

Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m., Dec. 24, 2020

1. Welcome – Pastor Paul Lee
2. Lighting Advent Candles – Joan Lee
3. Breath of Heaven – Praise Team
4. *Scripture Reading – Micah 5:2-5*
- The Ruler from Bethlehem
5. “O Holy Night” – Sarah Bradley Accompanied by Sandy Nixon
6. The Manger Scene – The Bradley Family
– Jake & Sarah Bradley (Ellie, Charles)
7. *Scripture Reading - Luke 2:1-20*
- The Birth of Jesus & The Angels to the Shepherds
8. “Silent Night, Holy Night” – The Bradley Family
9. Unforgettable Christmas Experiences
- Mark & Wendi Tingley
- Justin Dyehouse
10. Special Music – “I Will Be Home for Christmas” – Daniel Lee
11. Scripture – Micah 5:2-5; Luke 2:1-7, 8-20
12. The Christmas Message – God’s Choice and Our Response
13. Passing the Light of Christ Candle
14. “Silent Night, Holy Night” - Congregational Singing
- Accompanied by Daniel Lee
15. Benediction

The Scripture of the Day (NRSV)

Micah 5:2-5

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great

to the ends of the earth;
⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Luke 2:1-7, 8-20 (NRSV)

The Birth of Jesus

¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Shepherds and the Angels

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, ^[a] the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Our Worship Website – [Hillside.cLifej.net](https://www.hillside.clifej.net):

On this website, we also provide *online devotionals* and *related resources* for *Family Ministry* and *Early Childhood Ministry* to help all a spiritual journey and even to enhance mutual connection among people and with the church. Thank you for your participation in Online Worship as we hope to gather for in-person worship services in the near future.

Sunday Worship Service on Dec. 27 at [Hillside.cLifej.net](https://www.hillside.clifej.net):

We will have Online Services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and conclude year 2020. You are invited to join one of the services, to praise God, and to give thanks for all the blessings He has brought to you throughout this year 2020.

Resources and Tools for Hillside Ministries:

Worship Website: <https://www.Hillside.cLifej.net>

Church Main website: <https://HillsidePrinceton.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/princetonhillside/>

Any Questions?

Family Ministry - Susan Carey

Early Childhood Ministry – Jenny White

Administrative Help and Connection – Brenda Witt

Pastoral and Congregational Care – Pastor Paul Lee

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Prayer & Celebration List - December 20, 2020

- Merly Ross' dad – colon cancer
- Lynn Hill's brother-in-law coming home with oxygen
- Kendall Carey – some improvement with a new medicine
- Ramona Whitaker (Debbie Kays' Aunt) to have a pacemaker put in soon, who is a member of Hillside and lives in Kansas.
- John Lee in recovery at home
- Marvin Meuser with his two feet hurt/damaged and unable to walk for a while; Jodi on FMLA to care for him at home
- Steve Nixon – Back home and in recovery with physical therapy
- Betty Farris continuing home physical therapy
- Celebration on a new life, Emree Grace, to Riley and Izzy McConnell on Dec. 11 (Winnie & Lee McConnell's son and daughter-in-law)

River Oaks Health Campus

- Mary Evans, Evelyn Lankford; Betty Collins; Marilyn Williams

Announcements and Reminder

- **Christmas Offering – Gibson County CASA:** \$1,000 as the goal of our church and \$1,100 collected as of Dec. 16. Thank you for your generosity!
- **Tithes and Other Offerings:**
As you continue to fulfill your commitment to God through Hillside UMC, mail your check or bring it to the church. Also, online giving option is available at <https://www.hillsideprinceton.org/why-we-give>.
- **Worship CD or DVD:**
CDs and DVDs can be available for those who have no access to internet but a desire to receive one. So far, two people receive CDs. If you need one, contact Pastor Paul Lee or Brenda Witt at the church.

Christmas Worship Services

Southwest District of Indiana Conference:

Go to [Hillside.cLifej.net](https://www.hillside.clifej.net) and click District Christmas Service link!

Extended Cabinet Service of Indiana Conference:

<https://www.inumc.org/blog/cabinet-christmas-worship-service/>

“Breath of Heaven”

I have traveled many moonless nights
Cold and weary with a babe inside And I wonder what I've done
Holy father you have come And chosen me now to carry your son
I am waiting in a silent prayer
I am frightened by the load I bear In a world as cold as stone
Must I walk this path alone?
Be with me now; Be with me now
Breath of heaven; Hold me together; Be forever near me
Breath of heaven; Breath of heaven
Lighten my darkness; Pour over me your holiness
For you are holy Breath of heaven
Do you wonder as you watch my face
If a wiser one should have had my place
But I offer all I am For the mercy of your plan
Help me be strong; Help me be; Help me; Breath of heaven
Hold me together; Be forever near me
Breath of heaven; Breath of heaven
Lighten my darkness; Pour over me your holiness
For you are holy Breath of heaven
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“O Holy Night”

[Verse 1]
O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
'Til He appears and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn
Fall on your knees; O hear the Angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born
O night, O Holy night, O night divine!

[Verse 2]
Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming

With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
Here come the Wise Men from Orient land
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger
In all our trials born to be our friend
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend

[Verse 3]
Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His Gospel is Peace
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother
And in His name, all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us Praise His Holy name
Christ is the Lord; O praise His name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim
His power and glory evermore proclaim

“Silent Night”

Silent night, holy night; All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night; Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night; Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
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