

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**8:30 a.m.**

Invitation to Worship Renee Purtlebaugh

Meditation Austin Echols

The Lighting of the Advent Candle: Love Joey and Procter Eubank

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**with a light of hope.**  
Gabriel came to a town called Nazareth,  
to a girl called Mary,  
**with a light of joy.**  
Mary went to a place called Bethlehem, to a stable  
**called a nursery, with a light of love.**  
As we light our fourth Advent candle,  
**we rejoice with Mary, for Love has flesh.**  
**Come now, O Child of Mary.**  
**Come now, O Prince of Love.**

Advent Hymn (119) *His Name Is Called Emmanuel*

Prayer of Expectancy Perry Dixon

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

The Gospel Lesson Jim England  
Matthew 1:18-25 (Pew Bible page 1 – NT)

Gathering Our Offerings (114) *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

The Prophecy Renee Purtlebaugh  
Isaiah 7:10-16 (Pew Bible page 623 – OT)

Song of Prophecy *Wake Us From Sleep*

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

Sermon Renee Purtlebaugh  
*From Fear to Awe*

Song of Renewal (147) *Love Came Down at Christmas*

News for the Community Perry Dixon

Benediction Renee Purtlebaugh

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Chiming of the Hour

**HIS NAME IS CALLED EMMANUEL**

The Lighting of the Advent Candle: Love Kim and Diane Endicott (9:30)  
Rachel and Jason Nally (11:00)

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Processional Hymn (119) † LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
*His Name Is Called Emmanuel*

Prayer of Expectancy Cheryl Davis

The Gospel Lesson † Jim England  
Matthew 1:18-25 (Pew Bible page 1 – NT)

The Dedication of Iris Margaret Reesor (9:30)

Words of Commitment  
Presentation  
Prayer of Dedication

Be - fore we were born God loved us. All the days of our lives God loves us. May  
Love shape you, Child, and light your way, as you grow\_ and walk in Christ's peace.\_\_

**BORN IN OUR DARKNESS, HE IS LIGHT**

Anthem Mack Wilberg  
*How Far Is It to Bethlehem?*  
Stephanie Hall and Vicki Runnion, flute

Prayer of Confession Carol Harston (9:30)  
Perry Dixon (11:00)

**Loving God, we confess that we often neglect the ways of your Advent love. Our fears cause us to choose paths away from our neighbors who are poor or hungry or lonely. We look away from those who suffer racial and economic injustice. Adjust our eyes and restore our hearts with compassion, O God. As Maya Angelou taught us, help us look beyond complexion to find community. Lead us beyond our fearful lives to discover the wonder that you are Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Prayers of the People Lauren Jones Mayfield  
God who redeems our past and reveals our future,  
**free us with your whole presence this hour.**

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

Hymn (114) † TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM  
*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

**BORN IN OUR WEAKNESS, HE IS MIGHT**

The Prophecy † Renee Purtlebaugh  
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Song of Prophecy † MORNING SONG  
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*From Fear to Awe*

**GOD IS WITH US! ALLELUIA!**

Hymn (147) † GARTAN  
*Love Came Down at Christmas*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Gilbert M. Martin  
*Chorale Prelude on MORNING SONG*

News for the Community Carol Harston (9:30)  
Perry Dixon (11:00)

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 Renee Purtlebaugh

Postlude C. V. Stanford  
*Op. 101, No. V*

† *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 for the lay leadership in today's services by David Swim (9:30) and Tracy Holladay (11:00). Phrases from our processional hymn, *His Name Is Called Emmanuel*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation and response.

We appreciate the collaboration of Cheryl Davis from Highland's Worship Ministry Group with Rev. Renee Purtlebaugh in planning today's 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.

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

**George Ann Gash**, broken wrist from a fall  
**Sean Cornely**, ear 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)

**Penny Mosier**, surgery recovery  
**Joe Powell**, Valhalla rehab, surgery recovery  
**Liddell Vaughn**, home  
**Denece Walsh**, surgery recovery

### Christian Sympathy

**Kelly Garrett**, death of uncle, Clifton  
Castleberry, on 12/10

## 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 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 next 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.

