

Invitation to Worship	Jim England
Meditation	<i>The Ash Grove</i> Sanctuary Handbells
Call to Worship – from 1 Samuel 2	Perry Dixon
<p>My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's and on them God has set the world. The Lord will guard the feet of the faithful ones and judge the ends of the earth. Let us worship God together!</p>	
Hymn of Praise (372)	<i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i> Stanzas One and Four
Prayer of Praise	Renee Purtlebaugh
The Exchange of Peace	
Gathering Our Offerings	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i> Stephanie Hall, Flute Sanctuary Handbells
The Gospel Lesson	Jim England
<p>Mark 13:1-8 (Pew Bible page 49 – NT)</p>	
Sermon	Jim England
<p><i>Is God in Labor?</i></p>	
Song of Renewal	<i>The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy</i> Stanzas One and Four
<p>The music may be found in the far right panel of the bulletin.</p>	
News for the Community	Carol Harston
Benediction	Jim England

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Prelude	arr. Robin Benton <i>The Ash Grove</i> Sanctuary Handbells
<p>COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME!</p>	
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Hymn of Praise (372) †	ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR <i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i>
Prayer of Praise	
<p>The Baptism of Laura Jenkins (9:30) and Griffen Matthew Farnsley (11:00) Call to the Water Statements of Faith Baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.</p>	
Gloria Patri	MEINEKE
<p>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.</p>	
Anthem	Knut Nystedt
<p><i>Laudate</i> O Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise the Lord, all ye peoples. For God's lovingkindness has been bestowed upon us, and the trust of the Lord endures forever.</p>	
<p>FREE FROM SORROW, FREE FROM SIN</p>	
The Hebrew Lesson	Renee Purtlebaugh (9:30) Carol Harston (11:00)
<p>1 Samuel 2:1-10 (Pew Bible page 243 – OT)</p>	
Prayer of Confession	
<p>We confess, O God, our reluctance to be vulnerable like Hannah who poured out her soul before you. Our pride prevents honesty and vulnerability, even in the presence of your sacred love. Forgive our fear, and grant us courage to trust that you are with us and for us. We offer our heart's desire to you, listening for your voice through the whispers of your Spirit, Amen.</p>	
Words of Assurance – The Epistle Lesson	
<p>Hebrews 10:11-18 (Pew Bible page 219 – NT)</p>	

Exchange of Peace	
Hymn (478) †	W ZLOBIE LEZY <i>God Is Calling Through the Whisper</i>
<p>GOD, OUR MAKER, DOTHS PROVIDE FOR OUR WANTS TO BE SUPPLIED</p>	
The Gospel Lesson †	Jim England
<p>Mark 13:1-8 (Pew Bible page 49 – NT) <i>Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship in the 11:00 service.</i></p>	
Sermon	Jim England
<p><i>Is God in Labor?</i></p>	
<p>COME TO GOD'S OWN TEMPLE, COME, RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME</p>	
Hymn of Response †	HANOVER <i>The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy</i>
 <p>1. The king-dom of God is jus-tice and joy; for Je-sus re- 2. The king-dom of God is mer-cy and grace; the cap-tives are 3. The king-dom of God is chal-lenge and choice; be-lieve the good 4. God's king-dom is come, the gift and the goal; in Je-sus be- stores what sin would de-stroy. God's pow-er and glo-ry in freed, the sin-ners find place. The out-casts are wel-comed God's news, re-pent and re-joice! His love for us sin-ners brought gun, in heav-en made whole. The heirs of the king-dom shall Je-sus we know, and here and here - af-ter the king-dom shall grow. ban-quet to share, and hope is a - wak-ened in place of de - spair. Christ to his cross, our cri - sis of judg-ment for gain or for loss. an - swer his call, and all things cry "Glo - ry!" to God All - in - all.</p>	
Offertory Prayer	
Offertory	arr. Brian Childers <i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i> Stephanie Hall, Flute Sanctuary Handbells
News for the Community	Carol Harston
Doxology †	OLD HUNDREDTH
<p>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.</p>	
Benediction	Jim England
Postlude	Max Reger <i>30 Short Choral Preludes, Op. 135a XVIII. Nun danket alle Gott</i>

† For those who are able, we invite you to stand.

