

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**8:30 a.m.**

Invitation to Worship Jim England

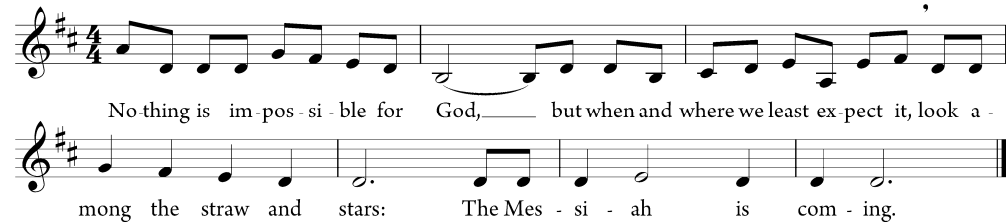
Meditation Austin Echols

The Prophecy Jim England

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Pew Bible page 724 – OT)

Heaven and earth will pass away
but the word of the Lord stands forever.
Thanks be to God.

Advent Refrain A. Echols

Nothing is Impossible for God

The Lighting of the Advent Candle: Hope Terry Casey

As we light our first Advent candle, **we pray for holy hope of God.**
Come now, O Child of Mary. **Come now, O Prince of Hope.**Advent Hymn (79) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
Stanzas One and Four

Prayer of Expectancy Carol Harston

The Exchange of Peace

The Gospel Lesson Renee Purtlebaugh
Luke 21:25-36 (Pew Bible page 84 – NT)Sermon *Hope Against Hope*The Celebration of Holy Communion
All bread served is gluten free.
*Please place your tithes and offerings in the offering plates as you return to your pew.*Song of Renewal (85) *Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming*

News for the Community Carol Harston

Benediction Renee Purtlebaugh

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**9:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

Invitation to Worship Renee Purtlebaugh

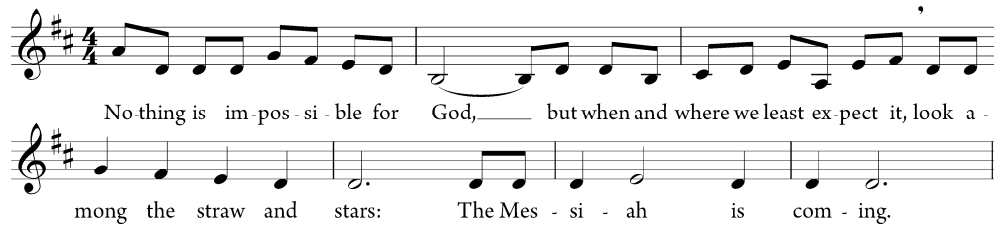
Prelude Gerald Near
*Six Variants on Es ist ein 'Ros' entsprungen - No. 1***NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD**

The Prophecy Jim England

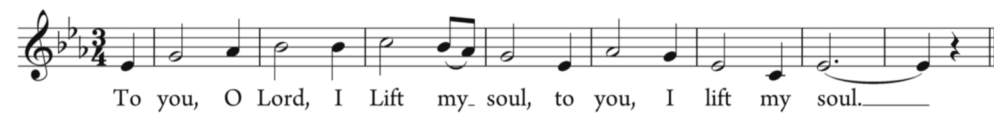
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Nothing is Impossible for GodThe Lighting of the Advent Candle: Hope Vi Chatmon and Bruce Carroll (9:30)
Janie and Scott Blome (11:00)As we light our first Advent candle, **we pray for holy hope of God.**
Come now, O Child of Mary. **Come now, O Prince of Hope.**Processional Hymn (79) † VENI EMMANUEL
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Prayer of Expectancy

WHEN AND WHERE WE LEAST EXPECT ITPsalm Refrain *To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul*The Morning Psalm Carol Harston
Psalm 25:1-10 (Pew Bible page 492 – OT)

Prayer of Confession Jim England

When all is uncertain and the days turn cold,
our next step becomes the most difficult one to take.
Our attention is highjacked by the fear of what comes next.
Forgive us our distraction. Open our eyes.
Help us to see ourselves clearly.
We squander what is ours. We numb the ache. We expect the worst.
**But this hour, we come together and we are able again
to lift up our soul to You.**
Help us to see You clearly this Advent season.
The days are surely coming when You shall fulfill Your promise of hope.
In those days, we will be saved and we shall live in safety.
We wait for Your coming as forgiven people with courageous hearts.
For the gift of forgiveness
and the promise of hope, we give thanks. Amen.Words of Assurance – The Epistle Lesson
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (Pew Bible page 200 – NT)Prayers of the People Carol Harston
When and where we least expect it, **HOPE is coming.**Hymn (96) HOUSTON
*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light***LOOK AMONG THE STRAW AND THE STARS**The Gospel Lesson † Renee Purtlebaugh
Luke 21:25-36 (Pew Bible page 84 – NT)Anthem Mark G. Sirett
*Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes*Sermon Renee Purtlebaugh
*Hope Against Hope*The Celebration of Holy Communion
Invitation to the Table
Exchange of Peace
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
Communion Anthem Joseph Running
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
All bread served is gluten free.
*Please place your tithes and offerings in the offering plates as you return to your pew.***THE MESSIAH IS COMING**Hymn of Response (85) † PLEADING SAVIOR
*Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming*Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer Jill Ligon Davis (9:30)
Esther Volmer (11:00)

