



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, December 10, 2023
10:00 AM

“The Messiah” and Songfest

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

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Narration

Hymn #107

“Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn”
(verses 1, 3 & 4)

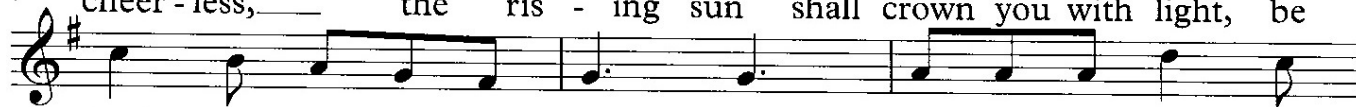
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HAUGEN



1. A - wake! a - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels her - ald its
2. To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u - el comes a -
3. In deep - est night Christ's com - ing shall be, when all the earth is des -
4. Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though cold the win - ter and



dawn - ing, — sing out your joy, for Je - sus is born, be -
sing - ing, — whose hum - ble song is qui - et and near, yet
pair - ing, — as morn - ing light so qui - et and free, so
7 cheer - less, — the ris - ing sun shall crown you with light, be



hold the child of our long - ing. Come as a ba - by
fills the earth with its ring - ing. Mu - sic to heal the
warm and gen - tle and car - ing. One with - out voice breaks
10 strong and lov - ing and fear - less; Love be our song and



weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er, to o - pen wide the
bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing kind - ness, the thun - der of the
forth in song, a lame one leaps in won - der, the weak are raised a -
14 love our prayer, and love our end - less sto - ry, may God fill ev - ery



heav'n - ly door and lives now in - side us for - e - ver. —
an - thems rolls to shat - ter all hate and in - jus - tice. —
bove the strong, and wea - pons are bro - ken a - sund - er. —
day we share, and bring us at last in - to glo - ry. —

Narration

Part I, 9. O thou that tellest good tiding to Zion, arise; O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! (Isaiah 40:9)

Behold, the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. (Isaiah 60:1)

Narration

Hymn

“Still, Still, Still”
(verses 1 & 3)

trad. Austrian carol



5 Still, still, still you can hear the fall - ing snow. For
Still, still, still he sleeps this night so chill! The

9 all is hushed the world is sleep - ing, Ho - ly Star its vi - gil keep - ing,
vir - gin's ten - der arms en - fold - ing, warm and safe the child are hold - ing,

Still, still, still you can hear the fall - ing snow.
Still, still, still he sleeps this night so chill.

Narration

Part I, 12. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9: 6)

Invitation to Share Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Good King Wenceslas”

trad. Welsh carol
arr. BFF

Offertory Response

“Ding Dong Merrily on High”
(Rich Illman - flugel horn)

trad. English melody

*Ding dong merrily on high,
In heav’n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! Verily the sky
Is riv’n with angel singing.
Glo---ria...Hosanna in excelsis!
Glo---ria...Hosanna in excelsis!*

Narration

Part I, 17. Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will towards men. (Luke 2:14)

Narration

Song

“Christmas Hallelujah”

Eberlein / Cohen

In Bethlehem long years ago
A babe was born in stable low
To common folk who lived in old Judea.
The baby’s mother knew he came
From Heav’n to earth to show the way
To Truth, to Light, for ev’ry human being.

May we rekindle in our souls
God’s simple all abiding love
And share it with the people all around us.
We too are babes sent from above
We, like the Babe, possess God’s love
The Truth, the Light, we share from God is
boundless.

CHORUS: Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

CHORUS

Narration

Part II, 44. *Hallelujah! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. (Revelation 19:6)*

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ: and He shall reign for ever and ever. (Revelation 11:15)

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah! (Revelation 19:16)

Benediction Prayer

Benediction Carol #125

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
(verses 1-3)

Luke 2: 15/GLORIA

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.*

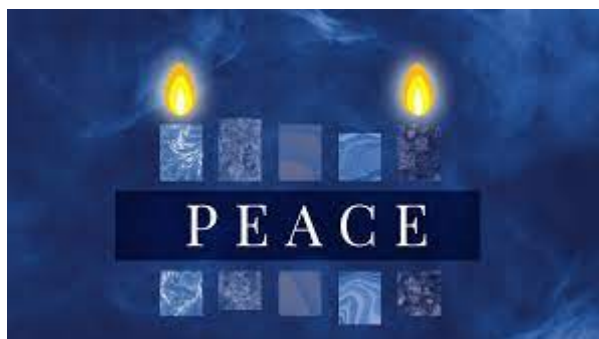
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*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heav’nly song?*

REFRAIN

*Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.*

REFRAIN





Advent and Christmas Eve, 2023

Haslett Community Church, United Church of Christ



Week 1 · Hope · Dec. 3

10 a.m. Worship with Communion & Joyful Offering

Week 2 · Peace · Dec. 10

10 a.m. Songfest with music from Handel's Messiah

Week 3 · Joy · Dec. 17

10 a.m. Worship

Week 4 · Love · Christmas Eve · Dec. 24

10 a.m. Children's Service · Christmas story for children & some music from our families

7 & 9 p.m. Christmas Eve Services · Choir & Candlelight



ADVENTure Club continues this Wed., Dec. 13, 5:30-7:00 pm! Children 3 years old thru 5th grade welcome.