Today in Worship

We are grateful for the lay leadership in today's services by Steven Michael Carr and Vicki Runnion (9:30); Becky Hines and Kim Shippey (11:00). We ask worshippers to read the lines in **bold** in today's litanies and printed scriptures.

Highland's deacons (wearing identification name tags) are available at various locations for prayer, questions or information. Deacons are lay ministers of the church who have been called to a ministry of service.

Listening Assist Devices are available. Please see our sound technician or an usher for assistance.

Phrases from our hymn of praise, *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Prayers of the People

New Concerns

Michelle Kanatzar, surgery recovery

Christian Sympathy

Jim England & Beth Metcalf, death of Jim's niece/Beth's cousin, Diana England Shildemeyer

Becki & Greg Streif, death of cousin

Ongoing Concerns

Dorothy Borrmann

Rose Hawkins, ankle surgery recovery

Reece Little, stage 4 metastatic cancer

Jim McBee, pancreatic cancer surgery recovery

Kathy McFall, health, recovery

Georgianna Miller

Bill Mosier, tests

Dave Nakdimen, heart issues, stent surgery recovery

Betty Unruh, home, pancreatitis

Notes and News for the Community of Faith

Welcome to Highland! If you are visiting with us, we are honored that you are here. Please find a minister or deacon for more information about the ministries of Highland Baptist Church.

Join us **this afternoon**, following the 11:00 service, for a **Congregational Conversation** to hear the latest update from the Pastor Search Committee. Four of the members of the Interim Committee (Molly Braun, Diane Brewer, Roy Fuller, and Chip Miller) will join the Pastor Search Committee as part of a Transition Team that will be working with our consultant, Chris Gambill, from the Center for Congregational Health.

Make your plans now to join us for Highland's meaningful annual **Thanksgiving worship service at 8:30 a.m. this Thursday, November 22**, in the Sanctuary, followed by breakfast lovingly prepared by our Deacons in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, December 2, begins the Advent season! We gather as a community to prepare our hearts and our space on **Sunday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m.**, for the **Hanging of the Green Service**. Please bring a cash donation, non-perishable goods (peanut butter, hearty soups, canned meats, cereal, rice, beans, etc.) for local families in need, or toys to be used in Highland's Christmas Store.

The Hospitality Ministry Group is in need of sweet and savory items—such as cookies, chips and dips, sandwiches, hot appetizers and other finger-type foods—for the **Hanging of the Green reception**. The Ministry Group is also seeking volunteers to assist with set up prior to the service and clean up afterwards. Volunteers will be able to attend the service. If you are interested in donating a food item or volunteering, visit the sign-up table in the Commons after any of Sunday's services beginning November 25.

As is our custom, our Sanctuary will once again be adorned with red poinsettias this Advent and Christmas. All are invited to **purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one**. The cost is \$15; forms can be found on the table outside the Sanctuary and are also printed in the weekly newsletter. *Payment and information should be placed in an envelope* and turned in to the church office **by next Sunday, November 25**.

Mark Your Calendars

November 18: Vote on 2019 Budget;

Congregational Conversation

November 21: No Evening Activities/Supper

November 21-23: Church Offices Closed

November 22: Thanksgiving Service and Breakfast

November 25: Highland Book Club

November 28 & December 5: Adult Class—

The Courage to Cherish

November 30: Friday Church Fifth Friday Fellowship Supper

December 1: HBC Work Day

December 2: First Sunday in Advent; Hanging of the Green Service and Reception (PM)

December 3: Sorting Soiree

December 6: Theology on Tap

December 9: Crosses on the Lawn (AM);

Children's Choir Advent Service (PM)

December 12: Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Progress

December 13: Cream of the Crop Christmas Luncheon

December 15: The Christmas Store;

HCM Christmas Baskets Delivery

December 16: No 8:30 a.m. Worship Service;

Christmas Orchestra Concert (PM)

