

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD **8:30 a.m.**

Invitation to Worship Jim England

Meditation Austin Echols

Epiphany Sunday Lesson – Isaiah 60:1-6 Perry Dixon

Arise, shine; for your light has come;
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
**Lift up your eyes and look around;
Sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.**
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice.
**They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

Hymn of Praise (150) *As with Gladness Men of Old*
Stanzas One and Four

Prayer of Praise Perry Dixon

The Exchange of Peace

The Gospel Lesson Jim England
Matthew 2:1-18 (Pew Bible pages 1-2 – NT)

Sermon Jim England
Journey Into Darkness

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 (140) *Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us*

News for the Community Renee Purtlebaugh

Benediction Jim England

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD **9:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

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Prelude GREENSLEEVES
arr. James Biery

What Child is This?

**AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD
DID THE GUIDING STAR BEHOLD**

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Processional Hymn (150) DIX
As with Gladness Men of Old

Prayer of Praise

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.**

The Gospel Lesson † Jim England
Matthew 2:1-18 (Pew Bible pages 1-2 – NT)

Anthem Will Todd
My Lord Has Come

**THERE TO BEND THE KNEE BEFORE CHRIST
WHOM HEAVEN AND EARTH ADORE**

Choral Psalm J. Michael Joncas
Psalm 72

The Morning Psalm – from *The Message* Carol Harston
Psalm 72:1-7; 10-14 (Pew Bible pages 522-523 – OT)

Prayer of Confession Renee Purtlebaugh
Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ,
but we have preferred to live in darkness.
Your justice protects the weak and the distressed,
yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power.
Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy,
yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions.
Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless,
yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution.
**Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may
trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.**

Words of Assurance
This is the good news:
**Christ is the light of the world,
who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.
Thanks be to God.**

HOLY JESUS, EVERY DAY KEEP US IN THE NARROW WAY

Hymn (154) † CHRISTE SANCTORUM
Christ Is the World's Light

Sermon Jim England
Journey Into Darkness

The Celebration of Holy Communion
Invitation to the Table
Exchange of Peace
Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Reception of the Bread and Cup
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**SO, MOST GRACIOUS LORD, MAY WE
EVERMORE BE LED TO THEE**

Hymn of Response (140) † HARLAN
Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us

Offertory Prayer

News for the Community Renee Purtlebaugh

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.**

Choral Benediction Dan Forrest
The Work of Christmas
When the song of the angels is stilled; when the star in the sky is gone; when the kings
and princes are home; when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas
begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the pris'ner,
to rebuild the nations; to bring peace among brothers. To make music from the heart.

Benediction Jim England

Postlude DIX
arr. Wayne L. Wold
As with Gladness Men of Old

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

Today in Worship

We are grateful for the lay leadership in today's services Eric and Stephanie Cutler (9:30); Michelle and Paxton Vaughn (11:00). We ask worshippers to read the lines in **bold** in today's litanies and printed scriptures.

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.

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

Phrases from our processional hymn, *As with Gladness Men of Old*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Prayers of the People

New Concerns

Dianna French, home, tests
Cleve Iler, home, recovery from a fall

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

Ongoing Concerns (continued)

Kathy McFall, health, recovery
Georgianna Miller, surgery recovery
Bill Mosier, tests
Betty Unruh, pancreatitis

Christian Sympathy

Kathy Collier and Carol Harston, death of
Kathy's mother/Carol's grandmother,
Betty Hunt

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.

Highland's sanctuary is filled with saints—the ones in the stained-glass windows who have completed the race *and* the ones in the pews who are still in process. We will gather in the Sanctuary for "**Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-In-Process**" this **Wednesday, January 9**, where three individuals will share their faith journey guided by our facilitator, Bob Cunningham.

Table Talk (formerly Libation Theology) is a relaxed time to eat together, meet new people, strengthen bonds with friends, and enjoy meaningful conversations on topics of collective or individual interest. Table Talk will resume on **Thursday evening, January 10**. Location will be announced in our January 8 newsletter. Inquiries may be directed to Marc Dowell, Earl Shelp, and Jim Shelton.

Cream of the Crop is a group, retirement age and above, that gathers monthly. We hope you will join us on **this Saturday, January 12**, as we gather at Ditto's Grill for a noon lunch reservation. RSVP to Sue Rowe by this Thursday, January 10, at (502) 618-1511, if you plan to attend.

