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Worship and Preaching Calendar

- Christmas Eve - God's Presence in the Flesh
- Christmas Day - Special Video Message (No Live Service).
- New Year's Eve - Out With The Old & In With The New
- January 7, 2024 - Unstoppable Six-Part Series on Acts (Part I)

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 Christmas Eve 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 the stream of life.



Order of Praise, Worship, and Teaching

Opening Video: *“The Greatest Light”*

Welcome and Announcements: Pastor Harold

Bringing in the Light Song: *“Come All Ye Faithful”*

Offering: Online @ www.hilltran.org/online-giving - Pastor Harold

***Song:** “God With Us”

Sharing of Prayers and Joys: Pastor Harold

Song: *“Oh Holy Night”*

***Scripture Reading:** - *Luke 2:1-7; Mat. 1:22-23* - Jane (Liturgist)

Sermon Bumper Video: *“Jesus the Light of the World”*

Message: *“God’s Presence in the Flesh”* - Pastor Harold

Song: *“Joseph Lullaby”*

Song: *“Mary Did You Know”*

***Sending Forth:** Pastor Harold

Lighting of Candles & Dimming the Lights

***Closing Song:** *“Silent Night”*

*** = Please Rise in Posture**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDY, COUPLES OR SMALL GROUPS.

- In what part of your life does it seem hardest to believe, “Jesus has felt this, too”?
- Where do you feel weak, vulnerable, or dependent on others? How does it change your perspective to know that Jesus, in his perfection, felt the same way?
- Which element of Jesus' earthly existence—his birth, life, suffering, or death—speaks most to you? Why?

Luke 1:5-20 (CEB)

Jesus’ birth

2 In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. ² This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. ³ Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. ⁴ Since Joseph belonged to David’s house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David’s city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. ⁵ He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. ⁷ She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.

Matthew 1:22-23 (CEB)

²² Now all of this took place so that what the Lord had spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled:

²³ *Look! A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, And they will call him, Emmanuel.*

(*Emmanuel* means “God with us.”)

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