

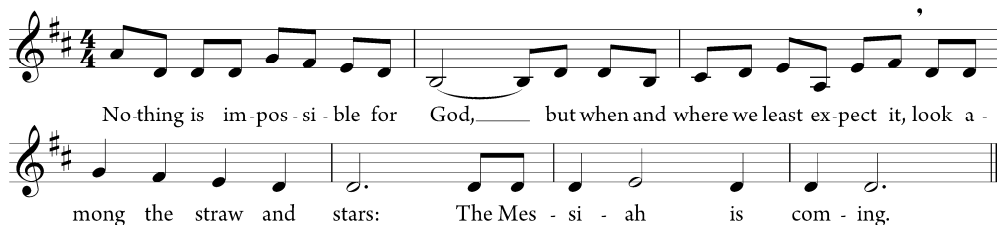
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT **8:30 a.m.**

Invitation to Worship Perry Dixon

Meditation arr. Brenda Austin
The First Noel
Sanctuary Handbells

The Prophecy Carol Harston
Malachi 3:1-4
Baruch 5:7
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: Peace Allison French, Mina Todd,
Weston and Parker French
As we light our second Advent candle,
we pray for the holy peace of God.
Come now, O Child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Peace.

Advent Hymn (95) Stanzas One and Four
Prepare the Royal Highway

Prayer of Expectancy Jim England

The Exchange of Peace

Gathering Our Offerings arr. Brenda Austin
The First Noel
Sanctuary Handbells

The Gospel Lesson Perry Dixon
Luke 3:1-6 (Pew Bible pages 58-59 – NT)

Sermon *Reclaiming a Shared World, Together*

Song of Renewal (256) *We Are People of God's Peace*

News for the Community Renee Purtlebaugh

A Time of Remembrance for Victims of Violence in Our Community
Individuals and families are invited to take a cross to place on the lawn.

Recess to the Front Lawn
Please follow the ministers to the front lawn for the conclusion of the service.
Beautiful City from *Godspell*
Drew Harston, Tenor

Benediction on the Lawn Jim England

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

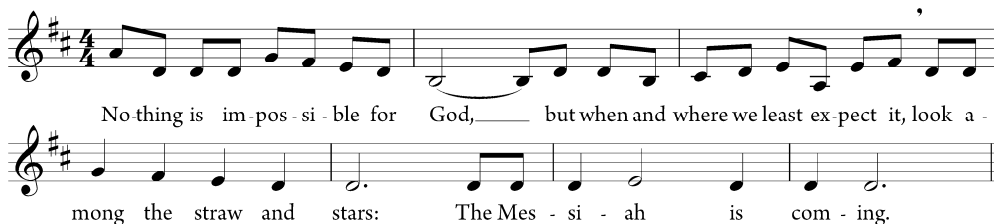
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Introit/Meditation arr. Brenda Austin
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The Lighting of the Advent Candle: Peace Elizabeth Howell and Justin Boldt (9:30)
John and Elise Fazio Fitzgerald (11:00)

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Processional Hymn (95) † BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN
Prepare the Royal Highway

Prayer of Expectancy

WHEN AND WHERE WE LEAST EXPECT IT

Choral Meditation James MacMillan
O Radiant Dawn

The Song of Zechariah Carol Harston
Luke 1:68-70; 76-79 (Pew Bible pages 56-57 – NT)

Prayer of Confession Renee Purtlebaugh
We pray to You, O Holy One, who is always sending messages urging the opening of our hearts. Forgive us our multi-tasking distracted half listening. Your voice cries out in the wilderness within us pleading for the low places to be filled with kindness and our mountainous barriers leveled with love for all. You call us to straighten the crooked and corrupt with justice and mercy. We confess that we fall short, often leaving the most vulnerable in desolate places. Help us hear your voice crying in their wilderness. We confess that we often build walls around our hearts to protect us from the pain of loving. Forgive us our fear. Give us courageous hearts that we might fully embrace your migrant in a manger. Amen.

