

# Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church



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*A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith*

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## Thanksgiving Worship and Breakfast

Please join us for our annual Thanksgiving worship and breakfast on November 23, at 8:30 a.m.! The sanctuary is full of all ages from our faith community as we sing Thanksgiving hymns, hear scripture, and offer opportunity for you to share your blessings from the past year with our faith community. The entire church is filled with the smell of a bountiful breakfast which is lovingly prepared by our Deacons and served in Fellowship Hall following the service. Childcare is not provided for this service so all of us can be together in the sanctuary.



## Habitat for Humanity Offering

If you are not able to attend the Thanksgiving service, you can still participate in our annual offering to Habitat for Humanity. Highland members have been giving an offering each year to help support Habitat for Humanity and the construction of a "Baptist House" in Louisville. For the past twenty years, area Baptist churches have combined resources to build twenty-three houses for families in need through Habitat for Humanity. Highland has been asked to contribute \$5,000. The project of annually building a "Baptist House" originated at Highland, so help perpetuate the tradition and give generously to this worthy project. To learn more, visit: <http://www.habitat.org>.

## Church Marks The Reign of Christ Sunday

The liturgical church year (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, etc.) comes to a close this Sunday, November 26, with The Reign of Christ Sunday, completing the Christian journey through the life of Jesus Christ on earth and in heaven. It is a day to remember that when we get to the end — Christ Reigns! Be with us in worship and join in the singing:

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone; chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one; holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.*

*Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful all the gifts they ask to gain: what they gain from You forever with the blessed to retain; and hereafter in Your glory evermore with You to reign.*



## Advent Begins December 3 with Hanging of the Green Service and Reception

Please join us on Sunday, December 3, at 6:00 p.m., for a joyous service as we adorn our sanctuary and prepare our hearts for the Advent season. Music of the season will lead us in the lighting of candles, hanging of greenery, presenting the star-like poinsettia flowers, and adorning our evergreen tree with Chrismons.

It is our custom to bring toys, canned or boxed food items, books, or monetary offerings to the service. The food will go in Christmas baskets that we provide to Highlands Community Ministries (HCM) for neighbors in our zip code. We also need cash donations to purchase gift cards for the perishable items in the HCM baskets.

The toys and books will be sold at an 80% discount to shoppers at our annual Christmas Store. Those invited to the store are friends we met through our former Shelby Park ministry. Please contact a minister if you need an invitation.

Childcare will be provided for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. The Hanging of the Green Service is appropriate for older preschool children (3's, 4's and Pre-K), and we encourage you to have your child attend the service with you. If possible, **RSVP for childcare by Wednesday, November 29**, to [renee@hbclouisville.org](mailto:renee@hbclouisville.org).

A delicious reception follows the service in Fellowship Hall. Please see the article below for information on how you can help by bringing savory snacks and desserts.

Thank you for your part in serving Highland during the Advent season!

## Help Needed for Hanging of the Green Reception

The Hospitality Ministry Group is in need of sweet and savory items for the annual Hanging of the Green Reception, which follows the Hanging of the Green Service, next Sunday, December 3, at 6:00 p.m. You are asked to share one of your favorite sweet or savory items such as cookies, sandwiches, chips and dips, hot appetizers and other finger-type foods.

The ministry group is also seeking volunteers to assist with set up prior to the service and clean up afterwards. Volunteers will, of course, be able to attend the service.

If you are interested in donating a food item or volunteering, be sure to visit the Hanging of the Green Reception table, located in the Commons, after any of Sunday's worship services. You can also contact Ronnie Gilbert.

## Called Business Meetings, November 29 and December 6

There will be a called business meeting next Wednesday, November 29, at 6:00 p.m., for a discussion of the proposed budget for 2018. The proposed budget was presented at the last Quarterly Church Conference on October 18 by Tony Carney, chair of the Finance Ministry Group. It was announced that questions and amendments would be accepted at the called business meeting at the end of November.

There will be another business meeting on December 6, at 6:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall, to vote on nominations for the Interim Search Committee, and on the new Missions ministry group structure.

Please come share in these conversations as we plan for the future of our church. If you would like to join us for dinner on those evenings and do not have a standing reservation, please be sure to contact the church office (451-3735; [becky@hbclouisville.org](mailto:becky@hbclouisville.org)) by 11:00 a.m. on the Tuesday before.

