

Invitation to Worship Jim England Words of Assurance – The Epistle Lesson Perry Dixon
Colossians 3:12-17 (Pew Bible page 198 – NT)

Prelude N. Rawsthorne
In Dulci Jubilo

The Exchange of Peace

JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME

Christmas Carols †

Please sing the first and last stanzas of each of the following hymns.

Call to Worship – from Psalm 148 Kathey Golightly Sanders

Hymn (127)
Hymn (114)
Hymn (139)
Hymn (125)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Gentle Mary Laid Her Child
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Angels We Have Heard on High

MENDELSSOHN
TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
W ZLOBIE LEZY
GLORIA

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights!
**All the shining stars praise you, O God,
for you commanded and they were created.**
Praise the Lord from the earth, young men and women alike,
old and young together!
**Let everyone praise the name of the Lord, for your glory
is above earth and heaven. Praise the Lord!**

HE COMES TO MAKE HIS BLESSING FLOW

The Gospel Lesson †

Luke 2:41-52 (Pew Bible page 58 – NT)

Jim England

Carol (102) † ANTIOCH
Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Sermon

A Frantic Search

Jim England

Prayer of Praise

REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY

Gloria Patri MEINEKE
**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.**

Hymn (115) †

The Hands that First Held Mary's Child

KINGSFOLD

Offertory Prayer

Perry Dixon

Music of the Season Diane Brewer, Vi Chatmon,
Libby Cunningham, and Martha Johnson

Offertory

Sing Lullaby

J. Jordon

LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM

News for the Community

Carol Harston

The Hebrew Lesson Carol Harston
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (Pew Bible pages 243-244 – OT)

Doxology †

THE FIRST NOWELL

**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.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell. Born is the King of Israel.**

Prayer of Confession
**God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we
often miss the marvels you place before us. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make
yourself known, that we might be witnesses to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Benediction

Jim England

Silent Prayer and Confession

Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo

D. Bedard

Musical Meditation words and music by Gloria and Fred Bogert
I'm Ready for the Child
Mark Golightly Sanders, solo

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

We ask worshipers to read the lines in **bold** in today's litanies and printed scriptures.

Today in Worship

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.

Please express your gratitude for the original artwork created for our Advent bulletins by Lou Ann Iler, Highland member and Private Art Instructor in Louisville. We are grateful to Sharon Sanders for providing musical leadership in today's service.

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 to learn about the ministries of Highland Baptist Church.

All are invited and encouraged to consider year-end financial gifts to the work of Love through Highland. All gifts must be postmarked by December 31 to be counted in your **2018 giving**. To inquire about your giving year-to-date, contact Deb Ackerson, Financial Secretary, in the church office.

Reminders:

- There will be **no weekly church newsletter** on January 1.
- **Children's Worship** will not meet until January 6.

Mark Your Calendars

January 1: Church Offices Closed
January 2: No Evening Activities/Supper
January 3: Theology on Tap
January 10: Libation Theology
January 12: MensWork Breakfast
January 13: Party with Your Pastors Dessert
January 15: Party with Your Pastors Lunch
January 21: Church Offices Closed
January 27: Highland Book Club
January 29: Party with Your Pastors Coffee

Prayers of the People

Ongoing Concerns

Bret Brummett, home, rehab
W.D. Burden, surgery recovery
George Ann Gash, surgery recovery
Rose Hawkins, ankle surgery recovery
Reece Little, stage 4 metastatic cancer
Jim McBee, chemo
Kathy McFall, health, recovery
Georgianna Miller, surgery recovery
Bill Mosier, tests
Betty Unruh, pancreatitis

Christian Sympathy

Larry and Mary Ida Gray, death of son

This Week at Highland

Sunday, December 30

10:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, January 1

Church Offices Closed

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

6:00 p.m. G.R.O.W. (103)

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

Wednesday, January 2

No Evening Activities/Supper

Thursday, January 3

6:00 p.m. Theology on Tap (Off-site)

7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
(Fellowship Hall)