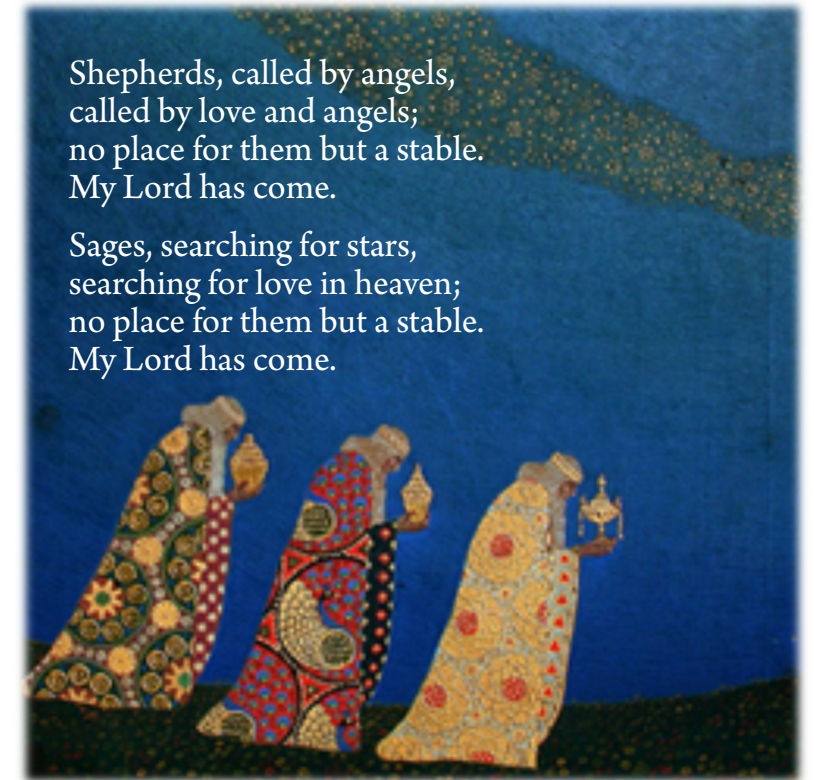
Make plans to attend the next **Quarterly Church Conference (QCC)** on Wednesday, **January 16, at 6:10 p.m.**, in Fellowship Hall.

At the start of this year, we want to encourage one another by finding opportunities to deepen our relationships with our "Party with Your Pastors" series! Party with Your Pastors is an informal space for our ministers to grow in relationship with the congregation during this interim time. We will have a Party with Your Pastors on **next Sunday, January 13, 6:00 p.m.**, at a minister's home. For those who cannot attend on a Sunday evening, we are offering two other opportunities to Party with Your Pastors! We will gather on **Tuesday, January 15, 12:00 p.m.**, at a local restaurant for lunch, and on **Tuesday, January 29, 3:00 p.m.**, at a local coffee shop. Sign up for one of these gatherings in the Commons or online at <https://hbclouisville.org/2018/06/11/party-with-your-pastors/>.

The **Highland Book Club** will meet on **Sunday, January 27**, at 6:00 p.m., to discuss "Into the Magic Shop: A Neurosurgeon's Quest to Discover the Mysteries of the Brain and the Secrets of the Heart" by James R. Doty, MD. Everyone is invited! Stay tuned for the meeting site.

Mark Your Calendars

January 10: Table Talk
January 12: MensWork Breakfast
January 13: Party with Your Pastors Dessert
January 15: Party with Your Pastors Lunch;
Cream of the Crop Trip
January 16: Quarterly Church Conference
January 20: Congregational Conversation during
9:30 and 11:00 Bible study hours
January 21: Church Offices Closed



Shepherds, called by angels,
called by love and angels;
no place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come.

Sages, searching for stars,
searching for love in heaven;
no place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come.

His love will hold me,
His love will cherish me.
Love will cradle me.
Lead me to see him,
sages and shepherds and angels;
no place but a stable.
My Lord has come.

~ Will Todd

This Week at Highland

Sunday, January 6

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)

Tuesday, January 8

5:30 p.m. Hope for a Brighter Day (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Finance Ministry Group (103)
7:00 p.m. Interim Transition Team (200)
10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 9

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 (Fellowship Hall)
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, January 10

6:30 p.m. Table Talk (Off-site)
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Sanctuary)

Friday, January 11

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)

Friday, January 11

8:30 a.m. MensWork Breakfast (Fireside)



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
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Linda Campbell CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ASSISTANT		

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