**Weekend Services**  
**The Reign of Christ Sunday**

Matthew 25:31-46  
*Spiritual Muscle Memory*  
Joe Phelps, Proclaimer

Sanctuary Handbells:  
*Toccata on KING'S WESTON*

Choral Anthem:  
*At the Name of Jesus*

**Reminders:**

No Wednesday gathering on November 22.  
Thanksgiving Worship/Breakfast, November 23, 8:30 a.m.  
Church Offices will be closed Thursday-Friday, November 23-24.

**Thinking Together...**

Thanksgiving is more than a day, it is a lifestyle.

Over the years, I've become increasingly aware of the sheer gift-ness of my life, and of every person and object within it. I've had moments that mirrored Merton's seeing people *shining like the sun* and I hear myself whispering in response to Life *thank you*.

As these moments accrue, one detects a pattern of mercy running like a strand throughout one's life and you realize how it's all tinged with glory. And you seek to make your your life an imperfect hymn of thanksgiving for all of it.

This desire to embody thanksgiving is strong in this season of my life and ministry, for this calling, this work, and the high honor of being Highland's pastor has all been gift and grace. For which I give thanks. ~Joe

**Fall Cleanup Day**  
**December 2**

The Property & Space Ministry Group invites you to help with our Fall Cleanup Day on Saturday, December 2, 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. We have leaves that need to be raked, weeds that need to be pulled, and bushes that need to be trimmed. These happen only with the use of YOUR arms and legs, and the work of your children, friends, and co-members. Bring a rake, a hoe, and pruners, and we'll have bags for collecting debris. We'll meet in the parking lot behind the church at 8:30 a.m. We hope to see you there. Contact Walter McWhorter or Steve Helm for more information.

**Highland's Word To Our Community**

## Sharing Faith in Action, Telling Your Stories

If you have not yet shared a photo and reflection of your family's faith in action effort in the month of October, or even if you are continuing the effort into this season of Thanksgiving, please send those items to [renee@hbclouisville.org](mailto:renee@hbclouisville.org) by November 30. We would love to post these to our presentation board in the Preschool Commons!

Children's Corner

## Sorting Soiree, December 4

During the season of Advent, we have an annual tradition of collection non-perishable foods and toys for those in need during the Hanging of the Green service. We'll gather the following day, Monday, December 4, to sort those foods and pack it into baskets, as well as separate and prepare toys for the annual Christmas Store where people shop for gifts at a greatly reduced cost. We'll have pizza in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. for those who need to eat prior to the event, and we will begin sorting at 6:00 p.m. To make a reservation for pizza, contact Renee at [renee@hbclouisville.org](mailto:renee@hbclouisville.org). Make plans now to join us!

## Children's Worship to Pause During Advent

During the Advent season, Children's Worship will not take place during the 11:00 service. Each week of Advent, we will gather together as a whole community of faith for worship together in this holy season. Children will experience Communion (December 3), Crosses on the Lawn (December 10), the choir/orchestra music program (December 17) and Christmas Eve/New Year's Eve worship as a community (December 24 and 31, respectively). Children's Worship will resume on January 14.

## Worship Care, Bible Study and Childcare During the Advent Season

Classes and care are provided for particular age groups of children during a variety of Advent worship services and special events. Please see the list of services in this week's newsletter to note when Bible study will meet, and when care of varying types is provided. For any service or event outside of the usual Sunday morning rhythm, RSVP by November 29 so that we can be sure to have appropriate supervision for our children by emailing [renee@hbclouisville.org](mailto:renee@hbclouisville.org). If your plans change later in the month, it is equally important to let us know if your child will not be attending due to illness or a change in travel plans. Many thanks!

## Important Dates to Remember!

December 4	Sorting Soiree
December 10	Children's Advent Music Service
June 26-29, 2018	PASSPORT <i>kids!</i>
July 20-22, 2018	Vacation Bible School Camp

## Fall Retreat Blessings

39 Youth and 10 chaperones spent last weekend together at Aldersgate exploring the theme of "I AM," or how to claim our own identities as made in the image of God, the One who is the great *I Am*. Many of our group were first time Fall Retreat participants—from the contagious joy of 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth, the warm discovery of welcome by older youth who are new to our community, and the sacred familiarity of our community for the rest, we love being together. In our small group sessions, we explored examples of diversity and acquired language for defining ourselves. It is important to have the language and concepts that let us locate ourselves in God's diverse spectrum of identity. We also participated in a Ritual of Release, writing down all the things that people have ever said to hurt us and our self doubts, then placing them in a bowl and lighting them on fire to release them to God and free ourselves from their burden. All of our youth participated in creating and leading a worship service on Saturday evening. Seniors participated in the tradition of reflecting and sharing wisdom with the group, many youth of all ages helped write liturgy, read scripture, and created unique artwork within our theme framework.

