



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, November 27, 2022
10:00 AM

We strive joyfully and prayerfully to warmly welcome all, freely share our blessings, and humbly explore God's love.

haslettcommunitychurch.org

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We strive to ensure that all are comfortable worshipping with us. Therefore, we:

- Offer three ways to worship: in our Sanctuary, from your car in our south lot (radio to 88.7 FM - turn up your volume) and via livestream ([see website for details](#)).
- Provide large print worship bulletins and hearing assist receivers in the sanctuary upon request – an usher would be happy to help you
- Have a building that is barrier free with accessible restrooms. Gender neutral bathrooms are downstairs and are accessible by stairs and elevator.
- Are an Open & Affirming Church which means we welcome and affirm persons of every gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability, age, race, nationality, economic status, faith background, marital status, or family structure.

Three Ways to Worship
Sundays at 10:00 am



1. In person
2. Parking lot (car radio on 88.7FM)
3. Remotely (via YouTube)

The church office is open for On-site Office Hours Tuesday & Thursday 10:30am - 1:00pm.

Pastor Betsy is in the office Tue-Fri. Appointments recommended, or come for her drop-in office hours on Wednesdays from 11:30am - 1:00pm.

We love to see you, so please stop by!

Your staff continues to be available to serve you by email and phone outside these on-site hours as well.

We welcome families and households of every size and age and want children to know they are welcome here. Therefore, we:

- Don't mind when children wiggle and make noise in church-your whole family is welcome here! We also have nursery care downstairs staffed by safety-trained volunteers.
- Have preschool through 5th Graders begin each week in worship, and then offer Sunday School following the Children's Moment most weeks
- Have vibrant and active middle and high school youth groups for 6th-12th graders

Our Vision:

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and humbly explore God's love.*

**First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022 10:00 am**

*When you see an *, you are invited to stand as you are able.*

*When text is in **bold**, you are invited to speak aloud.*

For your meditation: “Nothing is hopeless; we must hope for everything.”

- Madeleine L'Engle

Gathering

Welcome

Prelude

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Prichard

Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 2: 1-4, 52:7)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The Word was in the beginning with God. Through the Word, all things came into being.

The Word of God was a person, a flesh-and-bone human who lived and walked among us.

The Word is Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man, Prince of Peace and Word Made Flesh.

Come together, children of God, and worship the one who dwelt among us.

All: Let us worship the Word through whom all things have life!

***Opening Hymn #118**

“Of the Parent’s Heart Begotten”

(vs. 1-3)

Marcus Aurelius
DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Lighting the Advent Candle:

The season of Advent reminds us of the hope we have in the humanity of Jesus.

God came to us, leaving behind the glory of heaven to be a person feeling pain,
joy, loss, and love.

Today, we light the candle of hope, because in Jesus, heaven came to earth.

Light the first candle.

Prayer:

**Word of God made flesh,
You came to us in Spirit as you hovered over the waters of creation.
You came to us in bodily form in the very human person of your son, Jesus.
Throughout history and time,
we have never been truly alone.
You abide with us in every tear we shed,
every joy-filled laugh, and every deep breath of sleep.
During this Advent season,
we remember you know our human needs,
our hunger, our thirst, our need for connection,
our exhaustion, and even our boredom.
We have hope because our humanness
no longer separates us from you, O God. Amen.**

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Hymn Response #769

“Hear Our Prayer“

from Psalm 134
Whelpton

First Scripture Reading

Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 2-3

The problem as God gave Habakkuk to see it:

² God, how long do I have to cry out for help
before you listen?

How many times do I have to yell, “Help!
Murder! Help!”

before you come to the rescue?

³ Why do you force me to look at evil,
stare trouble in the face day after day?

Anarchy and violence break out,
quarrels and fights all over the place.

⁴ Law and order fall to pieces.
Justice is a joke.

The wicked have the righteous hamstrung
and stand justice on its head.

²And then God answered, “Write this.

Write what you see.

Write it out in big block letters
so that it can be read on the run.

³The vision-message is a witness
pointing to what’s coming.

It aches for the coming - it can hardly wait!
and it doesn’t lie.

If it seems slow in coming, wait.

It’s on its way. It will come right on time.

Anthem

“I Will Sing With the Spirit“

Rutter

Children’s Moment

Second Scripture Reading

Skies are blazing with God's splendor,
praises sounding through the earth,
⁴ God's cloud-brightness like dawn, exploding
spreading, forked-lightning shooting from
his hand - what power hidden in that fist!
⁵ Plague marches before him,
pestilence at his heels!
⁶ God stops. And shakes Earth.
God looks around. Nations tremble.
The age-old mountains fall to pieces;
ancient hills collapse like a spent balloon.
The paths God takes are older than
The oldest mountains and hills.

