

Service of Divine Worship

1st Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

Assemble in God's Name

As You Focus for Worship

God of peace, whose ways are not our own and whose coming among us cannot be predicted, we dare to welcome your surprises, seeking to be awake and alert to fully embrace the unexpected, that we might be changed by your appearing and transformed into a peaceful, loving community, for the sake of your house. Amen.¹

Welcome and Proclamation of the Good News

Prelude:

Tim LeVan

*Call to Worship & Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

Responsive Reading led by Ray, Jamie, Claire, Hannah & Evelyn Dria

In this season of Advent, we long for God's presence.

Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

In this season of Advent, we search for God's truth.

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In this season of Advent, we seek God's guidance.

Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

In this season of Advent, we remember God's promise.

Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

Let us worship God.

Choir: *Love's Pure Light*

Joel Raney

Congregation Sings: *Love's Pure Light*

Joel Raney

**Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light,
Jesus, Redeemer, Savior of all, hear thy servants when they call.**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and end this gloom of night.

Bring hope to the world, bring peace to the earth, and fill us with love's light.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent Prayer

***Hymn #14:** *Savior of the Nations, Come*

Prayer of Confession: *Unison Reading*

Most Holy God, this Advent season marks a time of watching and waiting. But we are not a very patient people. And we aren't really sure what we are expecting. God forgive us our lack of faith in Your presence, Your faithfulness, Your unconditional love for us. Help us to make this advent a holy time; a time filled with a search for peace in our world, in our communities, and in ourselves. Faithful God, forgive us our lack of readiness and our apathy. Surprise us again with Your presence and Your peace. ²

Silent, Personal Prayer

Assurance of Pardon: *Responsive Reading*

The forgiveness of God prompts our thanksgiving.

God's will for us is security and peace in a community of mutual caring.

*Let us put on Jesus Christ that others may discern Christ's coming through us.*¹

Thanks be to God, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Song of Joy, Glory to God Hymnal #384, verse 1: *Soon and Very Soon*

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

*** The Peace:** *"The Peace of the Lord be with you." "And also with you."*

As a sign of reconciliation please share the Peace of Christ

with your brothers and sisters.

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen. ³

Children's Time:

Susie Faas

Ministry of Music: *I Thank You, Lord,*

Joseph Martin

Jamey Focke, baritone & Jane Clifford Brown, piano

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon: *History Means Something*

Reverend Kevin Stainton

Respond to God's Word

***Hymn #17**, verses 2 & 3: *"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us*

Joy and Concern Cards will be collected during this hymn.

Sacrament of Baptism: Miles Gene Fisher

***Affirmation of Faith:** *The Apostles' Creed*, Traditional

*** Hymn #496:** *Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear*

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Life Together

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory: *Prepare, Make Room*

Heritage Choir Resurrected

Hymn # 592: Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

*** Hymn #6:** *Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending*

***Benediction**

***Postlude:**

Tim LeVan

**Those who are able may stand.*

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Order of Worship



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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Drew and Megan Fisher on today's baptism of their son, Miles Gene Fisher.

Annual Meeting Part 1, Election of Officers

Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 10am

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting Part 1, Election of Officers, held before the Worship Service, at 10am on Sunday, December 11.



O Come, All Ye Children, O Come One and All!

All children are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve Family Service on December 24th at 7:00 pm. Children are needed as singers, speakers, readers, angels, sheep, and shepherds. Some roles require more rehearsal than others, but there is a part for everyone! Preparations will take place on Sundays, December 11 and 18 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm and Wednesday, December 21 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. This is a great opportunity for children to help lead in worship, as well as learn more about the birth of Christ. Sign up on the atrium bulletin board, bulletin insert, or contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org if your child is interested participating.

Heritage Christmas Caroling Party,

Wednesday, December 14th from 5:30-8pm

Christmas is a time to share joyful fellowship and song. Come join us as we go Christmas Caroling to our homebound members. All ages welcomed! Gather your family and friends, your mittens, your voices, and your Christmas Spirit. We will provide pizza supper, song books, and maps. Please bring a \$5.00 donation for dinner. Sign up to let us know you are coming. <https://bit.ly/HPCCarolingParty>. Need more information or want to help? Do you know members that would enjoy a visit from carolers? Contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org



Christmas Poinsettias 2022

Sales will begin in November for red poinsettias. They will decorate the pulpit area beginning December 18. Please complete the form on the envelope found in the box attached to the posterboard in the Atrium and place it and your enclosed check in the church office or offering plate. The last day for sales will be Sunday, December 3, 2022. This year the potted flower will be \$11.



This year, please plan to take it home following the Christmas Sunday Morning Service. Thank you for helping to decorate our sanctuary for the joyous Christmas season.

Order Your Christmas Pies and Butter Braids After Worship Today!

