

Special Worship Service, 9 a.m., January 3, 2021

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4. Call to Worship – Jenny White
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7. Prayer – Jenny White
8. Special Music, “Breath of Heaven” by Sarah Bradley
9. Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12
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The scripture and song lyrics are available on next pages!

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The Scripture of the Day (NRSV)

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Happy New Year!

Year 2020 was very rough to many;

Yet, we have a new year to create many new opportunities, to grow in many aspects of relationships, and to build a good life for yourself and for the life of Hillside.

Let us encourage one another to hold together and to grow together as God's kingdom people.

from Pastor Paul Lee

Prayer & Celebration List - January, 2021

- Dan & Jeannie Robbins: recent sickness both of them in quarantine
- Mike Teeters, Debbie Kays' cousin, having a pacemaker put in
- Larry Osborn, a heart-related medical procedure in early January
- Ramona Whitaker (Debbie Kays' Aunt) to have a pacemaker put in soon, who is a member of Hillside and lives in Kansas.
- Marvin Meuser with his two feet hurt/damaged and unable to walk for a while; Jodi on FMLA to care for him at home
- John Lee in recovery at home
- Steve Nixon – in recovery with physical therapy
- Betty Farris continuing home physical therapy
- Mary Evans
- 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:
Evelyn Lankford; Betty Collins; Marilyn Williams

Announcements and Reminder

• 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.

• 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>.

- **Prayer Requests and Celebrations:** If you want to have your prayer request or celebrations included in this worship bulletin, please contact Pastor Paul Lee and provide him with your information on or before *Wednesday noon*.
- **Online Resources:** Written online resources are available on our worship website: [Online Devotionals](#) and [Ministry Reflections](#) to connect and promote our spiritual journey together.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study:** Contact Lisa St. Clair for details. This group plans to study on “Sermon on the Mount” that appears in the Gospel of Matthew.
- **Pastoral Care Need?** Feel free to contact Pastor Paul Lee if you have any need of pastoral care or congregational care.
- **Worship Bulletin Available Online:** Check with our worship website sometime *Saturday evening* to see if the bulletin is available online. If you can, print and read it ahead of time to prepare in a better way.

New Online Connections

• **First Step: ZOOM Connection for Group Devotionals**

In a response to the voice of promoting connections during the pandemic, Pastor Paul invites you to consider joining a weekly ZOOM meeting for online devotionals for a few months. There will be online registration form on worship website homepage or go directly to zoom connection to sign up. More information will be provided later.

• **Second-Step – an In-depth Bible Study in the Near Future**

You are invited to this in-depth Bible study using the Bible as the textbook (e.g., the Gospel of Matthew). This is a contextual in-depth group study to help you deepen and expand your understanding of the Word. Details will be provided later. Contact Pastor Paul for questions.

Connection Tools for Hillside Ministries:

- Worship Website: <https://www.Hillside.cLifej.net>
- Church Main website: <https://HillsidePrinceton.org>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/princetonhillside/>

Hillside United Methodist Church

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Song lyrics are provided only for the purpose of helping you sing together; yet, each song lyrics may be slightly different from actual singing.

Song Lyrics for 9 a.m. Service, January 3

Prelude: “We Three Kings”

[V1] We three kings of orient are Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain Moor and mountain Following yonder star

[Chorus]

O star of wonder, star of night Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding Guide us to thy perfect light

[V2] Born a King on Bethlehem's plain Gold I bring to crown Him again
King for ever, ceasing never Over us all to reign

[Chorus] O star of wonder, star of night Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding Guide us to thy perfect light

[V3] Frankincense to offer have I Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising Worship Him, God most high

[Chorus] O star of wonder, star of night Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding Guide us to thy perfect light

[V4] Myrrh is mine Its bitter perfume breathes A life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying Sealed in the stone cold tomb

[Chorus] O star of wonder, star of night Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding Guide us to thy perfect light

[V5] Glorious now behold Him arise King and God and Sacrifice!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia Heaven to earth replies

[Chorus]

O star of wonder, star of night Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding Guide us to thy perfect light

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

“Thankful”

Somedays, we forget to look around us
Somedays, we can't see the joy that surrounds us
So caught up inside ourselves
We take when we should give

So for tonight we pray for What we know can be
And on this day we hope for What we still can't see
It's up to us, to be the change And even though we all can still do more
There's so much to be thankful for

Look beyond ourselves There's so much sorrow
It's way to late to say, I'll cry tomorrow Each of us must find our truth
It's so long overdue

So for tonight we pray for What we know can be
And everyday, we hope for What we still can't see

It's up to us, to be the change And even though we all can still do more
There's so much to be thankful for

Even with our differences There is a place we're all connected
Each of us can find each other's light

So for tonight, we pray for What we know can be
And on this day, we hope for What we still can't see
It's up to us, to be the change And even though this world needs so much
more There's so much to be thankful for

“Breath of Heaven”

[V1] 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

[V2] 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

[Chorus]
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

[V3] 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

[Chorus]
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

[Chorus]
Breath of Heaven, hold me together
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“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

O, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light

Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo! Above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth

Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn

Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

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“Holy Water”

[V1] God, I'm on my knees again God, I'm begging please again
I need You Oh, I need You
Walking down these desert roads Water for my thirsty soul
I need You Oh, I need You

[Chorus]
Your forgiveness Is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
It's like holy water on my skin, ayy

[V2] Dead man walking, slave to sin
I wanna know about being born again I need You
Oh, God, I need You So, take me to the riverside
Take me under, baptize I need You Oh, God, I need You

[Chorus]
Let me hear you Your forgiveness Is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
It's like holy water on my skin On my skin

[Bridge]
I don't wanna abuse Your grace God, I need it every day
It's the only thing that ever really Makes me wanna change
I don't wanna abuse Your grace God, I need it every day
It's the only thing that ever really Makes me wanna change
I don't wanna abuse Your grace God, I need it every day
It's the only thing that ever really Makes me wanna change, oh
I don't wanna abuse Your grace God, I need it every day
It's the only thing that ever really Makes me wanna change

[Chorus]
Your forgiveness Is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips, yes it is
It's like the sound of a symphony to my ears Like holy water
Your forgiveness Oh, it's like sweet, sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
It's like holy water on my skin
It's like holy water on my skin It's like holy water

“Holy Spirit”

[V1] There's nothing worth more That could ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope Your presence, Lord

I've tasted and seen Of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free And my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord

[Chorus] Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome, by Your presence, Lord Your presence, Lord

[V2] There's nothing worth more That could ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope Your presence, Lord

I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of loves Where my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone Your presence, Lord

[Chorus]
Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord
Your presence, Lord

[Bridge] Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness
Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness
[2x]

[Outro]
Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord

“Jesus Messiah”

[V1] He became sin, who knew no sin
That we might become his righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

[Chorus]
Jesus messiah, name above all names
Blessed redeemer, emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven
Jesus messiah, lord of all

[V2] His body the bread, his blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing, yeah

[Chorus]
Jesus messiah, name above all names
Blessed redeemer, emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven
Jesus messiah, lord of all

[Bridge]
All i hope is in you, all i hope is in you
All the glory to you, god, the light of the world

[Chorus]
Jesus messiah, name above all names
Blessed redeemer, emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven
Jesus messiah, lord of all