



# Indian Hill Church

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## Sunday Worship and Announcements

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Join us on this Fourth Sunday of Advent for worship!

"In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Luke 1:26-33

O God of Elizabeth and Mary,  
you visited your servants with news of the world's redemption  
in the coming of the Savior.  
Make our hearts leap with joy,  
and fill our mouths with songs of praise,  
that we may announce glad tidings of peace,  
and welcome the Christ in our midst. Amen.

[Click here to view the worship service.](#)

**Christmas Eve Worship Services**  
**Pre-Recorded Worship Service**  
**Drive in Worship Services**

Although it won't be the same Christmas Eve experience we all know and love, this year Indian Hill Church will be offering a pre-recorded worship service and three Drive In worship services in the parking lot on December 24th.

The pre-recorded Christmas Eve worship service will be released at 9:00 AM on December 24.

The pre-recorded worship service will have the sacred story of Jesus' birth, prayer, a Christmas Eve sermon and will feature familiar Christmas carols with a harpist, a soloist and organist. The service will include our annual singing of Silent Night with candles. Candles are available on the front porch if you would like to light a candle in your home while singing Silent Night.



**Drive In Christmas Eve Worship Services**  
**3:00 PM**  
**3:45 PM (Young Family Service)**  
**4:30 PM**

In these difficult times IHC is offering three in-person Christmas Eve worship opportunities. Join us to celebrate this joyous season. We will be offering three worship services in the parking lot on Christmas Eve. Park your car, roll down your windows and participate in one of our live worship services. Safely in our cars, we will sing carols, listen to scripture and sing Silent Night with candles (battery operated for safety). In order to keep everyone safe, we will ask everyone to stay in their cars at all times. Cars will be parked in every other space in our lot so there is plenty of distance between vehicles. Each car will be provided with battery operated candles.



Each service can accommodate 26 cars. Advance registration is required on Eventbrite.

**Please register by vehicle, "Harry Smith Vehicle 1." Thank you!**

To review a spot in the parking lot, click the link:

[Click here to register on Event Brite](#)

### Christmas Eve Candles

If you are participating in the Drive In Christmas Eve Worship services, you will receive battery operated candles when you arrive. If you are watching the pre-recorded Christmas Eve worship service, you may want to light a candle at home during Silent Night. Candles are available for pick up on the front porch of the church. You could also gather candles at home before you watch the service.



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### Prayers from 2020 December 16, 2020

**Million** – Prayers that God shows me the way to a better life. What I have now is not the way to live. Prayers for my family and that I get out on my court date Jan. 6 so I can celebrate my birthday Jan. 12 at home.

**Jashaun** – Prayers for my cousin to do better and go to school and that I get out on December 23.

**Elijah** – silent prayers

**Sheer** – Keep my family safe and everyone here and that I get out on December 28.

**Marcus** – Prayers for my mother that she can keep her head up while I am in here.

**Brice** – Silent prayers

**Damar** - Pray that everything goes right in my life soon.

**Deanna and Carolyn** – We pray for everyone here and for the staff at 2020.



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### Updated Worship Guidelines

The Vestry Session of the Indian Hill Church has updated our worship and building use guidelines. Should Hamilton County be designated as having a **red or purple alert level, there will be no indoor worship service that week or the following week.**



**We will not have indoor worship on Sunday, December 20, Thursday, December 24 or Sunday, December 27 as Hamilton County was red on Thursday, December 17.**

We will continue to offer a pre-recorded service that will be released on **Saturday evening at 5:00 PM** every week regardless of our ability to meet in person for worship on Sunday mornings.

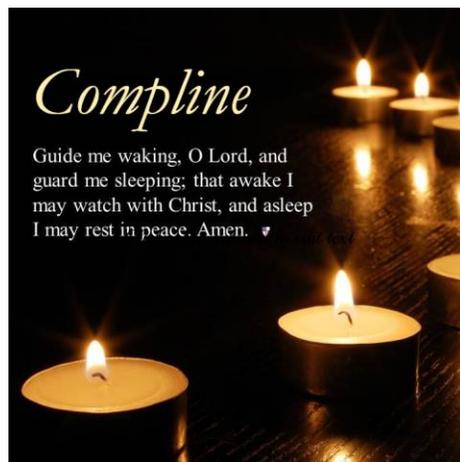
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## Compline

Every Tuesday in December at 8:00 PM  
New Facebook Live Button on IHC website!

