



CHOSEN Home

First Sunday After Christmas

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Moments of Praise Good Christian Friends, Rejoice UMH 224



Call to Worship

L: Jesus said,

P: "This is my Father's house."

L: So come into this space

P: just as you are.

L: Come into this space

P: speaking your truth.

L: Come into this space

P: with your authentic self.

L: This is God's home.

P: This is our home.

All: Let us worship God. Amen.

Hymn Congregation's Choice



WORD

Scripture Lesson Luke 2:41-52 NRSV

41 Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. 43 When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. 44 Assuming that he was in the group of

travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." 49 He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 But they did not understand what he said to them. 51 Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn What Child Is This? UMH 219



Reflection Chosen Home Pastor Kelsey

RESPONSE

Hymn Chosen Home Booklet
(To the tune of O Come, All Ye Faithful)



Prayers of the People

Hymn Congregation's Choice



Offering & *Doxology

SEND

***Hymn** Congregation's Choice

***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 a burden: you are a vital part of this community!
We love having you and your children with us.*

Parents: there are worship activities for your children in the back.

Hospitality and Accessibility

- Bathrooms are located downstairs or in the back room.
- **Join us for snacks and fellowship downstairs after worship!**

Getting Connected

To receive church updates	text HopkinsUMC to 84576 or flocknote.com/HopkinsUMC
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Announcements December 26, 2021

Jan 2 - Epiphany Sunday, 9:30am at SMUMC, 11am at HUMC

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.

Super Children's/Family Ministry

Starting in the new year, join us for Worship Wednesdays! Every 4th Wednesday, at 5:30pm we will share in a short lesson, an activity or game or two, and close with a simple meal together. We hope parents will stick around and take part with their children. Later in December we will share a sign-up sheet for leaders and helpers (you pick which session or theme you would like to help make happen).

We will follow the theme of: SUPERHEROES. Sometimes superheroes do great things. Other times it's the little things that make them super. Big and small things add up to a life that honors God and allows us to do some super things for others.

Response of Confession after Reflection

We could offer welcome, **but we often choose judgment.**

We could choose action, **but we often choose silence.**

We could choose advocacy, **but we often choose comfort.**

We could choose truth, **but we often choose ignorance.**

We could choose God, **but we often choose ourselves.**

Forgive us, gracious God, for the moments when we chose poorly.

Open our hearts to choose you, to choose community, to choose love.

All: Gratefully we pray, amen.

L: ...Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: No matter how many times we walk away, God always welcomes us home. We are loved. We are forgiven. We are invited. Thanks be to God, amen.

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... The large area & numerous families affected by the tornadoes; 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... 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 26

January 2

Children's Message - Linda Burton-Collier

Liturgist - Linda Burton-Collier

Coffee Fellowship - Share your leftovers

HUMC Giving

Weekly budget needs: \$1350.00

Last week's offering:

Cheever Treatment Center - \$70.00 (loose change collection)

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