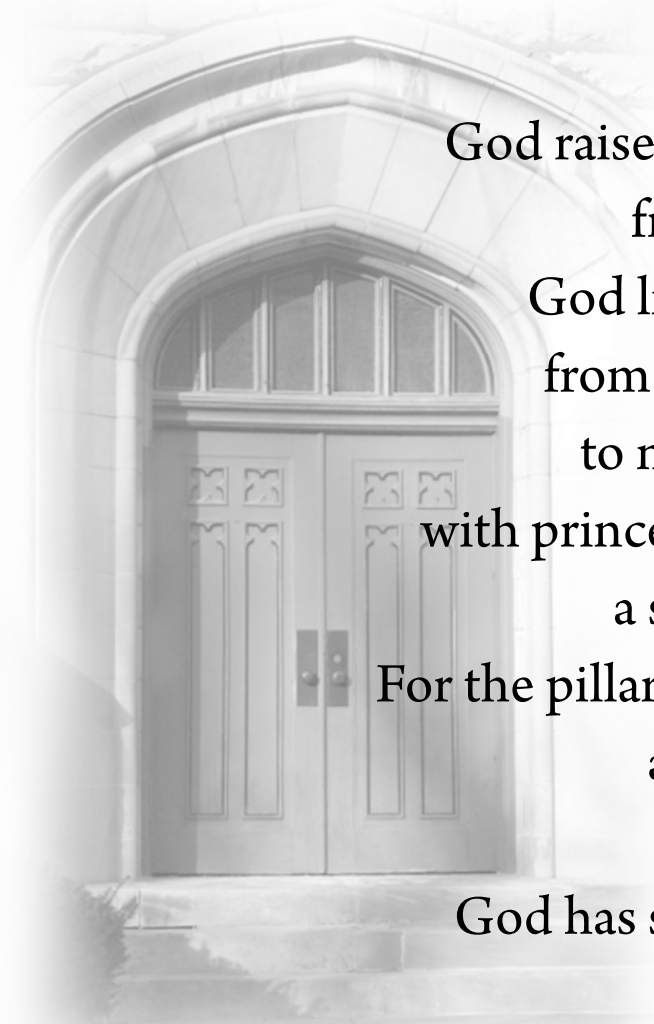
December 19: No Evening Activities/Supper

December 24: Christmas Eve Services at 4:00

and 6:00

December 24-25: Church Offices Closed

December 26: No Evening Activities/Supper



God raises up the poor
from the dust;
God lifts the needy
from the ash heap,
to make them sit
with princes and inherit
a seat of honor.
For the pillars of the earth
are the Lord's
and on them
God has set the world.

~ 1 Samuel 2:8



Our Mission... God's Love compels us to cultivate a safe, welcoming community of faith where all are challenged to discover, grow, and serve, as together we boldly live out the worship that is our very lives.

Our Vision... We dream of being an engaging, vibrant Christian church, where transformed people are joining the work of God, creating a world where justice and Love are abundant.

Deb Ackerson
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Jerre Bassett
FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN

Frank Bassett
PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

Lauren Blackwell
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

Fred Bogert
MUSIC DIRECTOR TO
FRIDAY CHURCH

Don Burke
PASTOR EMERITUS

Linda Campbell
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ASSISTANT

Kathy Collier
MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

Perry Dixon
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Andria Eadens
PUBLICATIONS/MEMBERSHIP/
OFFICE MANAGER

Austin Echols
ORGANIST/MUSIC ASSOCIATE

Jim England
INTERIM PROCLAIMER

Carol Harston
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR
FAITH FORMATION AND
CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Lauren Jones Mayfield
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO
YOUNG ADULTS AND MISSION

Walter McWhorter
OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

Renee Purtlebaugh
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Kim Shippey
DEACON CHAIR

Becki Streif
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

This Week at Highland

Sunday, November 18

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:00 a.m. Community Gathering

9:30 a.m. Worship

Bible Study 1

10:30 a.m. Community Gathering

11:00 a.m. Worship

Bible Study 2

12:00 p.m. Congregational Conversation
(Fellowship Hall)

12:30 p.m. Mission and Justice Ministry Group
(Youth Suite)

1:30 p.m. Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary)

5:30 p.m. Global Partnerships Ministry Team
(103)

Monday, November 19

5:30 p.m. Young Adult Ministry Group
(Fireside)

6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Group (Youth Suite)

7:00 p.m. Deacons (Commons)

Tuesday, November 20

5:30 p.m. Hope for a Brighter Day (Fellowship Hall)

10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, November 21

Church Offices Closed

No Evening Supper/Activities

Thursday, November 22

Church Offices Closed

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Service (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Sanctuary)

Friday, November 23

Church Offices Closed

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Gathering
(Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Friday Church (Sanctuary)

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 18, 2018