Habakkuk 3: 3b-6, 17-19

¹⁷ Though the cherry trees don't blossom
and the strawberries don't ripen;
Though the apples are worm-eaten
and the wheat fields stunted;
Though the sheep pens are sheepless
and the cattle barns empty,
¹⁸ I'm singing joyful praise to God;
I'm turning cartwheels of joy to my
Savior God.
¹⁹ Counting on God's Rule to prevail,
I take heart and gain strength.
I run like a deer.
I feel like I'm king of the mountain!

Sermon

"You Call These Advent Passages? We Want Luke!"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Words of Institution

Prayer Following Communion

**Word of God made flesh,
you have fed us in body and in spirit.
We find you in the bread, the grapes,
and the hands that prepare them.
Bless us as we take these elements with us and out into the world.
May the hope of this feast accompany our journey. Amen.**

Hymn #102

"O How Shall I Receive You"

Gerhardt
ST. THEODULPH

Invitation to Share Our Offering & Joyful Offering

Offertory

"O Loving Founder of the Stars"

CONDITOR ALME

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Christ
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

Announcements

Affirmation of Hope:

Siblings in Christ, let us proclaim the hope of our faith:

From our first breaths of life to our final moments before death, our bodies tell God's story of hope.

We are created to attach, to connect, and to live in community. This is our hope.

One: We hear the story of hope in the dependence of babies who know help is coming when they cry.

We are created to need one another. This is our hope.

We hear the story of hope in children who ask, explore, experiment, and wonder.

We are created to enjoy creation. This is our hope.

We hear the story of hope in teenagers who notice injustice, waste, and hypocrisy.

We are created to advocate for each other. This is our hope.

We hear the story of hope in middle age, when questions of identity and purpose find depth and discovery.

We are created to be distinctly and uniquely beloved. This is our hope.

We hear the story of hope in our older adults who pursue passions formed by decades of wisdom and experience.

We are created to attach, to connect, to live in community. This is the hope of our faith.

*Benediction

Choral Response "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come To You, O Israel!"
(please see insert)

Postlude "My Soul Gives Glory To My God"

MORNING SONG

You are welcome to join us after worship for Coffee Fellowship in Friendship Hall.

Thank you for continuing to support Haslett Community Church as you are able. We receive your gifts with gratitude. We have some no-touch options to help make your giving easy and safe:

- Use your phone camera to scan the QR code to the right to access our Online Giving.
- Text GIVE to our secure giving number: 517-200-3995
- PayPal us at: HCCgenerosity@gmail.com

We are so grateful for your generosity!

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Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
November 27 2022

 **UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST** We heartily welcome all to our service of worship. May the comfort and challenge of God's loving presence renew and inspire you this morning and throughout the coming week.

Haslett Community Church welcomes You!
 If you are visiting, please take a purple dove cup with a sweet treat and helpful information on your way out!
 We worship every Sunday at 10:00 am.



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 Haslett Community Church

CHURCH CALENDAR (November 27 - December 4)

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| Sunday 11/27/2022 | 10:00 AM | Worship (S, PL, Online) <i>Communion & Joyful Offering</i> |
| | 11:00 AM 4:00 PM | Coffee Fellowship (Fr) Hanging of the Greens |
| Tuesday 11/29/2022 | 10:30 AM - 1PM | Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) |
| Wednesday 11/30/2022 | 11:30 AM - 1PM | Betsy Office Hours (Ofc) |
| | 5:30 - 7:00 PM | ADVENTure Club (FH) |
| | 5:30 - 7:00 PM 7:00 PM | ADVENTure Club - Adults (MM) Choir Rehearsal (S) |
| Thursday 12/1/2022 | 9:00 AM | Sermon Preview Grp (Z) |
| | 10:30 AM | HCC Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) |
| | 6:00 PM | YOUTH: 11 th Gr. Dinner (FH,K) |
| Saturday 12/3/2022 | 9:00 AM | Men's Grp Meets (Z) |
| | 11 AM - Noon | Christmas Giving Pickup |
| Sunday 12/4/2022 | 10:00 AM | Worship (S, PL, Online) |
| | 10:00 AM | Sunday School (SS) |
| | 11:00 AM | Coffee Fellowship (Fr) |
| | 11:00 AM | Member Caring Meets (L) |
| | 11:15 AM | Gingerbread House-Making(FH) |
| | 5:00-6:30 PM 7:00 - 9:00 PM | YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR) YOUTH: HS Youth Gr (YR) |



Hanging of the Greens

You are invited to join in preparing our church for Advent.

