

Hilton United Methodist Church
1st Sunday after Christmas December 27, 2015, 10:00 am

We Gather to Worship

Prelude Dr. Hye-Bin Song
Call to Worship Rev. Jennifer Green
Introit: "Sing We Now of Christmas" arr. Martin Shaw
* Opening Prayer: Sharon Miller, Lay Liturgist

It may seem naive,
in a world of grief,
to choose to live in joy;
It may seem foolish,
in a world where solemnity is power,
to sing and dance to a different tune;
It may seem cruel,
in a world of suffering and injustice,
to speak of light and celebration;
But you have come, Jesus,
to bring joy into our grief,
light into our darkness,
singing into our mourning;
and it is an act of healing and proclamation
to believe and embrace the joy you offer.
Joy to the world!
The Lord is come!
Hallelujah!
Amen.

* Hymn: "Joy to the World" UMH #246

Experiencing God Through God's Word

Message: The Jesse Tree ~Meeting the Messiah in the Old Testament Rev. Green
Hymns: "There's A Song in the Air" UMH #249
"He is Born" #228

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People
Silent Prayer and Personal Confession
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

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

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

Choral Anthem "Bethlehem Baby" Allen Pote

Giving to God
Offering our Tithes and Gifts
Offertory
* The Doxology to the tune of "What Child is This"
* Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go Forth to Serve God

Christmas Carol Sing
Ministry Opportunities
The Benediction
Benediction Response: "Go Tell it on the Mountain" refrain UMH #251
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. **Service people:** Sgt. Michael T. Bigley; Gen. James Blackburn; St. Sgt. Jason Brackley; Sgt. Ryan P. Campbell; LCpl. Nathan Coffey; Sgt. FC David Colucci; Msgt. 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 #37]: Amos 7-Habakkuk 3 and Psalm 120&121

The Church Office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's. If you have a pastoral emergency please call Pastor Jennifer (at the parsonage 392-8094 or cell 716-560-5204) or Pat Van Vleck (at home at 392-5744). Thanks!

Disciples Active In Worship This Week

Head Usher: Ernie McKenzie
Greeter: Mike Johnson & Katie Paxton Johnson
Guide: Ray Perkins
Nursery Ass't: Drew Wegman
Sound Booth: Patti Sullivan
Coffeeshour: Liz Gliszczynski
Worship Coord.: Scott Campbell
Financial Sec.: Sally Lee

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

This Week: Today: Worship at 10:00
Coffee & Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
Adult Sunday School 11:30am – Multipurpose Room
M-F: Church Office Closed all week
Monday: Prayer Group @ 9:15am
Wednesday: Wedding Rehearsal 5pm – Sanctuary
Thursday: Oakden/Murray Wedding 3:30pm
Friday: **Happy New Year!**
AA – FH 7p
Saturday: PCF Worship – Sanctuary 5:00pm
Sunday: PCF Worship – Sanctuary 8:30am
Worship @ 10am
Fellowship & Coffee hour
Sunday School
Youth – Three Kings Party



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