Join Rev. Meredith Day Hearn each Tuesday night in December on Facebook Live for nighttime Compline prayers. Meredith will be signing on to the Indian Hill Church Facebook page at 8 PM for this brief 15-minute service.

**A Facebook account is not required to view the Compline service, you can either click on the new Facebook live button at [indianhillchurch.org](https://www.indianhillchurch.org) OR you can use this link: [Click here to watch Compline](#)**



Whether you are in need of a way to wind down your day or want to gather the family together before bedtime, the service of Compline is full of beautiful language and is a wonderful tradition to incorporate into your spiritual life.

The service of Compline can be found on page 127 of The Book of Common Prayer or you may print the prayers/follow along online here: <https://www.bcponline.org/DailyOffice/compline.html>

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## Our Daily Bread

You have graciously donated 8,300 sandwiches to Our Daily Bread in 2020! If we stacked up all those sandwiches, we could reach the top of the Great American Tower!

Thank you for your support of Our Daily Bread!

Next collection will be on January 13.

***"In His name, lending a helping hand to others."***

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## Power Pack Collection

Indian Hill Church has collected **1,750** Power Packs since May! Thank you for your generosity!

If you would like to help with Power Packs, here is more information:

What makes a good power pack?

1. Look for a **meal** for each bag (microwave mac and cheese, microwave ravioli, soups with pull tab, canned chicken/tuna lunch kits, Hormel shelf stable meals).
2. Add other items such as individual cereals, applesauce, fruit cups, shelf-stable puddings, oatmeal, peanut butter crackers, JIF peanut butter to go cups, raisins, chips, juice box, granola bar, pretzels, microwave popcorn, cheese crackers).
3. Seal items in a gallon Ziploc bag.
4. It is great when the bag is full of items.
5. Feel free to add an encouraging note to the child receiving the Power Pack.



**Power Packs can be dropped off Monday - Thursday between 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM on the Indian Hill Church front porch.**

[Sign Up Genius Link](#)

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## New Year -- New Opportunities to Serve IHC!

As we approach the New Year, you might consider the many opportunities Indian Hill Church offers to spread God's generosity in our community. One opportunity is the **Church and Community Committee**. Over the past year, the Committee has investigated and funded numerous outreach projects. These include projects to help feed and house low-income and homeless people. The need for private funding of community outreach projects is always great, but it has been especially so in this year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are two funds we work with. One is our General Fund allocated by the Vestry-Session each year. These funds underwrite our "Hands On" projects that included, over the last ten months, grants to the following organizations:

Inter Parish Ministry (IPM) for the distribution of food, clothing, school supplies and Christmas gifts to needy individuals and families in Clermont and eastern Hamilton counties;



Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) to provide temporary housing for homeless individuals and families and assistance in finding permanent housing; and

Transforming Jail Ministries to support jail ministries at the Hamilton County jail facilities.

Two additional, and still ongoing, "Hands On" projects involve the preparation of over 8,000 sandwiches for Our Daily Bread to distribute to food-deprived Cincinnati residents, particularly residents of the inner-city, and the preparation of about 1,500 Power Pack meals for distribution by IPM. Our church, by the way, was one of IPM's founding congregations over fifty years ago.

The other source of funds is the Luther Tucker Church and Community Outreach Fund. The late Reverend Tucker created this endowment in 1979 to fund innovative projects not funded by the regular operating budget of the church. To date, we have made Luther Tucker grants to these organizations:

Matthew 25 Ministries for COVID-19 relief efforts.

Maslow's Army for temporary housing for homeless individuals and families.

La Soupe for its Community Kitchens Program for free meals and food distribution.

Heartfelt Tidbits to provide rent assistance and educational supplies for online learning to immigrant families.

**If you would like to participate in the outreach efforts of the Indian Hill Church in the wider Cincinnati community, please give our Chair, Holly Dewees, a call at 513-324-1846. We would welcome your participation!**

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