Hanging of the Greens will be TODAY, SUNDAY, November 27, at 4:00 pm

We will gather to make wreaths to hang in the windows. The youth will decorate our tree in the sanctuary while the little ones will have an Advent craft to make. We will have a short worship service and a soup supper to round out this holiday event.

Please bring your whole family, your friends, and neighbors, and even invite the person you sit next to in church.

Please bring gloves and clippers for the greens if you have them. You do not have to know how to make a wreath, others can teach you! We also need people to hang the wreaths. Please sign up on the clipboard in Friendship Hall so we know how much soup to prepare.

This is a festive event that gently nudges us into the thoughtful time and celebration of Advent. We hope to see you there!

Legend: FH= Fellowship Hall; FP= Food Pantry; Fr = Friendship Hall; L=Library; MM= Mary & Marth's; Ofc=HCC Office; PL=Parking Lot; S=Sanctuary; SS=Sunday School Rooms (downstairs); YR=Youth Rm; Z=Zoom

You can help sponsor the poinsettias that will decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas this year by filling out the attached order form or ordering online [HERE](#) by Dec. 18.



Join Judy Peterson **NEXT SUNDAY**, after worship, in Fellowship Hall to decorate a gingerbread house.

There are supplies and space for 24 people, so sign up on the clipboard near the HCC Office if you'd like to join in.

The Staff:

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| Rev. Betsy Aho | Pastor | aho.betsy@att.net | 517.339.8383 x11 |
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| Barbara Freeman | Church Musician | | 517.881.9976 |
| Michele Booher | Office Manager | hcc1@att.net | 517.339.8383 x10 |
| Sally Sanchez | Custodian | | |

Our thanks this morning to:

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| Reader: | Becky Leefers |
| Greeters: | Mary Trebilcock & Lucretia Hildabridle |
| Ushers: | Barb Szkotnicki & Malinda Barr |
| Coffee Hosts: | Sally Heisler & Ruth Linnemann |
| Audio/Visual Techs: | Helen & David Jones |
| Tellers | Sylvia & Barb Szkotnicki |

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Thank you for worshiping with us! If you are visiting, or would like to know more about Haslett Community Church, you are invited to:

- Take a “Purple Dove Cup” for your household on your way out – it has some helpful info and a treat inside.
- Fill out a “Welcome!” card available in the seat in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher so that we might be in touch with you in the ways you indicate would be helpful.
- Ask questions if you have them; our Pastors, ushers, and the people sitting around you are great sources of information and are happy to help you feel comfortable here.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome at Haslett Community Church where we strive to welcome everyone with the same unconditional hospitality demonstrated by the love of God in Christ for all people.

Col. 1:15-17; John 1:1-5, 14



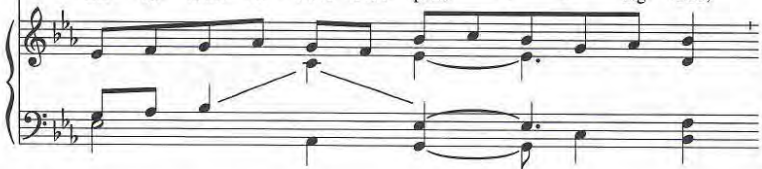
1 Of the Par - ent's heart be - got - ten when the worlds were yet to be,
 2 By this Word was all cre - a - ted, by this Word were all things done:
 3 Bless - ed down - ing of sal - va - tion as the Word is breathed in grace
 4 Now be - hold the One whom proph - ets have fore - told for a - ges long
 5 Depths and heights break forth in sing - ing, an - gels, saints make mel - o - dy,



One there was with no be - gin - ning, One who is e - ter - nal - ly—
 Land and air and deep - est o - cean, har - mo - ny of three in one,
 In - to earth - ly flesh re - ceiv - ing— God in - car - nate tak - ing place;
 On the faith - ful page of scrip - ture, seers and sag - es in their song;
 All do - min - ions, ev - ery power sing, make new psalms of ec - sta - sy,



Source and End - ing of all things that have been,
 And all grow - ing in the lu - - - mi - nance
 Now the light of God re - vealed
 Now the Prom - ised One shines forth!
 Let no heart re - frain from prais - - - ing God,



and all things that are to be, for - ev - er and for - ev - er.
 shed forth from the moon and sun, for - ev - er and for - ev - er.
 through the Child of hu - man face, for - ev - er and for - ev - er.
 Let all earth its praise pro - long for - ev - er and for - ev - er.
 cel - e - brate in har - mo - ny, for - ev - er and for - ev - er.



