



# Homesick

## First Sunday of Advent

### GATHER

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Moments of Praise** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming UMH 216



#### Call to Worship

Can one be homesick for something you've never known?

**We are homesick for a just world, for peace like rivers,  
for the end of suffering.**

Yes, we are homesick—

**for joy that is contagious, for nations that feel like  
neighbors, and for hospitals that run empty.**

We are homesick for the world God promises.

**We are homesick, but we are on our way.**

God is here. God is still creating.

**Let us worship Holy God.**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles: HOPE** DeVries Family

**Candle Hymn** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Vs. 1 UMH 139

### WORD

#### Scripture Lesson

Luke 21:25-36

NRSV

25 "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of

what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

29 Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

34 "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Children's Time

#### Sermon

Homesick to Hope

Pastor Kelsey

### RESPONSE

#### Response Song

See Fig Leaves Now Sprouting Booklet

(To the tune of Lo, How the Rose Ere Blooming)



#### Prayers of the People

#### Passing of the Peace

#### Offering & \*Doxology

### SEND

#### \*Closing Song

Hymn of Promise

UMH 707



#### \*Benediction

#### Postlude



## Sermon Series Credits

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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!**

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## Getting Connected

To receive church updates	text <b>HopkinsUMC</b> to 84576 or <b>flocknote.com/HopkinsUMC</b>
To give electronically	<a href="http://hopkinsumchurch.org/give">hopkinsumchurch.org/give</a>
To contact the Prayer Team	Bertha Tew at (269) 793-7424
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To contact the Pastor	Rev. Kelsey French at (248) 613-0366 <a href="mailto:PastorKelseyFrench@gmail.com">PastorKelseyFrench@gmail.com</a> Office Hours: Tues-Thurs by appointment

## Announcements November 28, 2021

**Dec. 6 - CANCELLED** Community Christmas Concert @ 6:30

**Dec. 6** - Blue Christmas Service, 6:30pm, HUM Hall & Zoom

**Dec 19 - Combined Worship at HUMC at 10am**

On-the-spot Christmas Pageant during service

Family Christmas Party in HUM Hall after church

**Dec 24** - Christmas Eve

**Dec 26 - Combined Worship at SMUMC at 10am**

Lessons & Carols service & take-home worship

### Advent Materials

We are sending a few things home with you to help make the most of this Advent season. Everyone will be receiving an Advent daily devotional. Every family will get a poster sized Advent Calendar that will give daily ideas for short activities to do as a family to keep in the Advent spirit. We will be giving out little Christmas themed notebooks during worship, we hope you can use them to keep notes during worship and devotions, and perhaps keep a gratitude journal. Later in the season, we will have birthday cakes for Jesus kits and an optional take-home worship packet for the Sunday after Christmas.

Make sure you get your devotionals and notebooks today!

### Ladies Rejoice is back!

Ladies Rejoice will be meeting on Tuesdays at 10:30am in the sanctuary. We would love to have you join us.

### Worship Volunteers

**November Greeters** - Bob & Judy Beck

**December Greeters** - Juanita Curtis & Mary Howard

#### November 28

**Children's Message** - Mary Howard  
**Liturgist** - Vern Kraft  
**Coffee Fellowship** - Mitzi Crowe  
**Communion Servant**

#### December 5

Pastor Kelsey  
Alys Edgell  
Deb Lemmer  
Judy Beck

## 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...** Don Collier; Bert & Jim Tew; those dealing with transitions; Hopkins Public Schools as they deal with a COVID outbreak; 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)

### December Birthdays

13 - Jennifer Tew-Salisbury

26 - Holly DeVries

19 - Kinian Mack

27 - Sandy Ringler

20 - Mary Herrema

### December Anniversaries

2 - Dick & Judy Weick

14 - Don & Judy Collier

5 - Jim & Bert Tew

30 - Bill & Mary Howard

12 - Todd & Karen Collier

### **Need a listening ear or have a faith question?**

Pastor Kelsey is available for pastoral care meetings. Email or call her to schedule a visit.

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### HUMC Giving

Weekly budget needs: \$1350.00

Last week's offering: \$751.00