Music of Assurance – The Epistle Lesson J. Aaron McDermid
I Thank My God

I thank my God when I remember you. In all my prayers I pray with joy for your partnership in sharing the Good News. For I am sure the one who began a good work in you will carry it on until the day of Christ. This is my prayer: that your love may overflow and you will grow in knowledge and depth of understanding. Amen. ~from *Philippians 1*

Prayers of the People Jim England
When and where we least expect it,
PEACE is coming.

The Exchange of Peace
Hymn (89) PSALM 42
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

LOOK AMONG THE STRAW AND THE STARS

The Gospel Lesson † Perry Dixon
Luke 3:1-6 (Pew Bible pages 58-59 – NT)

Sermon Perry Dixon
Reclaiming a Shared World, Together

THE MESSIAH IS COMING

Hymn of Response (256) TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
We Are People of God's Peace

Offertory Prayer
Choral Offertory Elaine Hagenberg
I Will Be a Child of Peace

News for the Community Renee Purtlebaugh

Doxology † VENI EMMANUEL
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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† 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 Marilyn Sanders and Michael DeWhatley (9:30) and Roy Fuller and Suzanne Busse (11:00). We ask worshippers to read the lines in **bold** in today's litanies and printed scriptures.

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

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

Ongoing Concerns

Dorothy Borrmann
Bret Brummett, home, rehab
Rose Hawkins, ankle surgery recovery
Michelle Kanatzar, surgery recovery
Reece Little, stage 4 metastatic cancer
Jim McBee, chemo
Kathy McFall, health, recovery
Georgianna Miller
Bill Mosier, tests
Carole Pardue, surgery recovery
Betty Unruh, home, pancreatitis

Those Serving in Missions and Justice

Greg Clark, doctoral research in Jordan
Sarah and David Halter, home assignment from Tanzania

Congratulations

Jan & Gary Forren, birth of granddaughter, Riley Louise Ford, on 12/3
Katie & James Fransen, birth of son, Kealan James Fransen, on 11/14

Christian Sympathy

Emily Cash, death of grandfather
Bert Lawson, death of mother, Myrtle
Jessica Powers, death of aunt

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.

Today, we observe **Peace Sunday**, the 2nd Sunday of Advent, where we mark the pain and hope of God by placing white crosses on Highland's front lawn in memory of Louisville residents killed in an act of violence. Crosses will create a sad memorial on our lawn during this holiday season but signify our hope that God calls the church to work actively against violence in its many forms. Worshipers in each service will be invited to remember on this day.

We gather tonight for our **Children's Choir Advent Program** at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join us!

We will gather in the sanctuary for "**Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-In-Process**" **this Wednesday, December 12**, where Dick and Jane Allison, and Perry Dixon will share their faith journey guided by our facilitator, Bob Cunningham.

