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Worship and Preaching Calendar

- December 10, 2023 - David & Bathsheba - Pastor Harold
- December 17, 2023 - Elizabeth & Zechariah - Pastor Harold
- Christmas Eve - Children's Christmas Special
- Christmas Day - Special Video Message (No Live Service)

Social Networks

HUMC Facebook: @HillsboroUMCMO

TUMC Facebook: @TransformationUMCMO

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/HillTranMinistries>

Join Our Faithlife Community: @<https://faithlife.com/hilltran-umc/>

Website: www.hilltran.org

Questions: ask@hilltran.org

Welcome to Transformation Church

December 10, 2023

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, have a spiritual awakening, and rediscover life.

Our Purpose

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

Welcome Home

Whatever your faith tradition, beliefs, culture, race, past, age, or differing abilities, we hope you find healing and acceptance in our Jesus-centered community. Whatever doubts, questions, or challenges you may have about God and spirituality, we hope you discover the truth about God, have a spiritual awakening, and experience a Jesus-centered life. We are excited you are here and truly wish to connect with you wherever you are in stream of life.



Order of Praise, Worship, and Teaching

Opening Video: *"Peace Advent"*

Bringing in the Light Song: *"O Come All Ye Faithful Vs. 1"*

Song: *"Days of Elijah"*

Welcome and Announcements: Liturgist

***Call to Worship:** Liturgist (**Light the Second Advent Candle**)

***Opening Prayer:** Liturgist

***Song:** *"Goodness of God"*

Sharing of Prayers and Joys: Pastor Harold

***Sharing The Peace:** Pastor Harold

***Scripture Reading:** - 2 Samuel 11:2-5; 11:14-18; 12:7-15 Liturgist

Sermon Bumper Video: *Advent Peace*

Message: *"God's Presence for Sinner and Suffers Alike"* - PHL

Song: *"King of Kings"*

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

***Sending Forth:** Pam Church

***Closing Song:** *"Glory, Glory, God is Able"*

*** = Please Rise in Posture**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDY, COUPLES OR SMALL GROUPS.

1. Have you ever thought about God's salvation as "wholeness"? If not, how is this different from your thought about salvation?
2. Are there areas in your life where you need to extend—or receive—forgiveness?
3. What would it look like for God to provide healing for an area of suffering in your life?

2 Samuel 11:2-5; 14-18 (CEB)

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² One evening, David got up from his couch and was pacing back and forth on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. ³ David sent someone and inquired about the woman. The report came back: "Isn't this Eliah's daughter Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" ⁴ So David sent messengers to take her. When she came to him, he had sex with her. (Now she had been purifying herself after her monthly period.) Then she returned home. ⁵ The woman conceived and sent word to David.

"I'm pregnant," she said.

2 Samuel 11:14-18 (CEB)

¹⁴ The next morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. ¹⁵ He wrote in the letter, "Place Uriah at the front of the fiercest battle, and then pull back from him so that he will be struck down and die."

¹⁶ So as Joab was attacking the city, he put Uriah in the place where he knew there were strong warriors. ¹⁷ When the city's soldiers came out and attacked Joab, some of the people from David's army fell. Uriah the Hittite was also killed. ¹⁸ Joab sent a complete report of the battle to David.

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HUMC: 9:00 AM / TUMC: 6:00 PM

- **HUMC:** We need a volunteer to step into the great rotation of leaders for Children's Ministry. Please contact Kristi Monroe for more information.
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- **HUMC:** Children's Christmas Eve Production is in the works, please contact Kristi Monroe for more information and to get your children involved: Kristi Monroe / (636) 357-3299 / kristiandawson@yahoo.com. This ministry is a great way for your children to invite their friends to come and join the fun.
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- Peace in Ukraine.
- UNLV families, students, faculty, and community.
- The unhoused as it gets cold.
- Victims of violence of all kinds.
- Peace around the globe and for our families.
- Victims of all accident, disease, and illness.
- Everyone struggling during this holiday season.
- The countless people inside and outside our faith community battling cancer.
- The shut-in and unable to join us in person.
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¹¹ “This is what the LORD says: I am making trouble come against you from inside your own family. Before your very eyes I will take your wives away and give them to your friend, and he will have sex with your wives in broad daylight. ¹² You did what you did secretly, but I will do what I am doing before all Israel in the light of day.”

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