Our HPC Legacies Youth Group are taking orders for Pies and Butter Braid pastries to raise money for their Summer Trips! A Youth Group Member will be in the Atrium after worship for each Sunday through December 11 to collect orders. Pies are \$14 and Butter Braids are \$16. Payment is due at the time of ordering. Cash or Checks, made out to HPC, are accepted. Church Members can pick up Pies and Braids on December 23 between 2:00 – 5:00 or after the Christmas Eve Family Service.

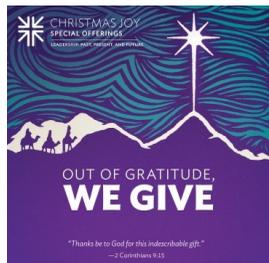


Pie flavors include Apple, Dutch Apple, Cherry, Blueberry, Chocolate, Coconut, Lemon, and Pecan. Pies are a delicious dessert after your Christmas dinner. Pies come ready to eat but can be frozen.

Butter Braid flavors include Apple, Blueberry with Cream Cheese, Cherry, Four Cheese and Herb, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, and Caramel Rolls. Butter Braids are delicious for Christmas morning. They come frozen and can be stored for months. To serve, thaw overnight then bake for 25 minutes for a delicious pastry.

Christmas Joy Offering, 11/27-12/18

This offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



Angel Tree

The Angel Tree is back this year but a little different. Every year our congregation donates hundreds of gifts to local families in the Mason and Kings School District. The organizations that we work through to distribute the Angel Tree gifts would like to give the families the ability and control to buy their children their own gifts. They will do this by giving each family a Visa Gift card along with other gift cards to cover their children's gifts.

Due to this change the Deacons will be collecting cash donations and gift card donations for three stores: Walmart, Target and Meijer.

There are four ways to donate:

- 1) Donate on our hpcmason.org website and add Angel Tree in the memo portion.
- 2) Put a check in the offering made out to HPC and add Angel Tree in the memo line.
- 3) Drop off a check, cash or gift card to Stephanie in the office during the week.
- 4) The Christmas Tree is up in the Atrium—grab an envelope from the tree and add your cash, check or gift card. Then drop it in the Angel Tree Donation Tin or in the HPC Office.

Donations are due by November 27.



Prayer Requests

Concerns:

- Michelle Pfaff—daughter of Dorothy Hall—recovery from surgery
- Kim Houseman (male)—friend of the Tesorereros—stage 4 cancer.

Continued Prayers for:

- Prayers for the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for peace.
- Roxanne Allen—Chris Dauer's niece—recovery from 10/31 surgery
- Marty Cool—Cathy Ewing's dad—recovery from 11/14 heart surgery
- Reagan Day—granddaughter of the McCaulous' - pray for continued good testing
- Patty Faas—recurrence of cancer
- Gene Foster
- Frank Gallina—recovery from knee revision 10/18 surgery
- Greg Hecht—Leah Jacob's brother—colon cancer
- Kai Huang—recovery from 11/21 surgery
- Connie Mock—friend of the Hoons—starting treatment for Stage 4 cancer
- Joe Pestro, Jr.—infant son of Joe Pestro
- Marlene Parrott—Doug Parrott's mother—healing
- Carole Phillips—memory care at Optimized Senior Living
- Trudie Pringle
- Peg Redman—Hospice care
- Bonnie Reeves
- Steve Ritz
- Randy & Teresa Stanford—recovery from COVID19
- Jordan Svetlik—stepson of friend of Leslie Dauer-Creek—lymph node biopsy
- Deanna Taggart—recovery from successful knee surgery on 11/9
- Larry Thompson—Jim Stine's brother-in-law—terminal cancer diagnoses
- Ed Walenski—friend of Anita Segreto—not doing well after heart surgery
- Lori Welty—friend of the Balls—hospitalized with cancer

Intercessory Prayer: Westwood First Presbyterian Church

Call the church office, 398-7671, to request the prayer chain be started

Mason Symphony Orchestra Presents....Holiday Classics

December 3, 2022 at 7:30pm at the
Mason United Methodist Church

Delight in the magic of the Holiday Season at this joint concert featuring the Mason Chorale & HPC's own Resurrection Ringers! Enjoy a festive evening with the ones you love. There will be exciting performances of timeless holiday classics from Mozart to White Christmas. There's something for everyone on your list!

If you plan to attend, please consider bringing a can of food for the MUMC Food Pantry!



Sunday, November 27, 1st Sunday of Advent

9:00 am: Christian Conversations, Lectionary Learnings & K-12 Sunday School

10:15 am: In Person Worship & Livestream Worship on www.facebook.com/HPCMason and https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=hpc+mason

4:00 pm: Angel Tree Shopping with All Youth

Monday, November 28**Tuesday, November 29**

10:00 am: Crafting in Fireside Room

6:30 pm: Preschool Board Meeting

7:00 pm: Youth International Trip Meeting

7:30 pm: Guiding Team Meeting

Wednesday, November 30

7:00 pm: Bells Practice

Thursday, December 1

11:00 am: Adult Bible Study

8:15 pm: Men's Fellowship

Friday, December 2

12:00 pm: Committee Minutes Due

Saturday, December 3

9:00 am: Journey to Bethlehem Set Up

7:30 pm: Mason Chorale, Symphony & Bells Concert at Mason UMC

Sunday, December 4, 2nd Sunday of Advent, Communion

9:00 am: Christian Conversations, Lectionary Learnings & K-12 Sunday School

10:15 am: In Person Worship & Livestream Worship on www.facebook.com/HPCMason and https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=hpc+mason

