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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 (God's Greatest Gift)
- 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 18, 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: "The Real Meaning of Christmas"

Bringing In The Light: "O Come All Ye Faithful" (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 Little Town of Bethlehem" (Praise Team)

*Scripture Readings: Matthew 2:13-23—(Please Rise for the Reading)

Sermon Bumper Video: (Advent Video Series)

Message: "The Saved Savior"- Pastor Harold Long

Song: "What Child is This" (Praise Team)

*Closing Song: "Angels We Have Heard on Hight" (Praise Team)

*Kingdom Carryout: Pastor Harold Long

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

* = Please Rise

"Those who don't have Christmas in their heart will never find it under a tree."

— Roy L. Smith

Reflection Questions

- Do you believe that God still has a plan for all creation?
- What challenges are you facing right now?
- Evil shines brightly in our Scripture reading today; how is evil impacting you and the people around you?
- What do we do when Christmas is not joyful? What about when it brings more hurt than happiness?
- Do you believe Jesus has come to heal your brokenness?
- Do you think God is present as people harm each other? What does God expect of you in such times?

Notes			

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