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# Hillsboro UMC

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# **Worship and Preaching Calendar**

- December 18, 2022 (Advent Series)
- Christmas Eve at 8:00 PM
- Christmas Day (Final Message of Advent Series)

**HUMC Facebook:** @HillsboroUMCMO

TUMC Facebook: @TransformationUMCMO

Pastor Harold's Facebook: @HaroldEugeneLong

Faithlife Community: @https://faithlife.com/hilltran-umc/

Website: www.hilltran.org

Questions: ask@hilltran.org

# Welcome to Hillsboro UMC December 11, 2022

#### **Our Mission**

Our mission is to develop Jesus-centered followers committed to sharing God's love in a Jesus-looking way to help change the world.

#### **Our Vision**

Our vision is to create a spiritual community where individuals and families can come as they are, fall in love with Jesus, and have a spiritual awakening.

## **Our Purpose**

"We are People Helping People Experience a Jesus-centered Life"

#### Welcome Home

Whatever your faith tradition, beliefs, culture, race, age, or differing abilities, we hope you find healing and acceptance in our Jesuscentered community. Whatever doubts, questions, or challenges you may have, we hope you will discover the answers you are searching for and experience a Jesus-centered life.



# Order of Praise, Worship, and Teaching

Opening Video: "We Three Kings " - Piano Guys

**Bringing In The Light:** "Come Now It's Time to Worship" (Praise Team)

\*Call to Worship: Liturgist

\*Opening Prayer: Liturgist

\*Doxology: "Praise God, Whom All Blessings Flow" (UMH #95)

Offering: Online @ www.hilltran.org/online-giving/ (Give Cheerfully)

**Announcements:** Liturgist

Connection Cards: (Connection cards are available in the back of the pews or chairs. Please complete/update the card and place it in the offering bucket/plate before you leave church.)

Joys and Concerns: Pastor Harold Long

\*Opening Song: ""The First Noel" (Praise Team)

\*Welcome Your Kingdom Family: (Due to the recent uptick with

COVID, Influenza, HRSV, and NREVSS, we will resume

"Holy High-Fives" and avoid unnecessary contact until things improve.)

Song: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" (Praise Team)

\*Scripture Readings: Matthew 2:1-12—(Please Rise for the Reading)

**Sermon Bumper Video:** (Advent Video Series)

Message: "Faith in Jesus or the Faith of Jesus?" - Pastor Harold

Long **Song:** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (Praise Team)

\*Closing Song: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (Praise Team)

\*Kingdom Carryout: Pastor Harold Long

\*Sending Forth: Go in peace and be the *CHRIST* in CHRISTmas.

\* = Please Rise

"The magi, as you know, were wise men—wonderfully wise men—who brought gifts to the Babe in the manger. They invented the art of giving Christmas presents."

~ The Gift of the Magi, O. Henry

# **Reflection Questions**

- Why would the Magi (Three Wise Men) travel 800-900 miles, risk encountering evil dictators, and allow themselves to be forced to rely upon the stars & astrology to lead their way?
- What was so significant about their gifts?
- What can we learn from the Magi?
- Do you have faith in Jesus? Or the faith of Jesus? Hmmm!
- What's the difference regarding the question above? Why is it important?
- What's the difference between belief and faith? Or is there a difference at all? Why does it matter?
- If you asked Jesus what he wanted from YOU for Christmas, what do you think he would say? Are you prepared to give him that gift? Answer seriously because it's what Christmas is all about.

Notes			

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