



HOPE
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HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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December 3, 2017 • First Sunday of Advent

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8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*The pealing bell calls us to worship, reminding us to
quiet our hearts and minds as we prepare
for the worship of the living God.*

The Gathering of the People of God

Opportunities in Church Life

Moment for Mission *Overflow Shelter* Sue and Natalie Sevin

Prelude “Variations on ‘Veni Emmanuel’” Daniel Pinkham

Call to Worship

One: This is the season of holy waiting.

**All: We wait for the One who will move
heaven and earth to come and save us.**

One: We watch for the day when God’s name
will be made known among the nations.

**All: We wait in the shadows for
the Light of the World to appear.**

One: Come let us walk in the light of God!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Response

He came down that we may have hope; he
came down that we may have hope; he came down that we may

* You are invited to rise in body, or in spirit.

GTG = Glory to God

have hope; hal-le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more!

Prayer

*Hymn 88

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

sing verses 1, 5–7

The Confession of the People of God

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you.
 We study trends of our times, and ignore signs of your reign.
 We trust in things that pass away
 and forget your eternal promise.
 Forgive us, God of grace.
 Strengthen us, by your hand, so that we may be ready
 for that day when you come to reign in glory;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The prayer continues in a time of silent confession.

Kyrie

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -
 le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
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Assurance of God’s Love

The Word for the People of God

A Word of Welcome

A Time for Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 40:1–11 Page 667

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson Mark 1:1–8; 16:5–8 Page 34

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Sermon *Christmas Tour of Gospel Homes:* Randy Harris
Beginning at Mark's House

The Response of the People of God

*Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed *GTG*, p. 34

Our Gifts to God

Offertory (8:30) Improvisation on “Star of the County Down”

Anthem (11:00) “O Thou, the Central Orb” Charles Wood
Chancel Choir

O thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most high, eternal light of this our wintry world,
Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.
Thy saints with holy luster round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel,
As thy sight gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.
Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with thee,
Transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.
(*H. R. Bramley*)

*Doxology *GTG* 606

*Prayer of Dedication

The Communion of the People of God

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Hymn 347 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” PICARDY

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (8:30)
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
Sharing the Bread and Cup
Prayer after Communion

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (11:00)
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues ...

Holy, Holy, Holy (*sung by all*)

Hymn 552

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues ...

The Lord's Prayer

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Sharing the Bread

The congregation will eat as a community.

Silent Meditation

Baskets with gluten- and nut-free bread are available
in the center window sills and in the balcony.

Sharing the Cup

The congregation will drink as a community.

Silent Meditation

Prayer after Communion

The Sending Forth of the People of God

*Hymn 100 "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

STAR OF THE
COUNTY DOWN

*Charge and Benediction

*The ringing of the bell, symbolizing the Trinity, marks the end of
the service. Please remain in the pew until the bell is silenced.*

*Postlude "Prepare the Way, O Zion" (Hymn 106) Robert Hobby

Worship Notes

Our acolyte this morning is Andrew Riley.

Lighting the Advent wreath today at 8:30 are James and Barbara Bowman; and at 11:00 are Robbie Grier, Joe and Harriet Mitchener.

In our worship during the season of Advent we will share together a sung Kyrie Eleison (from the Greek for “Lord have mercy”) in place of our *Gloria Patri*. During Advent, we can also hear it as a joyful cry, “The Lord is merciful!” in addition to its plea for mercy.

Bless You!—Our prayers for one another. FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, please pray for Steve, Ellen and Sarah Barton; Pam Carter; Grady, Kristine, Sophie and Kate Elliott; Bruce and Carol Healy; Bill and Ann Long; Susan Overman; Margaret Sandresky; Dick and Susie York. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

Calendar

Sunday December 3

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service (nursery provided), Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Education for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (nursery provided), Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Choir Lunch and Rehearsal, Room 100
- 2:30 p.m. Girl Scouts, Education Building
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Shopping, Parking Lot

Monday December 4

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Library
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Committee, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Room

Tuesday December 5

- 10:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Circle, Ardmore Room
- 6:00 p.m. Property Committee, Ardmore Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Council, Scout Room
- 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening Circle, Salem Room

Wednesday December 6

- 5:00 p.m. Gloria Choir, Room 101
- 5:30 p.m. Chime Choir, Room 100
- 5:30 p.m. Study Hall 3-5 grades, Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Fling Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir, AB 5
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Study, Ardmore Room
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir, Room 101

Thursday December 7

- 6:00 p.m. Handbells, Room 100
- 8:00 p.m. Young Adult Study Group, Five Points Restaurant

Friday December 8

- 3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

For more information about the events in this calendar, please pick up a copy of *Highlights*, the weekly newsletter, in the Narthex or Gallery Hall. Check www.highlandpres.org, for changes or cancellations.

Welcome to Highland

We extend a warm welcome to all who come to this sanctuary today. May you find in this place and among the people gathered here grace and peace from the living Christ who has promised to be present when we gather in his name.

If you are visiting with us today, please include your contact information on the friendship pad that is passed during the service. If you are a college or graduate school student, add your school name as well.

Large-print Bibles, bulletins, and hearing aids are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

A Loop Assisted Hearing System is in place in Highland's Sanctuary. You can access this service by switching your hearing aid's T-coil to "On" and adjusting the volume control if needed; you may also request a headset from an usher.

Childcare is available on Sunday mornings at Highland:

During the **8:30 Worship Service**, bring children to Room 112 on the lower level near the Magnolia Street entrance.

During the **9:30–10:30 Church School Hour**, bring *infants* and *toddlers* to Room 112 on the lower level near the Magnolia Street entrance. *Pre-school children* meet on the third floor in rooms near the Cloverdale Avenue entrance.

During the **11:00 Worship Service**, bring *infants* and *toddlers* to Room 112 on the lower level near the Magnolia Street entrance. Children *ages 2–3* meet in Room 301 on the third floor following the Time for Young Disciples. Children *ages 4–5* meet in Room 306 on the third floor following the Time for Young Disciples.

During both worship services, we also offer a room for **Infants & Mothers/Fathers** • Room 216 — Friendly childcare space on the sanctuary level where parents can tend to the needs of their infant and still be able to hear the service.

Ages 5 and older — Following the Children's Time, these children are encouraged to remain in the sanctuary. Worship activity bags and children's bulletins are available in the Narthex.

Christmas Wreaths

The Christmas wreaths on the outside doors have been given to the glory of God in memory or honor of Highland friends, family and loved ones.

Given in Memory of ~

Their parents, Wilma and Dave Blanco and Sara and Jimmy Glenn,

Her husband, Dr. Paul Forrester Williams, and his wife, Susanne Hall

Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Haskell and Mr. and Mrs. William

Her friends, LeeAnn Baker and Andrew Cook, by Erin Doyle

His friends, John Kelleher, Dick Opdyke, and Frank Murphy,

Their parents, Robert and Sarah Haskins, and sister, Ann Haskins Green, by Steven

Her husband, Ed Rankin, by Fran Rankin

Her husband, Bob Remsburg, Jr., by Mary Remsburg

Their friends, Flo and Wally Winfree, by Terry and Richard Sink

Their parents, Joe and Evelyn Guffy and Joe and Madge Smyth,

by Mary Ellen and Mac Smyth

His sister, Peggy Rogers, by Peggy and Andy Tyson

Given in Honor of ~

Their children, Will and Julia, and Mitch's mother, Whaley, by Tina and

*Proceeds from sale of the wreaths help support
the programs of Boy Scout Troop #722.*