

# Welcome to Worship

## We Are Glad You Are Here!

December 12, 2021

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

10:00am

### WELCOME TO THIS DAY OF WORSHIP!

Welcome to this third Sunday 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.

Thank you, Nona Scott, for accompanying us on the piano this morning!

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

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

### PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

*"True intimacy does not come easily. Often, we reject the opportunity to know and be known honestly and fully. We want to hide behind layers of clothing that cover our flaws and present our best features to the world. We would rather not let others know our vulnerabilities lest they exploit or belittle them."*

Jill J. Duffield, *Advent in Plain Sight*

### GATHERING AS GODS PEOPLE

#### \* SONG OF PRAISE

*"Emmanuel (O Come, Let Us Adore Him)"*

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### LIGHTING THE 3<sup>rd</sup> ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

*Thad, Laura & Ariana MacMillan*

#### PRAYER FOR THE DAY

#### \* HYMN FOR ADVENT #110

*"Love Has Come"*

#### TIME FOR CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

#### \* RESPONSE SONG

*"What Can I Do" (Christmas Version)*

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

*Laura MacMillan*

#### CAROL #129

*"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*John Stroeve*

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Old Testament Reading:

Jeremiah 13:1-11

New Testament Reading:

Mark 6:6b-13

#### MESSAGE

*"Advent In Plain Sight: Belts"*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### OFFERING OF SELF AND SERVICE

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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

#### \* HYMN OF DEDICATION #123 (omit vs. 3)

*"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*

#### \* 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.



### SAY CHEESE!

It's 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.

# JOY

### THREE TABLES OF JOY

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



### ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Help us give this family a memorable Christmas. Angels with the families wishlist are on the angel tree in the narthex. Please drop off all gifts unwrapped no later than today, Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup>!



### VOLUNTEER GIFT WRAPPERS NEEDED!

If you can help wrap gifts for the Adopt –A-Family, join us on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. Donations of wrapping paper, tape, and ribbon are always welcome!



### STAFF STOCKINGS ARE UP AND AWAITING YOUR CARDS AND GIFTS.

Gifts and cards for our terrific staff: Bob Stebe, Kacey Muehter, Laura MacMillan, Laura Cunard, and Donald Scott can be mailed in to HPC or placed in their stocking. There are many other folks working every week behind the scenes as well - from the sound booth, the liturgical art crew, event folks, to those who clean up the kitchen, the ushers, and the deacons and session leaders.



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