

Welcome!

We're happy you came to join us in worship today.
We hope that you felt God's love and look forward
to seeing you again.

Announcements

Christmas Caroling Today!

You need no singing ability spread holiday cheer in smile and song for the residents of Brookdale Bayshore. Gather in the parking lot at 4:00 for song sheets.

Body Builder's Party Tonight!

This fellowship group (generally ages 40+) has their annual Christmas Party at 6:00 pm at Patty and Preston Porter's, 4615 W. Browning Ave. Main dish and dessert provided; please bring a side dish to share and whatever you'd like to drink. Festivities begin after the Christmas Caroling, so make it a full (literally!) and fun evening.

Women's Luncheon, 11:30 Tomorrow

HPPC Women will gather at Brenda Kinley's home 3303 N. San Miguel for their annual Christmas luncheon. More information, call Brenda at 813.431.8521.

The Christmas Story in Song & Carols Dec. 16

At both 9:15 and 11:15 services, we will be treated to congregational participation, kids in costumes, the singing of carols, music by our Praise Band, Spirit Ringers and Chancel Choir. Bring your camera, but also bring your kids, your grandkids, your neighbors and friends. Choose one service or enjoy both of them ... it is sure to be yet another joyful and uplifting service this Christmas season!

Gift Wrapping Extravaganza Dec. 17

Thanks for the great response to our Christmas gift drive. The elves are working hard and it is almost time to bundle the gifts to share with the children from the End 68 Hours of Hunger Program. If you love to wrap, please join the Mission Ministry for a Wrappin' Pizza supper on Mon. Dec. 17 at 6:30 pm. Renowned HPPC chefs Ann Maxey and Jett Tanner will provide salad and dessert.

Sharing Christmas

Take some Christmas Calendars to give out. We have many special events and services that are especially beautiful; share the joy of Christmas!

Reminder: Stewardship Pledge Cards

Do we have your pledge card so that we can plan to minister to our community with compassion and extravagance? Thank you to all who have turned in their cards.

Join Us @ CONNECT

10:15 am on Sundays

Coffee Fellowship, Teen/Adult and Kids Classes

Infant-PreK Care and Classes, check in at the Nursery/Room 118 from 9:15 to 12:15. Your children will be led through fun educational activities with the new Heartshaper curriculum.
Kindergarten-5th grade in room 116 at 10:15. Your children will learn about God's Big Picture for their lives, with a new fun curriculum including a variety of activities for different learning styles.

Worship as a Family: All children 3 and up are welcome in both worship services.

"Faithful" Learning Center, Rm. 103 Facilitator: Rev. James Friesen
We're not that different from Joseph. True, we may not be part of a story that will be remembered for all time, but like Joseph, we encounter circumstances that we'd never choose for ourselves. At times, it can be tempting just to walk away. The story of Joseph provides us with a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides. The corresponding book by Adam Hamilton will be for sale through the office for \$17.

Hyde Park Happenings

Sunday, 9:15 am 10:15 am 11:15 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	December 9 Contemporary Worship Service CONNECT Traditional Worship Service Christmas Caroling Body Builder's Party	Wednesday, December 12 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday, 11:30 am	December 10 HPPC Women's Christmas Lunch Brenda Kinley's home	Friday, December 14 Office open until noon Wedding Rehearsal
Tuesday, 5:30 pm	December 11 Spirit Ringers Rehearsal	Saturday, December 15 Wedding
		Sunday, December 16 Christmas Story in Songs and Carols 9:15 and 11:15 services; Bring your kids, camera!

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HYDE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 9, 2018: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 am in the Sanctuary

WELCOME
Spencer Shick

PRAISE AND WORSHIP BAND

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mark Johnson

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE
Heather and Steve Morrison

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER
(Lord's Prayer is on screen; We say "debts" and "debtors".)

OFFERTORY

First time visitors, welcome! All we ask of you during this time is your contact information; please complete your information on the pew pad found in the pew back by the center aisle. We are glad you are here!

SCRIPTURE
Matthew 1:1-6, 18-19

SERMON
Whose Child Is This?
Rev. James Friesen

CLOSING SONG

BENEDICTION

The eChimes is now coming out weekly. If you are not receiving it, please print your email address on the pew pad, or sign up online at HydeParkPres.com.



Prayers

Please pray for: Jacob Baker, Dot Jackson, Brian Nelson, and Richard Parker
Homebound: Lucy Cole, Dot Ely, and Betsy Gilmore
Prayers of comfort for family and friends of Heather Morrison's grandmother.

Have a prayer request or praise report? Prayer Cards are in the pew rack; place in the Offering Plate, or email Karla Grant at Kgrant710@gmail.com, or contact the office. All prayer requests are confidential.

Traditional Worship Service

11:15 am in the Sanctuary

***CHIMING OF THE HOUR**
Spirit Ringers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Pass the pew pad and return to the center; if you are not receiving the eChimes weekly, please print your email address.)

PRELUDE
Suite #1 in G Major for Unaccompanied Cello
(1st mov't) Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
James Connors, cello

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Brian Kennedy

Leader: *This is the season of holy waiting.*

People: We watch for the day when our warfare will be ended.

Leader: *We wait for the One who can bring comfort and speak peace.*

People: We wait while the night begins to glow with the light of day.

Leader: *Come let us walk in the light of God!*

***HYMN 1** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE
Lisa and Chris Crowell and Sophia

HYMN
What Difference Can A Candle Make?
(v. 1 and 3 on insert)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**
God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
Leader: *The good news of Advent is that Jesus Christ has come into the world, has led the way through death that we may have life, and is coming again to make all things new.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER
(We say "debts" and "debtors".)

ANTHEM
In The Bleak Midwinter
Harold Darke & Gustav Holst;
arr. Edwin R. Taylor
James Connors, cello, and Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 1:1-6, 18-19 (N.T. 1)

HYMN 16
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

SERMON
Whose Child Is This? Rev. James Friesen

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**
(Hymnbook, p. 14 Traditional)

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY
He Is Born Arnold Schermen
Spirit Ringers

***DOXOLOGY**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN 12** *People, Look East*

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**
Gloria In Excelsis Deo arr. E. R. Taylor
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE
Salvation Now Is Come To Earth J. S. Bach

**Please stand if you are able to do so comfortably*

NOTES

NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC
The Music Ministry welcomes to HPPC this morning the principal cellist of The Florida Orchestra, James Connors. Mr. Connors opens our worship with the inimitable "Prelude" from Johann Sebastian Bach's Suite #1 in G Major for Unaccompanied Cello then performs with the Chancel Choir Edwin R. Taylor's arrangement of Harold Darke's "In The Bleak Midwinter" (encompassing a newly-composed cello part, and melodic material from Gustav Holst's setting of the same text). Welcome, James Connors! The Spirit Ringers add to the festive Advent and Christmas tone with their excerpting "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" to chime the hour, then playing a lively setting of the beloved French carol, "He Is Born" ("Il est né le Divin Enfant"). See Hymn #36 for the text of "In The Bleak Midwinter".

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE
Contemporary: 70
Traditional: 71

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