Hillsdale First United Methodist Church | November 22, 2026

- **IN-PERSON 9:30 am** in the Sanctuary
- **LIVESTREAM** online at **9:30 am on Facebook** https://www.facebook.com/HillsdaleFirstUMC
- on **YouTube** https://www.youtube.com/@hillsdalefirstumc-45nmanni2
- on **our church website** https://hillsdalefirstumc.com/

Please stand as you are able during parts of the service indicated with an asterisk. * | Congregation responses indicated in **bold print.**

Gathering

Prelude — *Crown Him with Many Crowns* — C. Ferrari
At the Name of Jesus — M. Burkhardt

Pastoral Greeting

***Call to Worship**

It began as a small, insignificant thing, with a peculiar prophet and his little band of followers.
But the kingdom that started so humbly has grown,
so that now people of every land, every language, and every color
acknowledge and adore the Carpenter of Nazareth as their Lord and Sovereign.

Though oceans, customs, and philosophies may separate us,
in our hearts, we are all fellow citizens of his realm,
and joyously proclaim our allegiance to Christ our King!

***Hymn of Praise** — *Crown Him with Many Crowns* — 327

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

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***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, it is your will
to restore all things to wholeness through Jesus Christ,
whom you have appointed as King of Creation.

Help all the peoples of earth, divided by sin and blinded by ignorance,
to recognize his majesty, and to accept his rule,
so that the Kingdom of God might come in its fullness.
In the name of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever, Amen.

Gloria Patri** — ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; — 71
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

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Proclamation

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 9:2-7

2 The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
3 You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
4 For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
6 For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 Great will be his authority,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Sung Response *O God of Every Nation* 435, v4

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

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New Testament Reading – Philippians 2:5-11

5 Let the same mind be in you
that was in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
7 but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
8 he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
10 so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Anthem *All Things* C. Brunett

Sermon Text – Revelation 1:4-7 *4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia:*
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him,
and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.
So it is to be. Amen.

Response to the Scripture *This is the Word of God for the people of God.* **Thanks be to God!**

Message *Throne Names of the Christ* Pastor Tomasino

Response

***Hymn of Response** *At the Name of Jesus* 168

1. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

2. Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

3. Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

4. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true.
Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

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Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Sung Prayer Response *We Gather Together* 131, v3

***We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!***

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Offertory and Church Family News and Notes

*We invite you to sign the attendance pads and pass them to others in your pew.
An offering plate is located at the back of the sanctuary for you to use for your giving.*

***Doxology 94**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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***Prayer of Dedication**

*Ever-Gracious God,
you are the source of every good gift and every perfect gift.
We thank you for the brightness of the day and the quiet of the night;
for the rich soil and the gentle rain;
for every work of compassion and righteousness.*

**We thank you for our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the words he spoke and the deeds he did;
for the sacrifice he made, so that we may have life.**

*We thank you that you raised him from the dead,
and that in his resurrection, he established a Kingdom of goodness and justice that shall never end.*

**For the Kingdom of Jesus Christ and its presence among us, we are especially grateful.
Accept our offering as a token of our thankfulness,
and use it to extend the gentle sovereignty of the Son through all the world.
In his name we pray, Amen.**

Sending

***Hymn** *Ye Servants of God* 181

1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol,
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

3. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

4. Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might;
all honor and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

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***Benediction**

Postlude *Ye Servants of God* D. Cherwien

After the pastor and liturgist have recessed and the altar candles are extinguished, you may stay seated or quietly leave your seats during the postlude.

Prayer Requests ***Prayers for anyone in need of God's comfort and peace.***

Colleen Fadden, Joyce Potter, Liam Trombly, Cheryl Paul, Al Jagger, Robin Curtis, Kathy Connor, Jeff Everett, Brad Nisbett, Mike Dix, Betty Fast, Dee Curcio, Ron Boyle, Beckie Miller

(Please contact the office to add or remove a request from our list.)

MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, November 22	In person – Sanctuary / Online
• Cantata Rehearsal	6:00 pm	Monday, November 23	In person – Music Room
• Ad Board	7:00 pm	Monday, November 23	In person – Lounge / ZOOM
• Thanksgiving Holiday		Thurs-Fri, November 26-27	OFFICE CLOSED
• Christmas Set Up	10:00 am	Saturday, November 28	In person – Sanctuary / FH
• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, November 29	In person – Sanctuary / Online
• Brainstorming Follow Up	TBD	Monday, November 30	In person – Lounge / ZOOM

MISSIONS | The Missions Team's focus for November is support for **Heifer International.** Heifer International was born from the simple idea of empowerment, recognizing that families do not need just short-term relief, but a continual source of food and income. For over 75 years the organization has worked tirelessly to give families a hand up, rather than just a handout, helping more than 36 million families lift themselves out of hunger and poverty. We appreciate your generous support of the church's missions that help our neighbors locally and worldwide.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA | Please notice the posters and postcards at the back of the Sanctuary and take some to invite others to our annual Christmas concert on **Saturday, December 5 at 2:00 pm**. The concert will feature the original composition, ***And the Word Became Song***, written by our Director of Music, Calista Brunett.

CANTATA READERS| The Christmas Cantata isn't just for singers- it's also for readers! If you are interested in reading some Scripture during the cantata (Saturday, December 5th at 2:00 pm), please speak with Calista Brunett or email brunett.hillsdalefirstumc@gmail.com.

SETUP FOR CHRISTMAS | The Worship Committee invites the congregation to join them in setting up the church for Advent/Christmas **on Saturday, November 28 at 10:00 am.** All are welcome!

ADVENT GIVING | Our ONE Team is once again collecting items for our ***Wrapped in God's Love*** Christmas ministry. **If you are interested in helping us collect needed items, a list is provided at the back of the Sanctuary and a** bin will be available for your collected items. All items **received by Sunday, December 13** will be distributed to our friends and neighbors at our December 20 breakfast service. Thank you for helping us to wrap others in God's love during this Advent and Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS STARS: GIFTS FOR CHILDREN | Our ONE Team is also collecting **clothing needs and other Christmas gifts for children** whose names are represented on our Christmas Star Tree at the back of the Sanctuary. We invite you to sign up to take one - or more - of the children's Christmas Star tags and return that tag along with a Christmas bag filled with your unwrapped gifts for that child. Your Christmas Star gift bags are **appreciated by Thursday, December 10**. Your gifts will be included in our *Wrapped in God's Love* outreach. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Jan Tesch or the office.