

Invitation to Worship Carol Harston

Chiming of the Hour

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Joy Jen, Clint, and Shepherd Saylor (9:30)  
Jennifer and Carrie Porter (11:00)

Rejoice always in God.  
**We rejoice with joy and singing.**  
Where there is worry and fear,  
**we proclaim the promise of Joy.**  
Where there is grief and pain,  
**we proclaim the promise of Joy.**  
Where there is oppression and injustice,  
**we proclaim the promise of Joy.**  
As we light our third Advent candle,  
**we pray for hope, peace, and joy.**  
**Come now, O child of Mary.**  
**Come now, O Prince of Joy.**

Processional Carol (79) † VENI EMMANUEL  
*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Prayer of Expectancy Diane Brewer

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah † Carol Harston  
Isaiah 35:1-10 (Pew Bible pages 649-650 – OT)

Song of Prophecy † MORNING SONG

*Wake Us From Sleep*

Wake us from sleep, sur - prise us\_\_ God; Your light drives out de - spair: Your  
word has\_\_ prom - ised JOY for\_\_ all; Your pre - sence is\_\_ our prayer.

Homily Carol Harston  
*The Crocus Is Beginning to Bloom*

The Exchange of Peace  
*May the JOY of Christ be with you.*

The Canticle of Mary † Jim England  
Luke 1:47-55 (Pew Bible page 56 – NT)

Magnificat

by John Rutter

I. *Magnificat anima mea Dominum: et exsultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutary meo. Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae: ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.*

My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For he has regarded the low estate of his hand-maiden: for behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

II. *Of a Rose, a lovely Rose, of a Rose is all my song.*

Hearken to me, both old and young, how this Rose began to spring; a fairer rose to mine liking in all this world ne know I none.

Five branches of that rose there been, the which be both fair and sheen; the rose is called Mary, heaven's queen. Out of her bosom a blossom sprang.

The first branch was of great honour: that blest Marie should bear the flow'r; there came an angel from heaven's tower to break the devil's bond.

The second branch was great of might, that sprang upon Christmas night; the star shone over Bethlem bright, that all should see it both day and night.

The third branch did spring and spread; three kinges then the branch gan led unto Our Lady in her child-bed; into Bethlem that branch sprang right.

The fourth branch it sprang to hell, the devil's power for to fell: that no soul therein should dwell, the branch so blessedfully sprang.

The fifth branch it was so sweet, it sprang to heav'n, both crop and root, Therein to dwell and be our bote: so blessedly it sprang.

Sing we of her with great honour, she that bare the blessed flow'r, God's son, our help and our succour, who shields us from the fiendes bond. (15<sup>th</sup>-century English)

III. *Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: et sanctum nomen eius. Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.*

For he who is mighty has done great things to me; and holy is his name. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Diane Brewer, Mary Dwyer, and Alison Schureck, Sopranos

IV. *Et misericordia eius a progenie in progenies timentibus eum.*

And his mercy is on them who fear him from generation to generation.  
Emily Stewart, Soprano

V. *Fecit potentiam in brachio suo: dispersit superbos mente cordis sui. Deposuit potentes de sede, et exaltavit humiles.*

He has shown strength with his arm; He has scattered the proud, even the arrogant of heart. He has deposed the mighty from their seats, and exalted the humble.

VI. *Esurientes implevit bonis: et divites dimisit inanes. Suscepit Israel puerum suum, recordatus misericordiae suae. Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini eius in saecula.*

The hungry he has filled with good things and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy. As it was spoken to our fathers, to Abraham and his seed forever.

Linda Campbell, Soprano

VII. *Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sancta Maria, succurre miseris, iuva pusillanimes, refove flebiles; ora pro populo, intervine pro clero, intercede pro devoto femineo sexu; sentiant omnes tuum iuvamen, quicumque tuum sanctum implorant auxilium. Alleluia. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Holy Mary, succour those in need, help the faint-hearted, support the weak; pray for the laity, assist the clergy, intercede for all devout women; may all feel the power of your help, whoever prays for your holy aid. Alleluia. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Diane Brewer, Mary Dwyer, and Alison Schureck, Sopranos

Hymn (94) † WOODLANDS

*Tell Out, My Soul*

Offertory Prayer Loren Townsend

Choral Offertory arr. Howard Helvey  
*Wexford Carol*

News for the Community Lauren Jones Mayfield

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 Carol Harston

Postlude Noel Rawsthorne  
*Chorale Prelude on VENI EMMANUEL*

† *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

Phrases from our processional hymn, *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

We appreciate the collaboration of Diane Brewer from Highland's Worship Ministry Group with Dr. Rev. Carol Harston 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. The English translation of today's *Magnificat* is from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

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.

## Prayers of the People

### New Concerns

**Liddell Vaughn**, hospital, pneumonia  
**Denee Walsh**, surgery recovery

### Ongoing Concerns

**Margie Besaw**, surgery recovery  
**Ainsley Braun**, recovering from fracture  
**Nicole Farnsley**, recovering from fracture  
**James Hikes**, heart issues  
**Reece Little**, new medication for leukemia

### Ongoing Concerns (continued)

**Mary Rita McDevitt**, hospital, pneumonia, fluid on lungs, AFib  
**Penny Mosier**, surgery recovery  
**Joe Powell**, Valhalla rehab, surgery recovery  
**Janet Tharpe**, infection recovery

### Christian Sympathy

**Keitha Brasler**, who passed away on 12/7  
**Eric Murphy**, who passed away on 12/6

## This Week at Highland

### Sunday, December 15

9:30 a.m. Worship  
Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Community Gathering  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. *A Classic Rock Sacred Christmas* Concert (Fellowship Hall)

### Monday, December 16

6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Group (Youth Commons)  
7:00 p.m. Deacons Christmas Party (Off-site)

### Tuesday, December 17

5:30 p.m. Hope for a Brighter Day (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, December 18

No Evening Activities/Supper

### Thursday, December 19

1:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministry Group (103)  
6:00 p.m. Young Adult Ministry Group (Fireside)  
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)  
Prayer Shawl Group (Off-site)  
Environmental Action Ministry Team (103)

### Friday, December 20

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Gathering (Fireside)  
5:00 p.m. Youth Lock-In Begins  
7:00 p.m. Friday Church (Sanctuary)  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

### Saturday, December 21

10:00 a.m. Youth Lock-In Ends

## 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.

Highland's Orchestra invites everyone to an evening of *A Classic Rock Sacred Christmas*, tonight at 7:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. A Christmas delight for all ages. Please join us!

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.

We invite you to join us for **one worship service on Sunday, December 29, at 10:00 a.m.** There will be no Bible Study or Worship Care. Childcare will not be provided for this service.

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 **2019 giving**. To inquire about your giving year-to-date, contact Deb Ackerson, Financial Secretary, in the church office.

**2020 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, La Casita Community Center, and the Louisville Community Bail Fund.
- Children's Worship will not meet December 1 through January 5.

### Mark Your Calendars

December 15: Christmas Orchestra Concert  
December 18: No Evening Activities/Supper  
December 24: Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 and 6:00  
December 24-25: Church Offices Closed  
December 25: No Evening Activities/Supper  
December 29: 10:00 Worship Service only; No Bible Study or Worship Care  
January 1: Church Offices Closed; No Evening Activities/Supper



*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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AND THEIR FAMILIES

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.



The ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

~ from Isaiah 35

# HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

## DECEMBER 15, 2019