



HEYWARD STREET UMC

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Welcome and Opening Prayer

Christmas Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* UMH 234

Lighting of the Advent Candles

In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again?

Let us start here and now.

Let us begin with tender hearts and gentle presence.

Let us begin with curiosity and welcoming grace.

Let us begin with love.

Today we light the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love.

May these lights remind us of what could be.

May these lights inspire us to acts of love.

May the warmth of these lights fill us with expectation.

May hope, peace, joy, and love flow forth from here.

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25 Pew Bible p 1

Receiving of the Offering

Christmas Hymn *What Child is This?* UMH 219

Sermon How to Make a Hard Decision Rev. Blom

Song *The Earth Stood Still* Praise Team

Prayers of the People

Christmas Hymn *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*



HOPE IS WORTH THE RISK

Words for the Beginning an Advent Worship Series

For this series, we are utilizing quilt patterns. This traditional quilt square design is called "birds in the air." Sometimes when we take a risk, hope takes flight. At times it may feel like you're falling, but you'll find that, in God's embrace, you are flying. Copied from *Sanctified Art*



Drop In Communion on Christmas Eve

Drop in between 4:00 and 5:30 pm for communion on December 24. Please bring guests and family. Receive the elements. Experience the glowing candles and the peace filled sanctuary.



Take Your Poinsettias Home for the Holiday

Thank you for sponsoring beauty and color as part of our Advent décor. Each plant calls to mind someone we hold dear. At the conclusion of worship, please take your sponsored plants.



Christmas Wish Tree

HSUMC's Christmas wishes are attached to ornaments on the tree in the entry. Remove the ornament from tree. Place in large envelope with donation.

Advent Devotionals are emailed weekly.

End of Year Contributions must be postmarked by 12/31/24 or deposited in the offering plate or church office before end of year.