"Corde natus ex parentis" is taken from twelve poems for the daily hours by Clemens Prudentius, who gave up a court office to enter a monastery, where he wrote a number of important and influential works.

Tune: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

Adapt. from a medieval plainsong
 in Petri's Piae Cantiones, 1582
 Harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940

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Music: George Whelpton, 1897

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -
cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

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O How Shall I Receive You

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*Paul Gerhardt, 1653**Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, and others; alt.*

1 O how shall I re - ceive you, how meet you on your way,
2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you un - to me;
3 You come, O Christ, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good - will,

blessed hope of ev - ery peo - ple, my soul's de - light and stay?
your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O Je - sus, Je - sus, give me now by your own pure light,
O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to know what-e'er is pleas - ing and wel - come in your sight.
in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.
when a re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

As a German Lutheran pastor serving during the Thirty Years' War, Paul Gerhardt's trials were legion. In the midst of it all, he composed more than a hundred hymns, among them some of the finest and most beloved in Christian hymnody.

Tune: ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.

(VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)

Melchior Teschner, 1615

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS NOW!

We plan to decorate our sanctuary with an array of beautiful poinsettias again this year! You can sponsor the 6½" pots of red or white with foil for \$15.00 each, and the larger 8½" pots of red, white, or marbled flowers for \$30. They will be placed around the sanctuary to enhance the joyful atmosphere of the Christmas celebration! The plants you sponsor may be taken home following the last worship service on Christmas Eve, and your dedication will be printed in the 7pm & 9pm Christmas Eve bulletins.



Please attach cash or check to this form and **return to the church office by Dec 18.**

Your name: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

6½" pot @ \$15.00 _____ 8½" pot @ \$21.00 _____

Total number of plants _____ Total check _____ Total Cash _____

_____ I will pick up my plant(s) after the last worship service on Christmas Eve

_____ Please donate my plant(s) to our homebound members

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Volunteers
Needed!

Christmas Giving Project - Gifts

Over seventy families with approximately 220 children will request gifts. You and your friends are invited to purchase gifts. Five gifts for each child are included on a gift list.

Pick up a gift list from the gift table in Friendship Hall Sunday morning after worship, or you can request a gift list remotely by sending an email to hccChristmas@att.net with Gift Request in the subject line. Put **your name, phone number, the number of children you wish to sponsor** (remember there are 5 gifts per child), and **your preference of the child's gender and age**. You will receive a gift list and gift preparation instructions via return email. We also welcome community members to request gift lists via email.

You can pick up a gift list in person from 10 to 11am every Saturday, and on Sundays from 11am to Noon. Wrapped gifts will be accepted at the same times.

Wrapped gifts are due Sunday, December 11.

If you choose to support the project financially, without shopping, you can donate on our website under the Giving tab ([HERE](#)) by choosing Christmas Giving Project in the Fund menu. You can also mail a contribution to HCC, P.O. 217, Haslett, MI 48840. Put Christmas Giving Project in the memo line of the check.

MANY Volunteers Needed for Christmas Giving Project

Gift Helpers – Volunteers are needed each Saturday and Sunday afternoon to distribute gift lists to donors and to collect wrapped gifts. Click the link below to select a day to help: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A9A623A4F5C52-gift2

Packing Groceries – Groceries given to families will be packed. It is VERY important to sign up in advance. Click the link below to make a commitment to pack food: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48a9a623a4f5c52-grocery2>

Distribution – Volunteers are needed in four separate shifts on the day recipients pick up gifts and food. All **distribution will be done on Thursday, December 22**. Descriptions for each role are at the top of the signup page here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48a9a623a4f5c52-distribution1>

If you wish to volunteer without using the signup links above, you can send an email to hccChristmas@att.net to say how you want to help or call Ruth Linnemann at 517.339.6138 or 517.50.3147.

Boxes, Boxes, Boxes - We need many boxes for the Christmas Giving Project. Copy paper boxes including their covers are ideal; any box approximately 11" by 17" by 10" is helpful. Since the church building is not open daily, please leave boxes outside Door #1 (west entrance) unless weather doesn't permit. If you do leave boxes, please phone Richard Baumgartner to let him know: 517.755.6198.