Advent Reminders

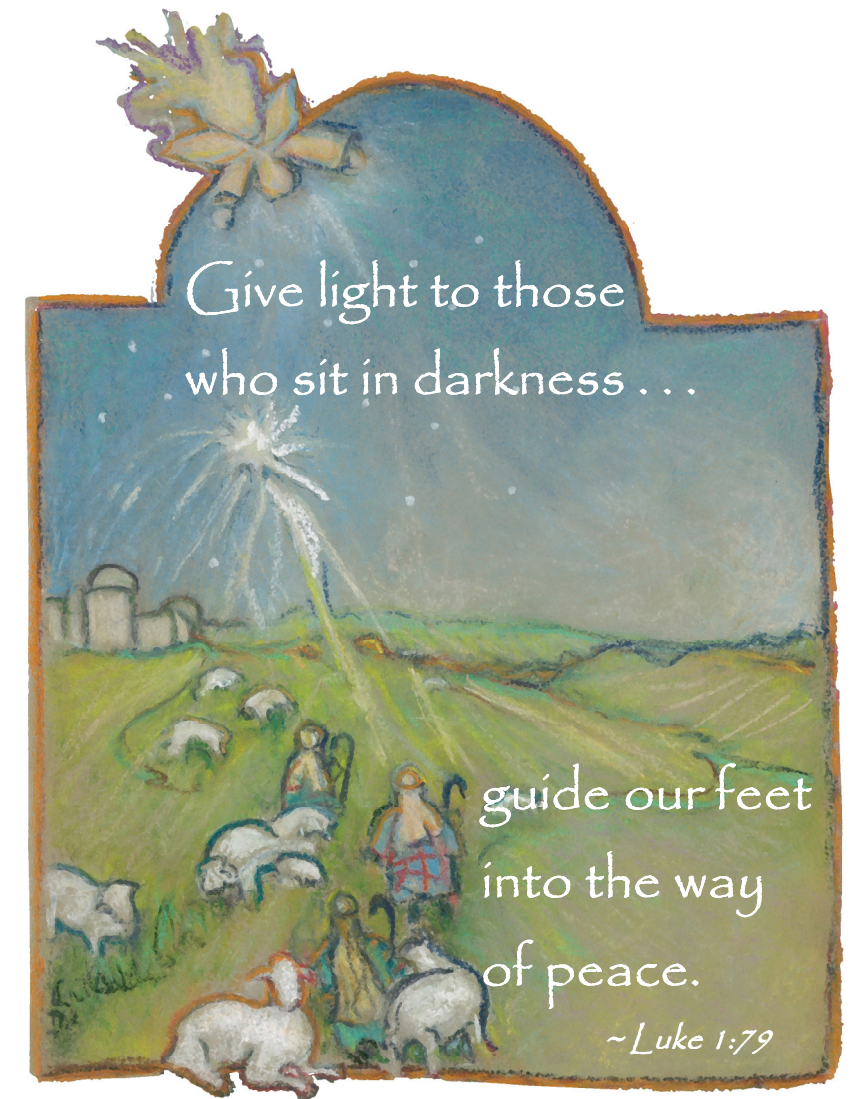
- Alternative Gift Cards are on sale this month in the Commons to support Habitat for Humanity and the Louisville Community Bail Fund.
- Highland's Orchestra invites everyone to an evening of *Holidays, Holy Days*, next Sunday, December 16, 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. A Christmas delight for all ages. Please join us!
- Children's Worship will not meet December 2 through January 6.

Highland offers two **Christmas Eve Services** for your family and friends to attend. The **candlelight service at 4:00 p.m.** includes singing Christmas carols and reading the Christmas story from Luke's gospel. Childcare will be provided for infants, toddlers, and twos for this service. The **Service of Lessons and Carols at 6:00 p.m.** is based on a centuries-old English tradition telling the Christmas story through the reading of scriptures, singing of carols, and gifts of music by the Sanctuary Choir. A beautiful candlelight ending will send you on your way as we mark the birth of Jesus. Childcare will be provided for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers for this service.

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

Mark Your Calendars

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; Libation Theology
 December 15: HCM Christmas Baskets Delivery; The Christmas Store at Highland
 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
 December 30: One Service at 10:00 a.m.
 January 1: Church Offices Closed



This Week at Highland

Sunday, December 9

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
 Mission and Justice NTL Touch Base (101)
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Bible Study 2
 12:30 p.m. Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 Families with Children Ministry Group (201)
 12:30 p.m. Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Advent Service (Sanctuary)

Monday, December 10

6:30 p.m. Congregational Engagement Ministry Group (Youth Suite)

Tuesday, December 11

5:30 p.m. Hope for a Brighter Day (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 p.m. Finance Ministry Group (103)
 10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, December 12

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—Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Process (Sanctuary)
 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, December 13

12:00 p.m. Cream of the Crop Christmas Luncheon (Off-site)
 6:30 p.m. Libation Theology (Off-site)
 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, December 14

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 15

9:00 a.m. HCM Christmas Basket Delivery
 The Christmas Store at Highland (Fellowship Hall)



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

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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

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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