Ponton; Maj Nathan Thompson; Sr Airman Steven Trembley; Sgt. Cody Wise.

* If you know of anyone that should be added to this list please let us know.

The Grand Sweep - Our Grand Sweep adventure of reading through the Bible continues.

This Week's Reading [Week #36] : Hosea 4-14; Joel 1-3; Amos 1-6 and Psalm 119

Staff at HUMC

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Green
Office Mngr: Patricia Van Vleck
Music Coord.: Karen Bernhardt Kuntz
Custodian: Bill Schubert
Organist: Dr. Hye-Bin Song
Youth Coord.: Angela Merrill
Nursery: Amy Quartieri

Disciples Active In Worship This Week

Head Usher: Will Rickman
Greeter: Sharon Kron
Guide: Linda Barnard
Nursery Ass't: Maya Johnson
Sound Booth: Pat Holenbeck
Coffeeshour: Troy Green & Jamie Coonan
Worship Coord.: Scott Campbell
Financial Sec.: Sally Lee
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Following Christ ☆ Connecting Generations ☆ Transforming Communities

This Week:

Today: Worship at 10:00
 Coffee & Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
 Adult Sunday School 11:30am – Multipurpose Room
Longest Night Service – 6:00pm

Monday: Prayer Group @ 9:15am
Chums Christmas Party – FH – 12:00pm
 GS #889 – FH 6:30pm

Tuesday: GS #939 – FH 6:00pm
Trustees – Library 6:30pm

Wednesday: Choir Rehearsal 7p – Sanctuary

Thursday: **Christmas Eve Service – 7pm**

Friday: **Happy Birthday Jesus!!!**
Merry Christmas!
 AA – FH 7p

Saturday: PCF Worship – Sanctuary 5:00pm

Sunday: PCF Worship – Sanctuary 8:30am
Worship @ 10am
 Fellowship & Coffee hour
 Sunday School



Service of the “Longest Night”
Sunday December 20, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Refreshments to follow



For many the seasons of Advent and Christmas are often filled with expressions of joy, excitement, and happiness. It’s a time for family to gather and for churches to worship pointing to the hope that is found in the coming of the Christ child. However, this time of joy and expectation can often overshadow the pain and hurt many experience during this season.

The Service of the Longest Night is scheduled around the winter solstice (the longest night of the calendar year). We will light candles and the Advent Wreath, sing Advent hymns, pray together, and celebrate Holy Communion.

We will take time from the hustle and bustle of other Christmas rituals, parties, and obligations to offer a witness to those who are struggling in our community. It’s a witness to them that the Christ child comes as a sign of hope in the face of despair. And it’s a witness that this church is intentional about upholding members of the community in whatever season of life they may find themselves in.

Whether you have said goodbye to a loved one this year or ten years ago, experienced divorce, miscarriage, empty nest, this service is appropriate for you! Perhaps you are not currently grieving, but you are willing to worship and pray in solidarity for those who do. This service is for you!