

Sunday Worship and Announcements



Join us on this Third Sunday of Advent for worship!

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.
John 1:6-8

Merciful God of peace,
your work, spoken by the prophets,
restores your people's life and hope.
Fill our hearts with the joy of your saving grace,
that we may hold fast to your great goodness
and in our lives proclaim your justice in all the world. 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-up 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 life be and 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.

As with all events, if you aren't feeling well and/or have possible COVID exposure, please stay home and watch the pre-recorded worship service.

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

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

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



IPM Christmas Stocking

103 Stockings Collected

62 Additional Target Gift Cards

A huge debt of gratitude goes out to everyone who helped make our IPM Christmas Program such a wonderful success. Your generous contributions allowed us to provide 103 filled stockings and 62 Target gift cards which will be used to complete stockings coming in from other organizations. Needy families served by IPM will each be receiving a Christmas food box, a turkey or ham and a filled stocking for each member of the family. Your thoughtfulness and generosity have made this possible and will make Christmas brighter for these families.



We would also like to thank our church staff who worked tirelessly to keep the program running so smoothly.

A big thank you to all,

Your Church and Community Committee

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

Christmas Poinsettias

Flower Donations

Donation Deadline: Thursday, December 17

The church will be decorated with a display of poinsettias behind the altar again this Christmas season and, while we won't be able to see them in person, they will be seen in the recorded worship services offered online.

As is our custom, you may contribute to the purchase of these flowers by sending a donation in honor or memory of a loved one. The names of all those in whose memory the Christmas flowers have been given will be listed in the announcements for the worship services on Christmas Eve and December 27.

If you would like to make a flower donation in memory of a loved one, please email or call Heather Jordan, IHC business administrator, hjordan@indianhillchurch.org, or 561-6805, ext 301, by **Thursday, December 17**, to let her know the amount and the names of those you wish to remember.



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 13 or Sunday, December 20 or Thursday, December 24 as Hamilton County was red on Thursday, December 10.

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.

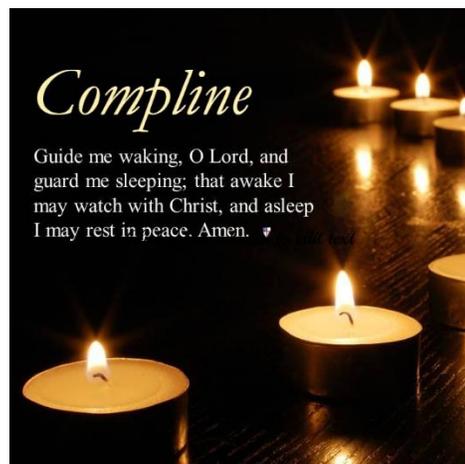
Compline

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 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>

Our Daily Bread

The Church and Community Committee voted to donate \$5100 to Our Daily Bread. The money will be used to provide 13 weeks of to go packaging for meals for those experiencing homelessness in Cincinnati.



Additionally, thank you for your generous donations of food. This week we dropped off 400 sandwiches, fruit and desserts. The confirmation class also made 60 weekend bags. The bags contain Dinty Moore stew, chips, granola bars and a snack.

Thank you for your support of Our Daily Bread!

Next collection will be on January 13.

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Power Pack Collection

Indian Hill Church has collected **1,650** 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](#)

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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