I told the youth that while some retreats are meant to challenge them deeply, this retreat was focused on feeling welcome and comfort as unique individuals loved by one another in our community. We are each on an imperfect journey of finding ourselves—a journey with many dangers and difficulty. But, we are in it together. Always. God is with us, too, and if we act like we believe in Jesus, we will find resurrections great and small in relationship with one another. ~ Perry

### Wednesdays

- November 22—NO PROGRAMMING (Thanksgiving Break)
- November 29—Film + Theology
- December 6—Film + Theology
- December 13—NO PROGRAMMING (Christmas Break)

### Sundays

- November 26—Bible Study AM, No Mentor Groups PM
- December 3—Bible Study AM, Guys Group PM
- December 10—Bible Study AM, Girls Group PM

### Ahead

- December 19—Winter Lock-In! An overnight experience of fun to celebrate the end of fall semester and the holiday!

Youth Corner

## Sorting Soiree, December 4

The Young Adult and Families with Children Ministry Groups invite families and young adults to our annual sorting soiree. We will gather in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. for pizza and then move to the sanctuary where the sorting palooza begins. It's super fun. If you haven't been before, come this year and enjoy. Young Adults will also prepare exam care packages for all college and graduate school people.

Young Adult Corner

## Theology on Tap, December 7

Randi Skaggs, Moth Story Teller and host of The Double-Edge Sword, will join us for the conclusion of our three-month series on the theology of storytelling. We gather at 6:00 p.m. and begin the conversation at 6:30 at Molly Malone's on Baxter Avenue. Don't miss it!

## White Elephant Christmas Party, December 16

Every year, we celebrate the upcoming birth of Jesus with an elaborate white elephant gift exchange. So, start creating, scrounging, and dreaming now for the beauty that you will share this year. The party will be at James and Stacy Fox's home on December 16 at 7:00 p.m. More details coming soon.

Each Friday at 7:00 p.m., WE come together at Friday Church to think and pray. WE come as we are—from work, school, homeless shelters, halfway houses, the streets, wherever—to take time apart to bring to God our deepest needs and hopes. WE dress as we are. And WE try to remove any masks of pretension or prejudice that keep us isolated from ourselves, each other, and God. WE are moved through music and message toward The God of Abundance. WE leave our pain and shame behind as WE reach out to one another in love and peace.

Please come and be part of the "WE" this Friday Evening!



Friday Church Corner

# This Week at Highland

## Tuesday, November 21

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH, Stage).....5:30 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) ..... 10 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 22

No Evening Activities/Supper

## Thursday, November 23

Church Offices Closed  
Thanksgiving Service (Sanctuary) ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Thanksgiving Breakfast (FH) ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) ..... 7 p.m.

## Friday, November 24

Church Offices Closed  
Highland Men Gathering (FS)..... 8 a.m.  
Friday Church (Sanctuary) ..... 7-7:45 p.m.  
Narcotics Anonymous (FH)..... 8 p.m.

## Sunday, November 26

Worship ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Bible Study ..... 11 a.m.  
Worship MG (101)..... 12 p.m.  
Adult Handbell rehearsal (200) ..... 2-3 p.m.

## Tuesday, November 28

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH).....5:30 p.m.  
Highlights Dessert (Off-site)..... 7 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) ..... 10 p.m.

## Upcoming Events at Highland

November 22	No Evening Activities/Supper
November 23	Thanksgiving Service and Breakfast
November 23-24	Church Offices Closed
November 29	Called Business Meeting
November 30	Cream of the Crop Trip
December 2	HBC Work Day; Memorial Service for Bill Dinwiddie
December 3	First Sunday in Advent; Vote on 2018 Budget; Hanging of the Green Service
December 4	Sorting Soiree
December 6	Called Business Meeting
December 7	Theology on Tap
December 9	MensWork Breakfast; Cream of the Crop Trip
December 10	Crosses on the Lawn (AM); Children's Choir Advent Program (PM)

## Wednesday Night Menus

### November 22

No Evening Activities/Supper



### November 29

Chicken Tetrastini  
Southern Style Green Beans  
Vegetable Salad  
Harvest Cobb Salad  
Yeast Rolls  
Dessert

Adults: \$7; Children ages 4-12: \$3.50; Max per family: \$21

**Reminder:** If you have a reservation you are responsible to pay for it. Cancellations must be made *no later than 11:00 a.m. the Tuesday before your reservation.* You may also contact the church office to make your reservations/cancellations.