News for the Community Carol Harston

Doxology † VENI EMMANUEL
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Benediction Renee Purtlebaugh

Postlude CHESTERFIELD
arr. John Leavitt
Hark the Glad Sound!† *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 Michael French (9:30) and John Foster (11:00). We ask worshippers to read the lines in **bold** in today's litanies and printed scriptures.

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

Please express your gratitude for the original artwork created for our Advent bulletins by Lou Ann Iler, Highland member and local artist and teacher.

Following worship, deacons will be at each exit to collect contributions to the church's Fellowship Fund, which helps those in need in our community. 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.

Prayers of the People

New Concerns

Carole Pardue, upcoming surgery

Ongoing Concerns

Dorothy Borrmann

Bret Brummett, recovery from accident

Rose Hawkins, ankle surgery recovery

Michelle Kanatzar, surgery recovery

Reece Little, stage 4 metastatic cancer

Ongoing Concerns *(continued)*

Jim McBee, pancreatic cancer surgery recovery

Kathy McFall, health, recovery

Georgianna Miller

Bill Mosier, tests

Betty Unruh, home, pancreatitis

Christian Sympathy

Darryl Pardon, death of uncle

This Week at Highland

Sunday, December 2

8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:00 a.m. Community Gathering
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 Bible Study 1
 10:30 a.m. Community Gathering
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Bible Study 2
 12:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Group (103)
 12:30 p.m. Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 6:00 p.m. Hanging of the Green Service (Sanctuary)
 7:00 p.m. Hanging of the Green Reception (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, December 3

9:00 a.m. Senior Adult Sorting Soiree (Sanctuary)
 5:30 p.m. Families with Children/Young Adults Sorting Soiree (Sanctuary)
 6:00 p.m. Ministry Council (200)

Tuesday, December 4

5:30 p.m. Hope for a Brighter Day (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 p.m. G.R.O.W. (103)
 10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, December 5

5:20 p.m. Fellowship Supper (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 p.m. Children's Activities (2nd Floor)
 Youth Group (Youth Suite)
 6:10 p.m. Adult Class—Managing Transitions: Making the Most Out of Change (Fellowship Hall)
 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, December 6

6:00 p.m. Theology on Tap (Off-site)
 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, December 7

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)

Saturday, December 8

8:30 a.m. MensWork Breakfast (FS)
 9:00 a.m. Chorister Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 11:00 a.m. Children's Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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.

We gather as a community to prepare our hearts and our space **tonight at 6:00 p.m. for the Hanging of the Green Service.** Please bring a donation of non-perishable goods (peanut butter, hearty soups, canned meats, cereal, rice, beans, etc.) for local families in need or toys to be used in The Christmas Store at Highland. We are also gathering baked goods for the reception and would welcome your sweet or savory additions to the table!

Tomorrow, December 3, at 5:30 p.m., the Families with Children Ministry Group is joining hands with the Young Adult Ministry to **sort toys, canned goods, and pack exam care packages.** This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in a family service project during the holiday season and is appropriate for children and adults of all ages—everyone can help in some way. RSVP for the pizza dinner prior to the soiree by emailing Renee Purtlebaugh at renee@hbclouisville.org.

Wednesday Evening Class for Adults

2019 will hold a lot of new life for Highland. In order to be ready to receive change in the coming year, our Deacon Body will lead a 2-week class on **November 28 and December 5, 6:10-7:10 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Our deacons will teach material from *Managing Transitions: Making the Most out of Change* which will invite conversation around the table.

2019 offering envelope boxes are set out alphabetically in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Commons. Please pick up yours today!