5:00 pm: Journey to Bethlehem

The Worship Leader Today is Kim McNeer

Sanctuary Flowers Today are given by Leslie Dauer-Creek in memory of Rick Dauer and Kathleen Sharpe

Birthdays: Sydney Mills, Alexa Reenan, Janet Burr, Alan Knobbe, Malia Oliver, Landon Manis, Sam Le Cras

ADVENT

A Season of Preparation

Advent Devotional Resources

Advent begins November 27th. A variety of devotional resources are available in the HPC Atrium or can be obtained by contacting [Susie Faas](#).

Children, Youth & Families:

- ◆ **FAMILY Advent Calendar Kit** by Vanessa Myers offers weekly devotions and faith building activities particularly for families with children.
- ◆ **An Illustrated Advent for Families** is a resource that provides weekly scriptures, reflections, pondering questions. This is a perfect resource for families, and young at heart who enjoy creativity.
- ◆ **ADULTS:** A more traditional resource published by the *Pittsburgh Theological Seminary* can be downloaded from <https://bit.ly/AdventDevotions2022>
- ◆ Paper copies are available in the HPC Atrium, or you can request the daily devotion to be delivered by email, or through the seminary app. Check out <https://bit.ly/PittsburghSeminaryAdvent> for a variety of options.

Volunteers Needed for Sanctuary Preparation Team

These volunteers straighten up the sanctuary for Sunday services. It is a “sit down” job and open to all ages. It involves moving along each pew tidying hymnals and Bibles, replacing broken pencils, removing litter and checking the Friendship pads. This can be done by one person in @45 minutes, or less if you bring a friend. You can come anytime during the week before your assigned Sunday. We would like to have enough volunteers so that each one has to serve only 3 Sundays a year— usually 3 Sundays in a row. Contact Martha Bard at 513-641-9410, or [Stephanie](#) in the office if you are interested or have questions. Thank you!!

International Trip Meeting on November 29 at 7pm

Current 9th Graders to College Juniors along with interested Chaperones and Parents! You are invited to an International Trip Meeting on Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 pm in the Youth Group room, Room 24. We will cover costs, deposit due dates, meeting schedules, a typical day in Monterrey, and answer questions about the trip. This is a very important meeting if you are planning on going. If you cannot attend in person, contact Patty for a Zoom link at youth@hpcmason.org.



Meal/Transportation Sign up Link:

- ◆ Sunday Morning Transportation for Mollie Robinson, Dorothy Hall & Janice Loudon:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084dadaf2eabf94-hpctransportation>

Journey to Bethlehem, Sunday, December 4th, 5-8pm

It takes many hands and skills to prepare for Journey to Bethlehem. Over the next few weeks, consider how you would like to participate. Sign up sheets are available in the Atrium or contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org



SOUP MAKERS We are looking for people to donate a crock pot of soup for the Journey to Bethlehem. We need plenty to feed everyone coming to Bethlehem for the census! Soup may be dropped off in the kitchen at church on **Sunday, December 4 between 3:30-4 pm.**

PUBLICITY: Everyone! Invite friends, neighbors, and family to experience an evening of learning and fellowship as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Send a post card or flyer, forward an email, or share a Facebook post with so we can get the word out about Journey to Bethlehem. You can even go “old school” and invite a neighbor face to face.

DECORATORS/SETUP CREW We will be transforming our building into the city of Bethlehem on **Saturday, December 3rd between 9am and 1pm.**

DONATIONS: Food donations include apples, grapes, dried fruits, nuts, olives, spices, artisan breads and rolls. Decorating items include simple/rustic items to create the atmosphere of Bethlehem: rugs, baskets, pottery. All decorating items will be returned to you.

ACTORS/MUSICIANS/ARTISANS/COSTUMES: If you have a talent or skill to share in Bethlehem, contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org

Sandwich Mission Continues....

HPC is providing at least 100 meat sandwiches to Our Daily Bread every week. Sandwiches are placed in the HPC refrigerator each Wednesday, then taken down to 1730 Race Street early each Thursday AM by one of our HPC volunteer drivers. Would you help by **providing some meat sandwiches on a Wednesday or two?** Please let Nelson Kennedy know, and he will schedule you.



2022 Pledges & Gifts may be given at <http://bit.ly/2WjfB2m>

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Open House Event— come when you like,
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A simple meal will be served throughout the evening.

Live nativity and animals .

Explore the culture of Bethlehem in Jesus' day through
story, music, food, craft, and drama.

Listen to the music of prophecy sung by the
Little Miami Select Choirs.

Talk to Shepherds, Angels, and Wise Men

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