## Around Highland...

... 2018 offering envelope boxes are set out alphabetically in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Commons. Please pick yours up this week!

... A memorial service will be held for Bill Dinwiddie on Saturday, December 2, 2:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

## This Week's Deacons

### Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Susan Pierce (C), Becky Smith

### Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Kristie Abney (G), Tony Dougherty,  
Vicki Runnion (C), Gene Streible

### Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Bruce Carroll (C), Becky Holloman,  
Bill Martin (G), Jim McBee

### Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Bill Martin (G), Kim Shippey (C),  
Ginny Sims, David Wells

## Letters from Your Ministers

*This week: Kathy*

Allow me to set the scene . . . it's Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.: I load my arms with my Bible, two hymnals, three liturgical planning resources, copies of next Sunday's bulletin, a fresh cup of hot tea, pencil in my ear, cell phone, and office keys and spill everything but the hot tea onto Joe's desk. I'm ready to plan next Sunday's worship for Highland's faith community. Each of you are with us in spirit as we plan Sunday services. We consider the ages of worshipers along with learning styles, the flow of the hour from standing, sitting, participation, and personal reflection as we strive to weave sacred threads of scripture, hymn texts, prayers, and proclamation to reach each heart sitting in our wooden pews.

After a quick check in with each other, we pray and ask for God to join us in this work we call *holy*. The plan I bring each week is often only as good as the paper it's printed on! Some weeks, I leave with Joe's copy and my copy so marked up that it's hard to make sense of our editing and planning. Every week is different and I will tell you some secrets:

- Joe is a lectionary guy with the Gospel reading for the day central to the worship experience. It always amazes me how the readings for the day *jump* off the page and say to us: *Use me for the opening words. I'll lead hearts into prayer. This is a hard word but needs to be heard.*
- Joe doesn't recycle sermons—each week's proclamation is new, and somehow it meets the needs of four weekend services that are vastly different!
- We would never be able to hand his sermon manuscript to another minister to preach from—Joe Phelps writes in a shorthand that only he and God can understand!
- I often tell Joe he needs to create his own hymnal. I rarely choose the closing hymn before Tuesday morning. He tells me the direction of his next sermon and then describes a hymn he would like to follow—never easy but somehow it is always provided.

I knew when I served as Highland's Interim Minister of Music in 2002 that worship planning would be a sacred hour but it wasn't until 2007 when I joined the staff that I came to understand the importance of planning worship for Highland. I can't fully explain the mystery but worship planning with Joe will be at the top of my list of memories I will always hold in my heart from our ten+ years working together.



## Rosie and Her Family

As a member church of the Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice, Highland Baptist has an opportunity to bring some financial support to an immigrant family that St. Williams Catholic Church is sponsoring. Rosie's husband has been detained by Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and she was forced to quit her job because ICE has put an ankle bracelet on her.

Rosie has two elementary school-aged children. She has a hearing regarding her legal status in January, and she is working through the legal process with the help of La Casita. St. Williams needs help in buying groceries for Rosie until she is able to get a job again, hopefully after her hearing.

If you would like to help, we are collecting money this Sunday, November 26, between and after services in the Commons. You can give cash or make a check to Highland Baptist Church, with "for Rosie's family" on the memo line.



## Alternative Christmas Cards, Sales Begin THIS Sunday

Please take advantage of this wonderful Christmas gift opportunity. This is Highland's 11<sup>th</sup> year to offer this ministry, and organizations around town look forward to partnering with us now. This year, Highland's mission community offers the following cards:

- Rosie and her children are a family housed in sanctuary through St. William's Catholic Church, since her husband was detained by ICE. A \$15 Alternative Christmas Card will contribute to funds to provide groceries for the family groceries.
- Americana Community Center: Bridging the gap from surviving to thriving for Louisville's refugee population through a variety of endeavors. \$10 cards will provide seeds and tools to the youth garden club, \$20 will sponsor a child's after school program for one week, and \$35 will provide a scholarship to an individual who needs help with a bill, a student applying to college, or one who needs assistance with medication.
- Books and Breakfast Louisville: A monthly space held to discuss social issues affecting the community in a unique way. It encourages and promotes reading among black children and adults. \$10 cards will buy a young adult novel or child's board book. \$20 will purchase non-fiction and socio-political books for adults.

