GATHER

Welcome and Announcements



Opening Song Angels from the Realms of Glory UMH 220

1 Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship. worship Christ, the newborn king. 3 Sages, leave your contemplations. brighter visions beam afar: seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: Refrain

4 Saints, before the altar bending. watching long in hope and fear, suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear.

Greeting and Opening Prayer (Based on Psalm 126) O God, our souls rejoice in you. You are our Savior. You are a God who moves through the people who have been oppressed by the world. All good things come through your Mighty Name. You are a God who scatters the proud, who knocks down the powerful and lifts up your humble and cast-aside people. You are a God who feeds us when we are hungry and you don't work within the systems that make the rich even richer. You are the God of our ancestors and our parents in faith. You are the God of our children and future generations in faith. Move through us today. Make this Advent be filled with your joy and world-changing actions. Use us to knock down the powerful and lift up the lowly. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting 4th Candle: Love Prepare the Way of the Lord Advent Song **UMH 207**

> Prepare the way of the Lord, Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God.

WORD

Gospel Lesson & Sermon Prayers of the People

Luke 1:26-38

Pastor Kelsey

Lord's Prayer

RESPONSE

Special Music Angels We Have Heard on High **UMH 238**

3 Come to Bethlehem and see Him Whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King

Chorus:

Gloria In Excelsis Deo Gloria In Excelsis Deo

4 See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

Chorus:

Gloria In Excelsis Deo Gloria In Excelsis Deo

Passing of the Peace

Offering & Doxology

SEND



1 Love came down at Christmas. love all lovely. Love divine: Love was born at Christmas: star and angels gave the sign.

2 Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate. Love divine: worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?

3 Love shall be our token: love be yours and love be mine: love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

Dismissal with Blessing



Worshiping on Zoom

To join worship by phone: Call 1-312-626-6799.

If busy, try 1-646-558-8656 or 1-301-715-8592

Enter meeting ID **768 555 3158** followed by **#**, then **#** again.

Enter the password **2697937323** if needed.

To join worship by smartphone, tablet, or computer:

Follow this link: www.hopkinsumchurch.org/zoom

For technical support:

Visit www.hopkinsumchurch.org/help or contact Pastor Kelsey.

Quick Tips:

- 1. Join early! Pastor Kelsey will be on Zoom starting at 9:45am.
- 2. Sometimes you will be muted but still connected to the call.
- 3. Keep trying! Ask for help! We will figure it out together!

Getting Connected

To receive church updates text HopkinsUMC to 84576 or

flocknote.com/HopkinsUMC

To give electronically hopkinsumchurch.org/give

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Announcements for December 20, 2020

Dec 20 - 4th Sun of Advent, Worship on Zoom at 10am

Dec 24 - Worship service at Hopkins Community Church 4-5pm

* Christmas Eve Live Nativity Service 5-7pm

Dec 27 - Post-Christmas Pajama Worship, Zoom, 10am

Christmas Eve: Live Nativity!

In a year of new traditions, we are trying something new for Christmas Eve! So we can be together somehow for the special day, we will be having a **live nativity in the downtown park, open 5-7pm.** We will have our own representation of the holy family and a set of animals to give them company. You can come and go as you please within those 2 hours. We will have periodic readings of the scriptures that tell the Christmas story and will end the night with lighting candles and quietly singing Silent Night.

Post-Christmas Pajama Worship

The holidays are exhausting for many reasons, especially this year. Let's all come to church on **Sunday Dec. 27th**, like we wish we could to every Zoom meeting, in our pajamas! Put on your flannels, or favorite christmas set, or your old pair of sweatpants. Doesn't matter what your PJs look like (just be all covered up!) If you come in your PJs, you will be entered to a drawing for a fun prize supporting local businesses!

Offering Mailing Information

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Need a listening ear or help processing all that has gone on this year?Pastor Kelsey is available for pastoral care meetings. Email or call her to schedule a visit.

Prayers Requests and Thanksgivings

We pray with thanksgiving for... COVID vaccine, the 5 babies in our church family, newest addition: baby Aurora Horton! Heather & Trevor Collier expecting; those who have gotten jobs; multiple surgeries and recoveries going well.

We pray God's blessing for...Marrion Lull; Rose Haas & family; Guppy/Mack/Green Family with loss of Dawn Guppy; Loni; Lorraine (Margaret's daughter); Gloria Tyslan; Judy Collier; Jerry Herrema; Dan Herrema; Mary & Bill Howard; all caretakers; the many grieving deaths and losses; those without jobs and looking for jobs.

We pray for the church and for the world... Increasing Homeless populations across the US; Ongoing Pandemic; overwhelmed hospitals; Amelia Green our seminarian; the future of the UMC; Bishop Bard and DS Bagley; Pastor Kelsey and Brennen; immigrants and asylum seekers; all who tend and farm the land; for leadership for our nation; for first responders, health care and essential workers; for teachers, students, and families; for social and racial justice.

Share your requests! Call Pastor Kelsey (248-613-0366) or Bert Tew (269-793-7424)

Seasons Greetings!

As we head into a Holiday season like never before and cannot get together with those special to us, our church family that are homebound are likely to be a bit lonelier this season. Let's shower them with some cards to cheer them up! This week, we invite you to send Deb some Season's Greetings.

Deb Lemmer 2597 14th St Shelbyville, MI 49344

December Birthdays

3- MaryLou Brennan
13 - Jen Tew-Salisbury
19 - Kinian Mack
20 - Mary Herrema
26 - Holly DeVries
27 - Sandy Ringler

December Anniversaries

2 - Dick & Judy Weick 14 - Don & Judy Collier 5 - Jim & Bert Tew 30 - Bill & Mary Howard

12 - Todd & Karen Collier