



A Home FOR all

Third Sunday of Advent

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Moments of Praise Hark! The Herald, Angels Sing UMH 240



Call to Worship

L: A voice calls out in the wilderness.

P: It sings of a home for all.

It speaks of justice and peace.

L: We could choose to ignore it.

P: We could drown out that song.

We could choose not to listen.

L: Instead, we come into this space.

P: We let the world grow quiet.

We listen.

L: A voice calls out in the wilderness.

Do you hear it?

P: We hear it. In listening, we worship.

ALL: Let us draw near to God.

Lighting of the Advent Candles: JOY

Candle Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Vs. 3 UMH 139

WORD

Scripture Lesson

Luke 3:1-18

NRSV

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L: The word of God to the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Ladies Rejoice

Children's Time

Sermon

A Home for All

Pastor Kelsey

RESPONSE

Response Song

A Home for All

Booklet

(To the tune of Hark! The Herald, Angels Sing)



Prayers of the People

Passing of the Peace

Offering & *Doxology

SEND

*Closing Song Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus UMH 196

*Benediction

Postlude



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Welcome to Parents with Children

*Thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church.
Please know that your family – with all of its noise, struggle, commotion,
and joy – are not simply tolerated: you are a vital part of this community.
We love to have you and your children with us.*

Parents: please ask an usher for worship packs for your children.

Hospitality and Accessibility

- Bathrooms are located next door in the fellowship hall.
- Nursery and changing area are located downstairs.
- Large print materials are available in the narthex
- **Join us for food and fellowship next door after worship!**

Getting Connected

To receive church updates	text HopkinsUMC to 84576 or flocknote.com/HopkinsUMC
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Announcements December 19, 2021

TODAY - Stocking decorating for the kids.

Dec 19 - Combined Worship at HUMC at 10am

On-the-spot Christmas Pageant during service
Family Christmas Party in HUM Hall after church
Passing out Birthday Cakes for Jesus Kits

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve service at HUMC at 11pm

Dec 26 - Combined Worship at SMUMC at 10am

Lessons & Carols service & take-home worship

Family Christmas Party & Potluck

On December 19th, during worship that morning we will share in an on-the-spot pageant to tell the Christmas story together. After worship, we will have a potluck style meal, games and crafts for kids, and pass out Jesus Birthday Cake Kits.

Christmas Eve 2021

The 11pm service is back! Thanks be to God for all the ways that have made it more safe to gather together inside in-person. We will be getting back to the beloved tradition of the 11pm Christmas Eve Service at HUMC. Come as you are as we join together in celebrating the coming of Christ with worship and song then hit the hay to be ready for Christmas morning!

Dec 26th: Sunday After Christmas

Christmas comes on a Saturday this year, so we know our usual Christmas gathering on Sunday morning should be a little more relaxed. Join us for worship that morning at South Monterey UMC at 10am for a Lessons and Carols style service (sing those favorite Christmas hymns you didn't get enough of throughout the season!) OR take home a worship packet to use at home with your family.

Epiphany Sunday

Epiphany is the day the church remembers and celebrates the coming of the wise men to Jesus after his birth. Epiphany day comes 12 days after Christmas, Jan. 6, but we will be celebrating in worship the Sunday before, January 2nd. We will be back to our usual worship schedule for this Sunday. This Sunday will be the conclusion to our "Close to Home" Worship Series

Prayer Requests and Thanksgivings

We pray with thanksgiving for... Those who are willing to take part in church leadership; those who work to keep our church buildings and grounds safe and well taken care of; COVID vaccine & booster, the food pantry, those who have gotten jobs.

We pray God's blessing for... Bert & Jim Tew; those dealing with transitions; all caretakers; the many grieving deaths and losses; those without jobs and looking for jobs.

We pray for the church and for the world... Haiti; Afghanistan; wildfire zones; Increasing Homeless populations across the US; pandemic continuing and rising in the US; 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 of 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)

Worship Volunteers

December Greeters - Juanita Curtis & Mary Howard

	December 12	December 19
Children's Message -	Alys Edgell	Mitzi Crowe
Liturgist -	Mandi Edgell	Melanie Velderman
Coffee Fellowship -	Amanda D. & Melanie V	Potluck

HUMC Giving

Weekly budget needs: \$1350.00

Last week's offering: \$1615.00

December Loose Change will go to the Methodist Children's Home Society.

Check out what they do at <https://mchsmi.org>.

December Birthdays

13 - Jennifer Tew-Salisbury	26 - Holly DeVries
19 - Kinian Mack	27 - Sandy Ringler
20 - Mary Herrema	29 - Melanie Velderman

December Anniversaries

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

Response of Confession after Sermon

L: ...any more than God already does. Let us pray. . .

All: Expansive God,

We know that the church is your house, and your house has room for everyone. Yet, too often, instead of setting the table for our neighbors, we block the door. Instead of welcoming all, we judge others by our own standards. Instead of sharing our second coat, we hide it in the attic, holding on to fear instead of letting go with love. Remind us that your home is a home for all, that truth requires hard work, that truth requires uncomfortable justice. Help us to be bold enough to see it and brave enough to live it.

With hope we pray, amen.

L: ...So rest in this good news:

All: We are at home with God—forgiven, claimed, and loved. The door is always open for us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Are the holidays always a hard time for you?

Or are they feeling particularly weird or hard this year?

You are not alone.

Pastor Kelsey is here to help you talk through it, help you process, or just be a listening ear. She would love to chat with you, in her office, at your house, over the phone, or over coffee. Just email, text, or call her to schedule a visit.

The Blue Christmas service may also be meaningful for you. Find a recording of this year's service on the church Youtube Page: Hopkins UMC (or ask Pastor Kelsey to send a link).

Advent can also bring up some faith or scripture questions. Pastor Kelsey would also love to discuss those with you.

Luke 3:1-18 NRSV

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, 2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 4 as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

7 John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 9 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

10 And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” 11 In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” 12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” 13 He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” 14 Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” 18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.