Please shop generously and often (!!!) at the Alternative Christmas Card display in the commons beginning this Sunday and continuing throughout Advent.

## The Christmas Store, December 16

Highland's Community Missions Ministry Group is excited to once again serve our community through The Christmas Store at Highland! For the past four years, this store has served as a wonderful way to build relationships through shopping for Christmas presents with families we have met through a variety of local ministries.

Each year you generously donate new books and toys, which constitutes the merchandise in our Christmas Store. Parents shop from a variety of items and buy their gifts at an 80% discount. Each year, the store is staffed with a small group of volunteers, so the shoppers can have a true Christmas shopping experience. They select gifts themselves with their individual children in mind.

The store offers gifts for children from birth to age 18. Here are some favorites to get your shopping started: action figures, Matchbox cars, sports equipment, dolls of all skin hues, makeup and nail polish kits, shaving kit, craft kits, electronics, bedding, YA fiction (*Harry Potter*, *Hunger Games*, and *The Percy Jackson Series*), picture books, and children's novels that represent a variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds, and anything featuring a popular character (last year, paw patrol items were a huge hit!). Star Wars is also a must. For ideas, visit [https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/MY4WZK6LR8PP/ref=cm\\_sw\\_su\\_w](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/MY4WZK6LR8PP/ref=cm_sw_su_w).

We will collect donations during worship at the Hanging of the Green Service on December 3. Please consider using your home or work place as a collection point for toys, and then bring them with you to the service.

If you would like to donate but are unable to attend the Hanging of the Green service, you can place donations in the bins outside of the choir room during the week of December 3. Please join us in giving from our abundance to be the light of Christ in our community this holiday season!

## Redlining:

### A Community Conversation

Special thanks to all who attended this event last week where we explored the complexities that contributed to present day racially segregated neighborhoods. If you would like to learn more, the interactive map of Louisville is available at <https://lojic.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=e4d29907953c4094a17cb9ea8f8f89de>.

Further, here is a photo from the gathering, led by Jeana Dunlap, Director of the city's Office of Urban Development and Renewal.



## Christmas Poinsettias

Our Sanctuary will once again be beautifully adorned with red poinsettias this Advent and Christmas. All members are invited to purchase a poinsettia for \$15 in memory/in honor of a family member, friend, or loved one. Please submit payment and information to the church office no later than *this Sunday, November 26*.

### Christmas Poinsettias

Given By \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_

## Cream of the Crop Trip, November 30

Cream of the Crop is a group, retirement age and above, that gathers monthly. Our activities range from pot-lucks to trips to local places of interest.

We hope you will join us on Thursday, November 30, for an early evening dinner at The Bristol on Bardstown Road at 4:00 p.m., followed by a trip to The Mega Cavern to see the Lights Under Louisville display for the holidays! We will be taking the mini-bus (\$5 per person) or you can choose to take your own vehicle as well (\$27 per vehicle). Please indicate your preference when you make your reservation. RSVP to Bob Elliott (412-2231; [wre@twc.com](mailto:wre@twc.com)) by this Monday, November 27.



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## December 16: Highlands Community Ministries Christmas Basket Delivery

Every year, our congregation gives abundantly to those in need in our neighborhood through Highlands Community Ministries (HCM). All the canned good and money collected at the Hanging of the Green service will go towards food baskets for our neighbors. Bible study classes will provide gifts for 12 families through HCM. Would you or your family be willing to deliver food and gifts to our neighbors in need? Beginning this Sunday, November 26, you can sign up in the Commons. Basket delivery will be Saturday, December 16, 2:00-4:00 p.m. (*NOTE: This is a different time than usual, to accommodate the HBC Christmas Shop which is that morning. All baskets will be ready for pick-up at 2:00 p.m.*). For more information, contact Carol Harston ([carol@hbclouisville.org](mailto:carol@hbclouisville.org)) or Steve Helm ([shelm@twc.com](mailto:shelm@twc.com)).