Friday, January 4

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

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

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



Deb Ackerson
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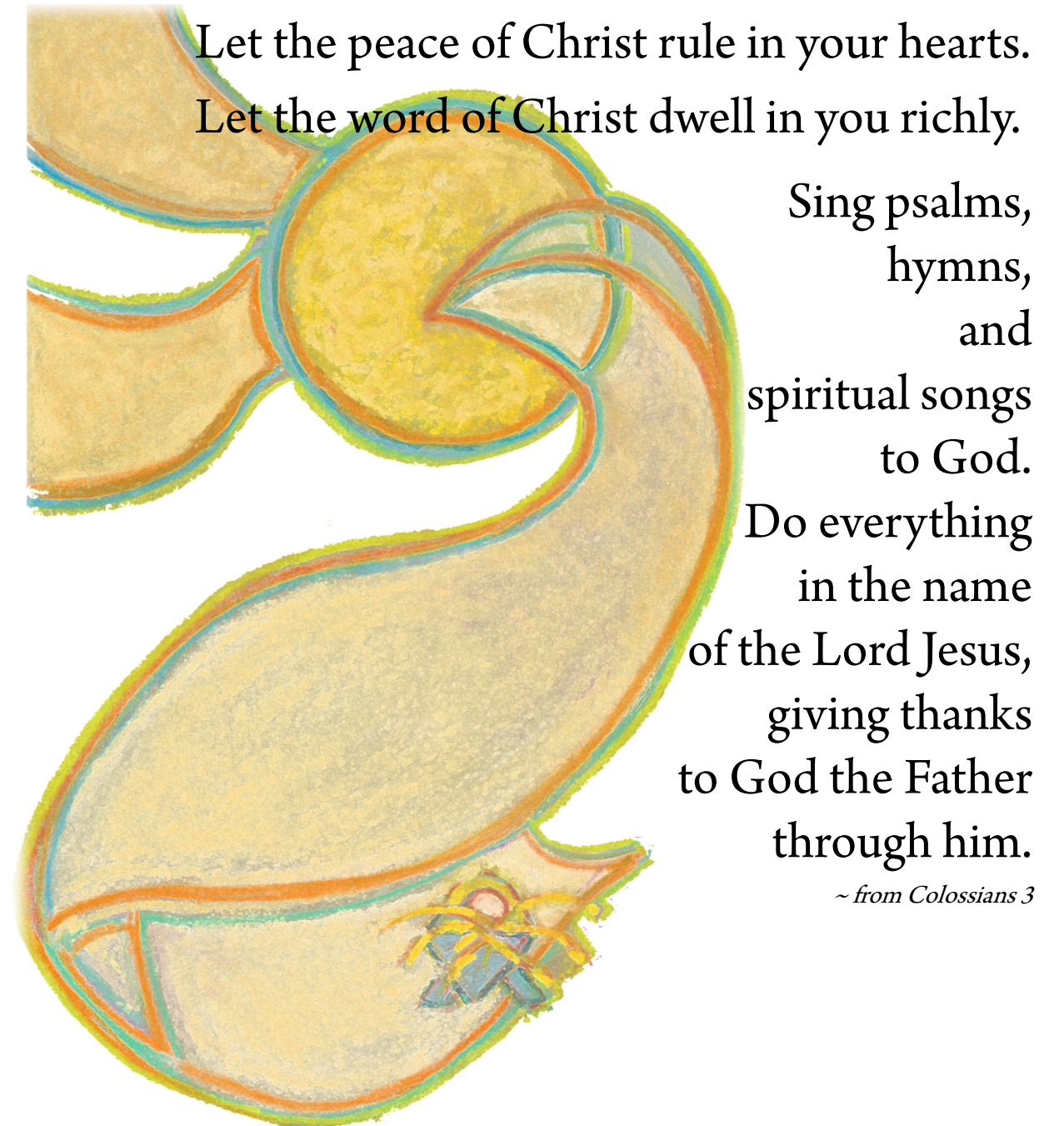
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Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Sing psalms,
hymns,
and
spiritual songs
to God.
Do everything
in the name
of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks
to God the Father
through him.

~ from Colossians 3

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 30, 2018