

Hilton United Methodist Church
1st Sunday in Advent, November 29, 2015, 10:00 am

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

Sue Emerson, Lay Liturgist

L: The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth
and bring my promised salvation to Israel.

P: The Lord is our righteousness.

L: The days are surely coming, says our God,
when justice and mercy will be executed
throughout the land.

P: The Lord is our righteousness.

L: The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when my promised one will teach transgressors my ways,
and heal the world with love and mercy.
The Lord is our righteousness.

Choral Introit: "Advent Watch" LR Dickson/GA Mann

* Opening Prayer *But when these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads. Luke 21:28*

In Unison:

We shudder at signs we see. Anxieties bombard us. Our hearts are afraid.
Lord, let us be vigilant, hold our heads high. Make us an Advent people with
hope as our stronghold.

Jesus, You once came into our world with all its sorrows. Keep us awake and
alert to your presence in the midst of our struggles now. Tell us again that your
love will triumph. Amen.

* Hymn: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH #213

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

"Advent Song" Verse 1 TFWS #2090

Experiencing God Through God's Word

The Jesse Tree ~ Meeting the Messiah in the Old Testament

Choral Anthem: "Send Your Messiah" David Lantz III

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

Giving to God

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

* The Doxology to the tune of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebration of Communion

Choir Selection: "An Advent Prayer" Allen Poe

We Go Forth to Serve God

* Hymn: "My Soul Gives Glory to My God" vs 1, 3, 5 UMH # 198

Ministry Opportunities

The Benediction

Benediction Response: "The King of Glory Comes" vs 1 TFWS #2091

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 Multi-Purpose Room, or the couch area, just off the sanctuary.

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: Kay Britt, 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; Ethel Wyant.

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 #33) : Ezekiel 1-22 and Psalm 116

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: Bob Comstock
Greeter: Al & Bernice Blossom
Guide: Sue Emerson
Nursery Ass't: Samantha Grover
Sound Booth: Greg Schuler
Coffeeshour: Tim List & Beth Mucci
Worship Coord.: Scott Campbell
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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

Monday: Prayer Group @ 9:15am

Tuesday: **Worship Design Team – 7pm MPR**
NO UMW this month
GS Board – Library 6p
GS – CR 6p
GS Service Unit – 7p FH

Wednesday: GS #189 6:30 - CR
Choir Rehearsal 7p - Sanctuary

Thursday: Bible Study – 1pm Library
Christ Centered Woman Small Group – 7p Pastor’s Home

Friday: AA – FH 7p

Saturday: **Decorating for Advent and Christmas** – starting at 10am
- followed by pizza lunch
PCF Worship – Sanctuary 5:00pm
Village Tree Light at the Gazebo 6:30p

Sunday: **Second Sunday of Advent**
PCF Worship – Sanctuary 8:30am
Worship @ 10am
Fellowship & Coffeehour
Sunday School

Mark your Calendars:

- * Cookie Exchange – Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00pm
- * SLAM & Jr – Friday December 11th 4:00-7:30pm
- * Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, December 13th 8:30am
- * Christmas Caroling – Saturday, December 19th 3:00pm
- * Sharing Suppers – Saturday, December 19th 5:00-6:30pm
- * Service of the “Longest Night” Sunday, December 20th 6:00pm
- * Chums Christmas – Monday, December 21st 12:00pm
- * Christmas Eve Service – Thursday, December 24th 7:00pm

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!

Friendship Circle
30th Annual Cookie
Exchange
Tuesday, Dec. 8th, 7 PM
HUMC Multi-Purpose Room

Join us for **Christmas Caroling** on Saturday, December 19th. We will start at 3:00pm and end at 5:30pm at the Sharing Supper. After singing for them we will join them for a meal. Please sign up so we know how many to expect.

