

Invitation to Worship Perry Dixon

Meditation Austin Echols

The Lighting of the Advent Candle: Hope Gene Strieble

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God says, "All is loved."

The darkness says, "The light is dying."

The light says, "The fire is catching."

Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."

Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."

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 (83) *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
Stanza One

Prayer of Expectancy Carol Harston

The Exchange of Peace
May the HOPE of Christ be with you.

The Gospel Lesson Jim England
Matthew 24:36-44 (Pew Bible pages 27 – NT)

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah Jim England
Isaiah 2:1-5 (Pew Bible page 618 – OT)

Song of Prophecy *Wake Us From Sleep*

Wake us from sleep, sur - prise us__ Lord; Your light drives out de - spair: Your
word has__ prom-ised HOPE for__ all; Your pre - sence is__ our prayer.

Sermon Jim England

The Celebration of Holy Communion Renee Purtlebaugh
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 (97) *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

News for the Community Carol Harston

Benediction Perry Dixon

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Chiming of the Hour

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS BORN TO SET THY PEOPLE FREE

The Lighting of the Advent Candle: Hope

Friendship Bible Study Class (9:30)

Rose and Jim Hawkins (11:00)

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Processional Hymn (83) † HYFRYDOL
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Prayer of Expectancy David Tribble

FROM OUR FEARS AND SINS RELEASE US LET US FIND OUR REST IN THEE

The Gospel Lesson † Jim England
Matthew 24:36-44 (Pew Bible page 27 – NT)

Anthem Howard Helvey
O Come, Divine Messiah

Prayer of Confession Carol Harston

Advent God, in this season of waiting we confess we have fallen asleep. Startle us into alertness when we forget the freedom to be present with which you have gifted us. When we avoid your presence in others and in ourselves stir us to incarnate your presence in our bodies. Now are the times you call all people to live in harmony but we sow division and harvest discord. You command us to craft tools that sustain life but we cling to weapons that damage and destroy. Forgive us. Advent God, show us what repentance is so our confessions may be complete and we may know our closeness to you. Amen.

Words of Assurance – The Morning Psalm
Psalm 122:1-9 (Pew Bible page 560 – OT)

Hymn (86) † JEFFERSON
Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

Prayers of the People Renee Purtlebaugh

God who redeems our past and reveals our future,
free us with your whole presence this hour.

ISRAEL'S STRENGTH AND CONSOLATION HOPE OF ALL THE EARTH THOU ART

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah † Jim England
Isaiah 2:1-5 (Pew Bible page 618 – OT)

Song of Prophecy † MORNING STAR

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Invitation to the Table

Exchange of Peace

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Reception of the Bread and Cup

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DEAR DESIRE OF EVERY NATION, JOY OF EVERY LONGING HEART

Hymn of Response (97) † MORNING SONG
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Offertory Prayer

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Doxology † VENI EMMANUEL

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.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Benediction

Postlude Austin Echols

Advent Reflections

† *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

We are grateful to the lay leadership in today's services by Jill Ligon Davis (9:30) and Esther Volmer (11:00). Phrases from our processional hymn, *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation and response.

We appreciate the collaboration of David Tribble, Highland's Worship Ministry Group Chair, with Rev. Perry Dixon in planning today's worship services. Please express your gratitude for the original artwork created for our Advent bulletins by Allison Keenan, Highland member and Art Specialist with Shelby County Schools.

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. Children's Worship pauses beginning Sunday, December 1, through Advent and will return Sunday, January 12.

Prayers of the People

New Concerns

Janet Tharpe, infection recovery

Christian Sympathy

Kelly Garrett, death of uncle, J.B. Castleberry

Barbara Stallard, death of niece

Ongoing Concerns

Ainsley Braun, recovering from fracture

Nicole Farnsley, recovering from fracture

James Hikes, heart issues

Helen Hinton, knee surgery recovery

Reece Little, new medication for leukemia

Joe Powell, Valhalla rehab, surgery recovery

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 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.

Immediately following tonight's **Hanging of the Green Service**, you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall for a **reception**. This gathering is one of the very few times that we are all together and requires us all to pitch in to help it happen. **We need folks** to cook your favorite sweet or savory goodies, folks to help with set up and lots of folks to help clean up. An event of this size needs lots of hands to make it happen. Please visit our display following today's services and let us know we can count on you.

Tomorrow, December 2, we will sort toys and canned goods from the Hanging of the Green service. From **9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**, the Senior Adults will begin sorting toys and canned goods in the sanctuary. **At 6:00 p.m.**, the Families with Children Ministry Group and the Young Adult Ministry will finish sorting. 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.

Advent Reminders

- Alternative Gift Cards are on sale this month in the Commons to support Habitat for Humanity, La Casita Community Center, 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 2019. We will also gather that evening, at 6:00 p.m., for our Children's Choirs Advent Service, followed by a Milk and Cookies Reception.

Sign-Ups and RSVPs Today in the Commons

- Alternative Gift Cards
- HCM Basket Delivery

2020 offering envelope boxes are set out alphabetically in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Commons. Please pick up yours today!

Mark Your Calendars

- December 1: First Sunday in Advent; LGBTea+ Time; Hanging of the Green Service and Reception
- December 2; Sorting Soiree
- December 3: Cream of the Crop Christmas Luncheon
- December 4: Adult Class—*The Church and Reparations*
- December 5: Theology on Tap
- December 7: Work Day; The Christmas Store; Young Adults Christmas Party
- December 8: Crosses on the Lawn (AM); Children's Choir Advent Program (PM)
- December 11: No Evening Activities/Supper



Wake us from sleep, surprise us Lord;
Your light drives out despair;
Your word has promised HOPE for all;
Your presence is our prayer.

This Week at Highland

Sunday, December 1

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Community Gathering
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Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Community Gathering
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m. LGBTea+ Time (Commons)
- 6:00 p.m. Hanging of the Green Service and Reception (Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall)

Monday, December 2

- 9:00 a.m. Senior Adults' Toy Sorting (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Mission Minded Women's Group (Fireside)
- 6:00 p.m. Ministry Council (200) Sorting Soiree (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, December 3

- 11:00 a.m. Cream of the Crop Lunch (Off-site)
- 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 4

- 5:20 p.m. Fellowship Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Activities (2nd Floor)
Youth Group (Youth Suite)
Adult Class—The Church and Reparations (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, December 5

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

Friday, December 6

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Gathering (Fireside)
- 7:00 p.m. Friday Church (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, December 7

- 9:00 a.m. The Christmas Store (Fellowship Hall)
- Chorister Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary, Commons, Choir Room, and Children's Department)
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary and 200)
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Christmas Party (Off-site)



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.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN

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HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 1, 2019