

# Welcome to Worship

## We Are Glad You Are Here!

November 28, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

10:00am

### WELCOME TO THIS DAY OF WORSHIP!

Welcome to this first day of Advent, the season of preparation for the gift of God's own self in Jesus the Christ. Let us come longing and searching for the Christ who is here in plain sight.

The online link is available on the HPC website by 9:45am:

<http://www.hillsboropres.org/worship/sernotes-video.html>

### PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

*"The ultimate opening of the gates of heaven,  
of God come to earth, the incarnation,  
continues God's promise of blessedness and blessing."*

Jill J. Duffield, *Advent in Plain Sight*

### GATHERING AS GODS PEOPLE

#### \* SONG OF PRAISE

*"Open the Eyes of My Heart"*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \* LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

*Max and Gabi Geppert*

#### \* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

#### \* HYMN FOR ADVENT #95

*"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

### TIME FOR CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

#### \* RESPONSE SONG

*"Your Name"*

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

*Laura MacMillan*

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 28:10-22

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:1-8, 29-35

### MESSAGE

"Advent In Plain Sight: Gates"

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### OFFERING THE GIFTS OF OUR LIVES

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND THE LORDS PRAYER

### SENDING INTO THE MISSION FIELD

#### \* HYMN OF DEDICATION #82

*"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

#### \* BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE:

*End of Worship...Beginning of Service*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIVE STREAM WORSHIP at 10am** – Worship happens “live” in the sanctuary and online. This is an option for those wanting to be present and we take every precaution to keep you safe.



### MASKS:

The official governmental guidance currently is to wear masks in all indoor public spaces. Please wait to remove your mask until you have left the building. Thank you for your consideration in this. Thank you for your commitment to Christ Jesus, and for your love for one another.

### 40 MINUTE MONDAYS BIBLE STUDY RETURNS AT 12:00PM ON ZOOM!

Our study will look at the biblical text for the upcoming Sunday. We will view a video presentation that walks through the reading, followed by a brief discussion. Grab your lunch and let's chew on God's word. I hope you can join me in starting the week each Monday with this reflection on scripture.

To receive study questions in advance email: [revbob@hillsboropres.org](mailto:revbob@hillsboropres.org)



### FELLOWSHIP HOUR



Every Sunday after worship at 11:00 we meet in the FSH to discuss each week's message. Grab a cup and a cookie and join us in person for a time of fellowship together. Please be mindful of our masking policy and keep your mask in place unless actively eating and drinking. The greatest way we can show love to one another is by keeping one another safe and protected, especially those most vulnerable among us.

### YOUR OFFERINGS HELP US CONTINUE OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY.

Although not all of us can physically meet, our spiritual connection depends on your contributions. Please continue your generosity. You can mail your check, bill-pay through your bank or HPC Online Giving. Scan this QR code to donate.



### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

We are pleased to be working with the American Red Cross by providing the use of our facility for blood drives. Blood drive date: **Monday November 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30-5:45**. If you would like to donate blood, sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767



### SAY CHEESE!

Its that time of year! We need to update our picture directory. Please send your favorite headshot or selfie to Kacey at [officemanager@hillsboropres.org](mailto:officemanager@hillsboropres.org) and she will format it to fit in our 2022 picture directory. Did you move? Do you have a new email address? Did you change your phone number? Be sure to include these changes in your communication!



### CHRISTMAS POINSETTAS

For the 2021 Christmas season, we ask that the congregation bring in potted poinsettias to share on the platform starting the first Sunday of Advent, November 28th. We encourage you to take your plant home after the Christmas Eve service.



### GINGERBREAD WARS!!

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 1:30- 3:30. Lets roll up our sleeves and play with some candy! HPC is planning our first Gingerbread Wars. Gingerbread house kits will be provided. Bring your favorite candy and creativity to this fun afternoon of fellowship and friendly competition. Completed houses will be posted online and our website.

# JOY

### THREE TABLES OF JOY

Supporting our local community by collecting toys, non-perishable food, and monetary donations for the Food Bank.



**FREE WI-FI:** If you need a WI-FI connection, you are welcome to use our HPC guest networks. Password: