



## Indian Hill Church

EPISCOPAL † PRESBYTERIAN

**Merry Christmas!**

---

Merry Christmas from everyone at Indian Hill Church! Join us at one of our Christmas Eve services, or cozy up at home with our online service, which features our Christmas pageant starring IHC children, delightful choir and jazz band music, a lovely reflection by Rev. Dr. Stephen Caine, and a candlelit rendition of Silent Night (grab a favorite candle at home to light!).

*God of glory,  
your splendor shines from a manger  
in Bethlehem,  
where the Light of the world is  
humbly born  
into the darkness of human night.  
Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world,  
so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice,  
and defenders of all for whom there is no room. Amen.*



Art credit: Joy to the World!, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

[\*\*Click here to view the Christmas Eve worship service!\*\*](#)

---



## Christmas Eve at Indian Hill Church

Brighten your holiday by joining us for one of our Christmas Eve services—we have several happening on Christmas Eve, so you and your family can enjoy the perfect service for your needs. All services on Christmas Eve will feature a candlelit rendition of “Silent Night.”

Our Young Family Services at 3:00 and 3:45 are shortened and family-friendly for those with small children! Masks are

required at both services.

Both our 4:30 PM Episcopal Holy Eucharist and our 6:00 PM Presbyterian Worship Service will feature instrumental music and the talents of our vocal ensemble. These will also be masked services.

Finally, our 9:00 PM Episcopal Holy Eucharist will feature a harpist as well as a vocal soloist, and is a **mask optional service**.

---

Dear Friends,

Our world is entering a second Christmas season in the time of COVID, and although Church is closer to “normal” than a year ago, the sobering reality of a new variant is upon us. Yesterday Ohio recorded the highest number of COVID cases since the pandemic began, almost two years ago. It was timely, then, that our Diocesan Medical Task Force also met yesterday to review the data.



**The Diocese  
of Southern Ohio**  
Episcopalians in connection

At the celebration of our Savior’s birth this year, let us remember God’s gift of love—and Jesus’ own commandment to love God and to love our neighbor. Protecting one another from COVID is a crucial expression of God’s love in our lives. To this end, I remind everyone of the guidelines from our Diocesan COVID Task Force. These are not new guidelines but an emphasis on the ones already in place.

- Masks work—so wear one, regardless your vaccination status. Wear a KN95 mask if available, since this mask is the most effective at preventing disease spread.
- Distancing works, six feet at least. To the extent that they can, congregations should also stream Christmas services online, for the sake of those who cannot be physically present.
- Vaccination works, and the booster helps. Our people and clergy do well to encourage one another to get their shots.
- Because it is the safest practice, communion remains in one kind, the consecrated bread only.

I wish all of you all the blessings of the season, a very merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Faithfully,

George Wayne Smith

*Bishop Provisional*

*Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio*

---



Join us for lessons and carols on Sunday, December 26 at 10:00 AM. Families are invited to attend the worship service together. Childcare will be available for children 0 - 5 years old in the nursery.

---



**January 2nd, 10:00 AM** -- Presbyterian Holy Communion

**January 9th, 9:15 AM** -- Young Family Service

**January 9th, 10:00 AM** -- Episcopal Holy Eucharist

**January 16th, 10:00 AM** -- Episcopal Holy Eucharist

**January 23rd, 10:00 AM** -- Presbyterian Morning Worship

An online worship service will be available every Sunday, except for January 2nd. We will not be releasing an online worship service on January 2nd to allow the Indian Hill Church staff to spend time with their families the week of December 26th. Thank you for your understanding!

---



### **2022 Offering Envelopes Now Available**

Please check at the front of the Narthex for your box of offering envelopes for the upcoming year. If you would like to order some, please call Heather Jordan at 513-561-6805, ext. 301.

---

**CONNECT WITH US!**