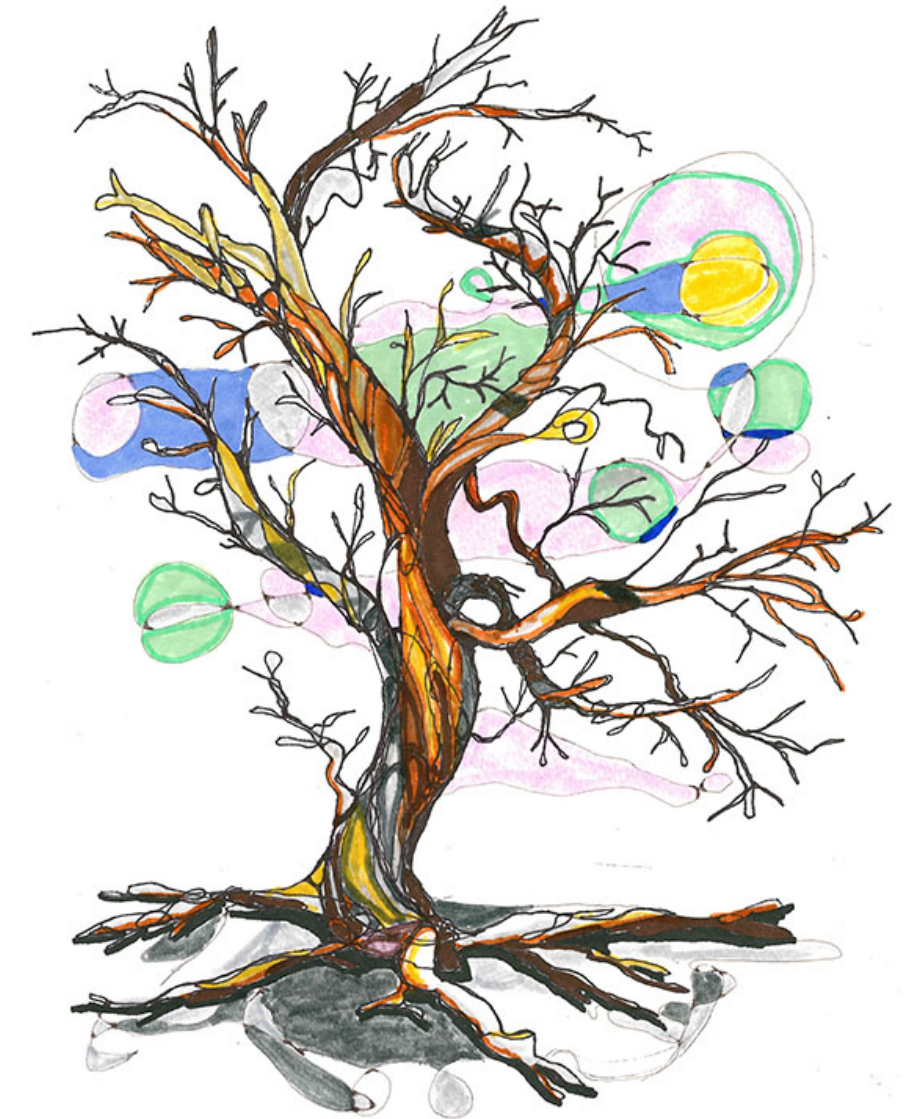
**2020 offering envelope boxes** are set out alphabetically in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Commons. Please pick up yours today!

### **Advent Reminders**

- Today is the final day to purchase Alternative Gift Cards in the Commons. These gift cards support Habitat for Humanity, La Casita Community Center, and the Louisville Community Bail Fund.
- Children's Worship will resume on January 12.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

- December 24: No weekly newsletter; 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
- December 31: No weekly newsletter
- January 1: Church Offices Closed; No Evening Activities/Supper
- January 2: Theology on Tap
- January 5: LGBTea+ Time
- January 8: Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Process
- January 9: Table Talk
- January 12: Mission and Justice Ministry Group Mingle
- January 15: Quarterly Church Conference
- January 19: Hymns for the Hymnless
- January 20: Church Offices Closed



The difference between fear and awe  
is a matter of our eyes adjusting.

~ Terry Tempest Williams

## This Week at Highland

### **Sunday, December 22**

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

### **Monday, December 23**

2:00 p.m. HBC Bookends (103)

### **Tuesday, December 24**

Church Offices Closed  
4:00 p.m. Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)  
6:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols (Sanctuary)  
10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

### **Wednesday, December 25**

Church Offices Closed  
No Evening Activities/Supper

### **Thursday, December 26**

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

### **Friday, December 27**

Church Offices Closed  
8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Gathering (Fireside)  
7:00 p.m. Friday Church (Sanctuary)  
8:00 p.m. Friday Church Ministry Group (Commons)  
Narcotics Anonymous (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**  
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