Advent Reminders

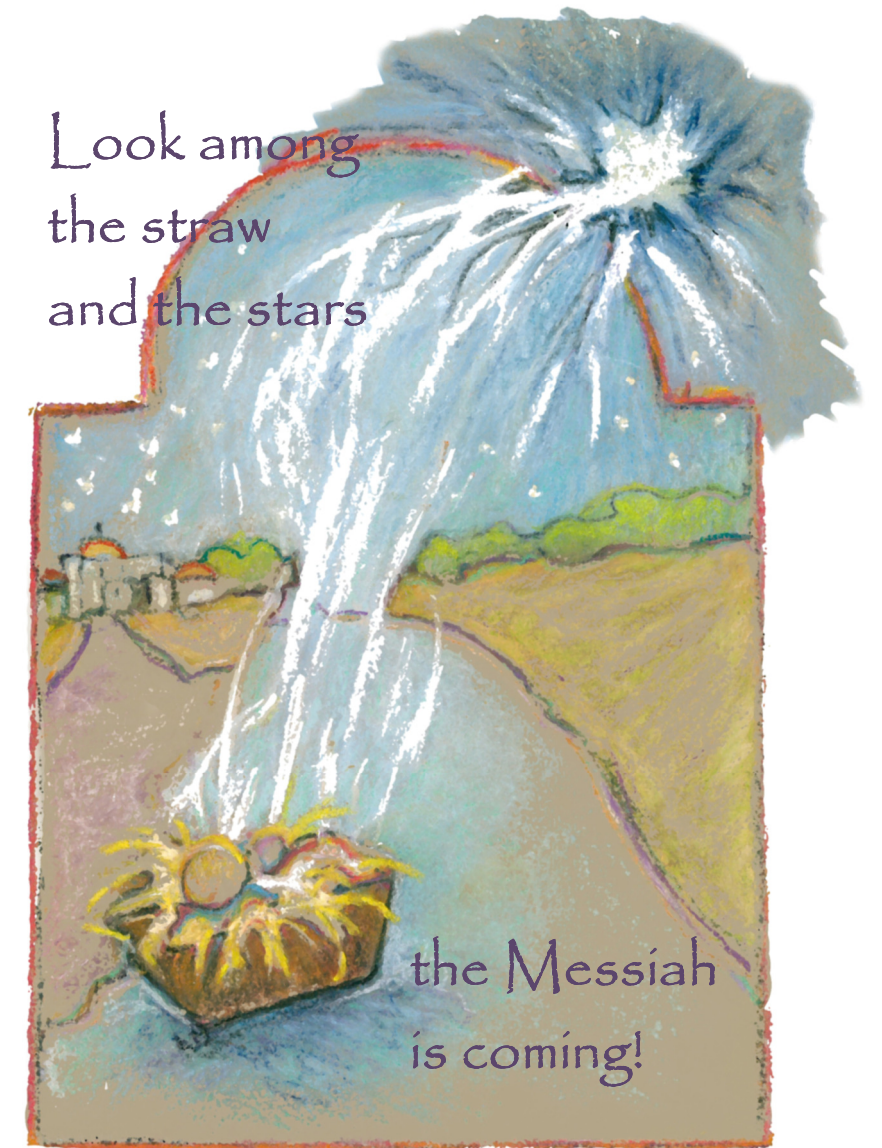
- Alternative Gift Cards are on sale this month in the Commons to support Habitat for Humanity and the Louisville Community Bail Fund.
- Next Sunday is our observation of Peace Sunday where we mark our front lawn in all three Sunday services with crosses to remember those killed in an act of violence in 2018. We will also gather that evening, at 6:00 p.m., for our Children's Choirs Advent Service.

Sign-Ups and RSVPs Today in the Commons

- Alternative Gift Cards
- HCM Basket Delivery

Mark Your Calendars

- December 2: First Sunday in Advent; Hanging of the Green Service and Reception (PM)
- December 3: Sorting Soiree
- December 6: Theology on Tap
- December 5: Adult Class—Managing Transitions: Making the Most Out of Change
- December 9: Crosses on the Lawn (AM); Children's Choir Advent Service (PM)
- December 12: Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Process
- December 13: Cream of the Crop Christmas Luncheon
- December 15: HCM Christmas Baskets Delivery; The Christmas Store
- December 16: No 8:30 a.m. Worship Service; Christmas Orchestra Concert (PM)



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	Kathy Collier MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP	Lauren Jones Mayfield ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUNG ADULTS AND MISSION
Jerre Bassett FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN	Perry Dixon ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES	Walter McWhorter OPERATIONS DIRECTOR
Frank Bassett PART-TIME CUSTODIAN	Andria Eadens PUBLICATIONS/MEMBERSHIP/OFFICE MANAGER	Renee Purtlebaugh ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES
Lauren Blackwell ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	Austin Echols ORGANIST/MUSIC ASSOCIATE	Kim Shippey DEACON CHAIR
Fred Bogert MUSIC DIRECTOR TO FRIDAY CHURCH	Jim England INTERIM PROCLAIMER	Becki Streif MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR
Don Burke PASTOR EMERITUS	Carol Harston ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR FAITH FORMATION AND CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT	
Linda Campbell CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ASSISTANT		

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