Music for Peace and Comfort - Barbara Freeman will offer music for peace and comfort next Thursday night (Dec. 14) between 6:00 and 6:30 PM. All are welcome.

CHURCH CALENDAR (December 10 - December 17)

Sunday 12/10/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (L)
SONGFEST	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH:MS Christmas Party (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Christmas Party (YR)
Monday 12/11/2023	6:00 PM	Property Committee Meets (Z)
Tuesday 12/12/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	6:00 - 7:30 PM	YOUTH: 8 th Grade Dinner (YR)
	7:15 PM	Church Council Meets (FH)
Wednesday 12/13/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
	1:00 PM	Spiritual Life Meets (L)
	5:30 - 7:00 PM	KIDS: ADVENTure Club (FH)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
Thursday 12/14/2023	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Sermon Preview Bible Study (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	1:30 PM	Mission Outreach Meets (FH)
	6:00 - 6:30 PM	Music for Peace & Comfort (S)
	7:00 PM	YOUTH: Culver's Night
Saturday 12/16/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Breakfast - Denny's E.L.
Sunday 12/17/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Coffee With Jesus (MM)
	4:00 PM	Christmas Caroling
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH:MS Youth Group (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Group (YR)

Legend: CR=Choir Rm; D3= Door3; FH= Fellowship Hall; Fr = Friendship Hall; L=Library; Ofc=HCC Office; K =Kitchen; PL=Parking Lot; S=Sanctuary; SS=Sunday School Rooms (downstairs); YR=Youth Rm; Z=Zoom

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS! It's

time to once again order the beautiful poinsettia plants that will decorate our Sanctuary on Christmas Eve!

You can order online using the QR code to the right or by filling out the insert in today's bulletin and turning it into the office by December 17.



The Staff:

Rev. Betsy Aho Pastor aho.betsy@att.net 339.8383 x11
 Rev. Erin Heisler Minister for Youth & Children erin.heisler@att.net 339.8383 x19
 Barbara Freeman Musician 881.9976
 Landon Black Conductor Intern
 Michele Booher Office Manager hcc1@att.net 339.8383 x10
 Sally Sanchez Custodian

Our Thanks this morning to:

Greeters: Joanne Ricks & Lucretia Hildabridle
Ushers: Barb & Mike Szkotnicki
Coffee Hosts: Russ & Lynn Wilson
AV Techs: Helen & David Jones
Tellers: Larry Leefers & Barb Szkotnicki

And to Barb, Landon, our choir, and our guest musicians!

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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.

ORDER YOUR 2023 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 Christmas Eve bulletins.

Please attach cash or check to this form and **return to the church office by Dec 17.**

Your name: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

6½" pot @ \$15.00 _____ 8½" pot @ \$30.00 _____

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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Holiday Wreath Sale

November 26, December 3 & 10

After 10:00am Service

Haslett Community Church

1427 Haslett Rd., Haslett, MI 48840



Haslett Scout Troop 97 is selling holiday wreaths to support scouting activities.

- 22" Fraser Fir holiday wreath
- Hand decorated with a red bow, berries, and pinecones
- Michigan grown
- Long Lasting
- \$28 each
- 46% of the price goes directly back to the Scout to fund camping trips, gear, uniforms, summer camp, and merit badge opportunities.

**We will be able to take Venmo, PayPal, Cash App, cash, or check



Christmas Giving Project - Gifts




Today you are invited to stop by the Christmas Project table after the service to request a child to sponsor. You are asked to purchase 5 gifts for each child you sponsor.

You can request a gift list remotely. Send an email with Gift Request in the Subject line to hccChristmas@att.net. Put three things your email: 1) your name and phone number, 2) the number of children you wish to sponsor, and 3) your preference of the child's age and gender.

You will receive a gift list and gift preparation instructions via return email. We will do our best to match your preferences. The gift lists will be sent out beginning on November 14.

If you choose to support the project financially, without shopping, you can send a contribution on our [Online Giving page](#) by choosing "Christmas Giving Project" as the fund you're donating to. You can also send a check to HCC, PO Box 217, Haslett, MI 48840, with "Christmas Giving Project" in the memo line.

Christmas Giving Project - Volunteering

Task & Description	When & where help is needed	Amount of time involved	How to respond or sign up
Receive and store gift donations	Sunday, Nov. 12; 11am to 12:30pm, and each Saturday & Sunday starting November 25, at HCC	1.5 hours per shift	
Layout and post family ID signs for food packing	Monday, December 18, in sanctuary	10am to noon	Contact Ruth: rlinnemann2@gmail.com
Pack groceries - requires carrying 20 lb. boxes	Monday, December 18, or Tuesday, December 19, at HCC	1.5 hours per shift	
Distribution - multiple tasks described on opening page of sign up; see QR code	Thursday, December 21; 3 shifts	2 to 3 hours per shift	

I'm interested and want more information:

Name _____

Phone _____ Best time to call _____