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Hillsboro UMC

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Worship and Preaching Calendar

- December 4, 2022 - (Advent Series)
- December 11, 2022 - (Advent Series)
- December 18, 2022 - (Advent Series)
- Christmas Eve at 8:00 PM

HUMC Facebook: @HillsboroUMCMO

TUMC Facebook: @TransformationUMCMO

Pastor Harold's Facebook: @HaroldEugeneLong

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

Website: www.hilltran.org

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Welcome to Hillsboro UMC

December 4, 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 Jesus-centered 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: “Welcome To Church?”

Bringing In The Light: “Heaven Everywhere” (Praise Team)

Opening Prayer: Liturgist

Announcements: Liturgist

Connection Cards: (Connection cards are available at the welcome desk. Please complete the card and place it in the offering bucket on your way out of church.)

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

Joys and Concerns: Donna Bondurant

***Opening Song:** “”Real” (Praise Video by Nicole Nordeman)

***Welcome Your Kingdom Family:** (Due to the recent uptick with COVID, Influenza, HRSV, and NREVSS, we will resume “Holy High-Fives until things improve.)

Song: “Just a Girl” (Special by Nick Faust)

Scripture Readings: Luke 1:26-38 (CEB) (Please Rise for Reading)

Sermon Bumper Video: (Advent Video Series)

Message: “An Imperfect Christmas?” - Donna Bondurant

***Song:** “Noel” (Praise Video by Chris Tomlin & Laura Daigle)

Closing Song: “How Many Kings” (Praise Team)

Kingdom Carryout: Donna Bondurant

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

“It occurs to me: why is it mainly women, who to pass on the faith? Simply because the one who brought us Jesus is a woman. It is the path chosen by Jesus. He wanted to have a mother: the gift of faith comes to us through women, as Jesus came to us through Mary.”

~ **Pope Francis**

Reflection Questions

- Why do angels always greet people with “Don’t Be Afraid”?
- Why did God choose Mary? And then there is Joseph.
- Why did Jesus come to earth as a fetus versus a powerful king, leaving no doubt about who he was and why he was here?
- How come it’s the women who are the true leaders in Scripture and are the first to arrive at the scene when trouble ensues?
- It’s evident that women play a vital role in the Jesus narrative, so why do some religions (even certain Christian denominations) suppress women and keep them from preaching, teaching, and leading in the church?
- How crazy is Christmas at your house? Similar to the Griswolds?
- What can we learn from the first “Imperfect Christmas,” and why is it an “Unforgettable Christmas?”
- Why do people forget the true meaning of CHRISTmas?

Notes

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