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## December 17: Highland Celebrates Season with Annual Christmas Banquet

Christmas is a time to pause our mundane rhythms and gather together in gratitude for our church family and celebration of the good news of God's birth among us. One of Highland's celebratory traditions is the special meal shared and holiday entertainment enjoyed at our annual Christmas Banquet. It is a church-wide effort as the meal is prepared for, served, and hosted by people within the congregation. After our meal, we travel to the sanctuary where we enjoy hearing University of Louisville Cardinal Singers in the sanctuary. Children (kindergarten through third grade) gather in the Children's area for their own fun evening of pizza, activities, and holiday fun. Infants and preschoolers gather for their own time together in the nursery. The annual Christmas banquet is scheduled for Sunday, December 17, 6:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall.

### *Preparing a Place: Host a Table*

One of the most special parts of our Christmas Banquet is the personal hospitality offered by our hosts and hostess. Would you be willing to help host a table? We will need 25 people to agree to bring dishes, glasses, silverware, and a centerpiece for a table of eight. Hosts and hostesses can invite friends and family to join them at their table, or guests will be assigned. Our hosts and hostesses transform our Fellowship Hall into a beautiful and warm place for all to enjoy the joy of the season. To volunteer, please contact Carol Harston ([carol@hbclouisville.org](mailto:carol@hbclouisville.org)).

### *Making Room: Reserve Your Seat*

We want to ensure that everyone has a seat at the banquet, so we require reservations and payment in advance. We will begin taking reservations Wednesday, November 29. One can sign up on Wednesday evening, Sunday morning, or by calling the church office. Cost of the meal is \$8 per adult and a cap of \$25 for families. Please include in your reservation any children in grades K-2 who would like to participate upstairs in children's ministry or any preschoolers who will be in the nursery. For questions, please contact Carol Harston ([carol@hbclouisville.org](mailto:carol@hbclouisville.org)).



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## 2017 Advent Season at Highland Baptist Church

Four weekend worship services through the Advent and Christmas season: Fridays, 7:00 p.m. and on Sundays, 8:30, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. In addition to weekly worship, special services through Advent include:

### **December 3 Hanging of the Green Service, 6:00 p.m.**

A joyful service of music and drama as we decorate for the Advent season. Toys, food, and monetary donations accepted for Highlands Community Ministries and Highland Baptist Christmas Shop. A Sweet and Savory reception follows. *Childcare will be provided for infants, toddlers, and twos.*

### **December 10 Peace Sunday, 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Services**

The Second Sunday of Advent is our time to remember those who have been killed in our city by acts of violence. Names are read and crosses are placed on the front lawn.

### **December 10 Children's Choirs Advent Service, 6:00 p.m.**

Christmas through the eyes of children is always a wonderful thing! Enjoy singing and scripture from all of Highland's graded choir program—3 year olds through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The Children's Handbell Choir will also perform. *Childcare will be provided for infants, toddlers, and twos.*

### **December 17 Music of the Advent and Christmas Season**

Highland's Sanctuary Choir and Orchestral Ensemble will present Vivaldi's *Gloria* in the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. The 8:30 service will not be held this Sunday.

### **December 17 Christmas Program & Banquet 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

Enjoy a delicious holiday dinner at beautiful tables decorated by Highland members. A holiday concert by the University of Louisville Cardinal Singers will follow the dinner. Reservations and payment are required in advance. *Childcare will be provided for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Children, ages K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade will have pizza and activities planned especially for them.*

### **December 24 The Fourth Sunday of Advent, 9:30 a.m. morning worship.**

Please join us for one service on Christmas Eve morning. *Childcare will be provided for infants and toddlers. Bible Study Classes will be held for preschoolers. Children, youth, and adults will attend worship.*

### **December 24 Christmas Eve Service, 4:00 p.m.**

We gather to sing carols of Christmas and hear the reading of the Christmas story as we wonder at the coming of the Christ Child. *Childcare will be provided for infants, toddlers, and twos.*

### **December 24 Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.**

The centuries-old English tradition of *Lessons and Carols* tells the Christmas story through scripture, carols, and music by Highland's Sanctuary Choir. A candlelight ending send you on your way to mark the birth of Jesus, the Christ. *Childcare will be provided for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.*

### **December 31 The First Sunday after Christmas, 9:30 a.m.**

Please join us for one service on New Year Eve's morning. *Childcare is not provided for this service so we can all be together in worship.*

*Alternative gift cards can be purchased throughout the Advent season in the Commons following all Sunday services to benefit Americana Community Center, Books and Breakfast Louisville, and a family currently living in sanctuary through St. Williams Catholic Church.*