

## Things to Pray for:

**CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS:** Pray for Randy and Connie as they face uncertainty with their job situations. Pray for Dorothy Lubbers, who was hospitalized recently due to heart attack. Pray for Sam who has a mass in one of his lungs.

**MISSIONARIES:** This month pray for the Bellas in Hungry.

**FAMILY OF THE WEEK:** Each week we'll pray for a different family in our church. This week pray for the Dodds.

**HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS:** Pray that the church would continue to stay unified under Christ. Pray for our online services and for the people joining us there. Pray that God would use us to bring His Kingdom here. Pray for the foster closet, as they are helping a new foster closet as they are currently in need of more volunteers.

**CURRENT HAPPENINGS:** Pray for the current health pandemic in our world and in our country. Pray for medical staff and for our leaders as they navigate how to best help. Pray for our teachers and school administrators. Pray for the unrest and divisions in our country. Pray for our leaders, current and future.

## Numbers

### Attendance for 12/20/20 Service

In-person: 47

Online Views (through 12/17): 41

### Giving

Online (12/14 to 12/20): \$0

In-Person (12/13): \$323 for general, \$20 for missions

Total general needed weekly to meet budget: \$1,575

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*Welcome to*  
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MISSIONARY CHURCH

# Welcome!

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December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Whether you're a guest or a long-time attendee we're glad you're here with us. We're a friendly and caring group of Christians who are here to help people be CONNECTED with Jesus, CHANGED by Jesus, and COMMITTED to the mission of Jesus.

**GUESTS:** Thanks for joining us today! We truly believe that you're not here by accident and that God has some amazing plans for your life. If you'd like some information about who we are and how to get plugged in here at Hillside, please fill out the "I'm New" page on our website, [hmcworship.com/im-new/](http://hmcworship.com/im-new/)

**SERMON SERIES:** Our sermon series is going through the book of Luke and is entitled, "*Following Jesus.*" This Sunday's message is from chapter 2 and answers the question, "*What do I need to understand about Christmas?*"

**CONNECT:** We'd love for you to connect with us online! Find an online version of every week's service on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and on our website, [hmcworship.com](http://hmcworship.com). In addition to that, we encourage you to continue to reach out to your church family through letters, texts, phone calls, and on social media.

**COVID-19 CHANGES:** Please remember, no offering plates will be passed; instead, we ask you to give online or via the giving box near the entrance. Tables are set up in the back row for families with young children. We also kindly ask you to use the restroom before you come to ensure that our restrooms are as clean as possible for those who need to use them. Thank you for wearing your mask when not seated 6+ feet away from those outside of your household.

# Announcements

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**ONLINE SERVICES:** During this time of the pandemic, we are putting together pre-recorded online versions of our in-person services. These online services, which are specifically designed to be participated in from home, can be found on our website, Youtube, Facebook, and Instagram. If you don't have time to watch, you can always catch up on the go by listening to these services on all major podcasting apps.

**SMALL GROUP:** If you're looking to go deeper with what Pastor Josh preaches on Sunday mornings or just looking for some extra fellowship time with your church family, then please consider joining a small group! Please contact Pastor Josh.

# Opportunities to Help

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**FOSTER CLOSET:** Our foster closet helps foster children and families to get the clothing and things that they need. They are in need of people to help them sort through donations on a regular basis. If you would like to get involved or would like more information please contact April Rollf.

**KID'S MINISTRY:** We've started a kids' church program for during the sermon part of our service. If you'd like to volunteer once a month, just during the sermon portion of the service, we'd love your help! No outside prep is required. Please contact Pastor Josh.

**TECHNOLOGY:** Do you love technology? Do you have a working finger? We're looking for someone to help us out with putting together and running the worship lyrics on Sunday morning. Please contact Pastor Josh.



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## 12/27/20 - Week 3 – Luke 2:22-40

### *What We Must Understand about Christmas*

In this passage of God's Word we see two faithful individuals that understand the gravity behind Jesus' birth. As we take a look at them in this story from God's Word, we realize that they understand:

1. Jesus was the fulfillment of God's redemptive plan for \_\_\_\_\_ of mankind  
Luke 2:29-32, 2 Pet. 3:9, 1 Tim. 2:1-4
2. Everyone must \_\_\_\_\_ where he or she stands with Jesus  
Luke 2:33-35, Matt. 12:30, Luke 11:30, Rom. 1:18-22
3. Our relationship with Jesus is not something to keep to \_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 1:54-55, Matt. 5:16, 7:12, Prov. 11:25-26

## Reflection Questions

1. After taking a look at Simeon's and Anna's story here in chapter 2 of the Gospel of Luke, what stands out to you the most? If you're familiar with the story, did you notice anything that you haven't noticed before? How can this passage of God's Word help you to understand Christmas better this year?
2. Simeon obviously was very faithful in his prayer life, and in this passage of Scripture, God answered his prayer. Have you prayed for something for a long period of time and then had God answer that prayer? What was it and how did it affect your relationship with the Lord?
3. Anna understood the importance of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to other people. As we talked about the importance of doing the same thing, who did the Lord bring to your mind to talk to? Spend some time in prayer for that person and ask God to start softening their heart now for whatever it is that He has for them. Pray for divine opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with them.
4. What practical step(s) can you take to better share the Gospel with others? What would it look like in your life to be able to share the Gospel with the people that God has placed in your life? Create a picture in your mind of what that could look like. What do you need to do to better accomplish that? Who will keep accountable to accomplishing that?