

Invitation to Worship	Jim England	Christmas Carols †	Please sing the first and last stanzas of each of the following hymns.
Prelude	Johann Michael Bach	Hymn (127)	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> MENDELSSOHN
	<i>Chorale Prelude on IN DULCI JUBILO</i>	Hymn (114)	<i>Gentle Mary Laid Her Child</i> TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
	JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME	Hymn (139)	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i> W ZLOBIE LEZY
		Hymn (125)	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> GLORIA
Call to Worship – from Psalm 148	Kathey Golightly Sanders		HE COMES TO MAKE HIS BLESSING FLOW
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!		The Gospel Lesson †	Matthew 2:13-23 (Pew Bible page 2 – NT) Jim England
		Sermon	<i>The Great Escape</i> Jim England
			REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY
Carol (102) †	ANTIOCH	Hymn (115) †	<i>The Hands that First Held Mary's Child</i> KINGSFOLD
	<i>Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come</i>		
Prayer of Praise	Carol Harston	Offertory Prayer	Mark Golightly Sanders
Gloria Patri	MEINEKE	Offertory	Noel Rawsthorne
	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.		<i>Chorale Prelude on IN DULCI JUBILO</i>
Music of the Season	Diane Brewer, Vi Chatmon, Libby Cunningham, and Martha Johnson	News for the Community	Lauren Jones Mayfield
	LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM	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.
The Hebrew Lesson	Isaiah 63:7-9 (Pew Bible pages 679-680 – OT)	Benediction	Jim England
		Postlude	Denis Bédard
Prayer of Confession	Renee Purtlebaugh		<i>Variations sur IN DULCI JUBILO</i>
	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.		
Words of Assurance – The Epistle Lesson	Hebrews 2:10-18 (Pew Bible page 214 – NT)		† <i>For those who are able, we invite you to stand.</i>
The Exchange of Peace	Perry Dixon		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 today's bulletin by Lou Ann Iler, Highland member and Private Art Instructor in Louisville.

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

Adult Wednesday Night Class

Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-In-Process. Join us on Wednesday, January 8, 6:10 p.m., where 3 individuals will share their faith journey guided by Bob Cunningham.

Reminders:

- There will be **no weekly church newsletter** on December 31.
- **Children's Worship** will not meet until January 12.

Mark Your Calendars

December 29: 10:00 Worship Service only; No Bible Study or Worship Care
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

Prayers of the People

Ongoing Concerns

Margie Besaw, surgery recovery
Ainsley Braun, recovering from fracture
Sean Cornely, ear surgery recovery
Nicole Farnsley, recovering from fracture
George Ann Gash, broken wrist from a fall
James Hikes, heart issues
Reece Little, new medication for leukemia
Penny Mosier, surgery recovery
Joe Powell, Valhalla rehab, surgery recovery
Liddell Vaughn, home
Denee Walsh, surgery recovery

This Week at Highland

Sunday, December 29

10:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, December 31

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

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

Wednesday, January 1

Church Offices Closed
No Evening Activities/Supper

Thursday, January 2

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

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

Friday, January 3

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

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

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



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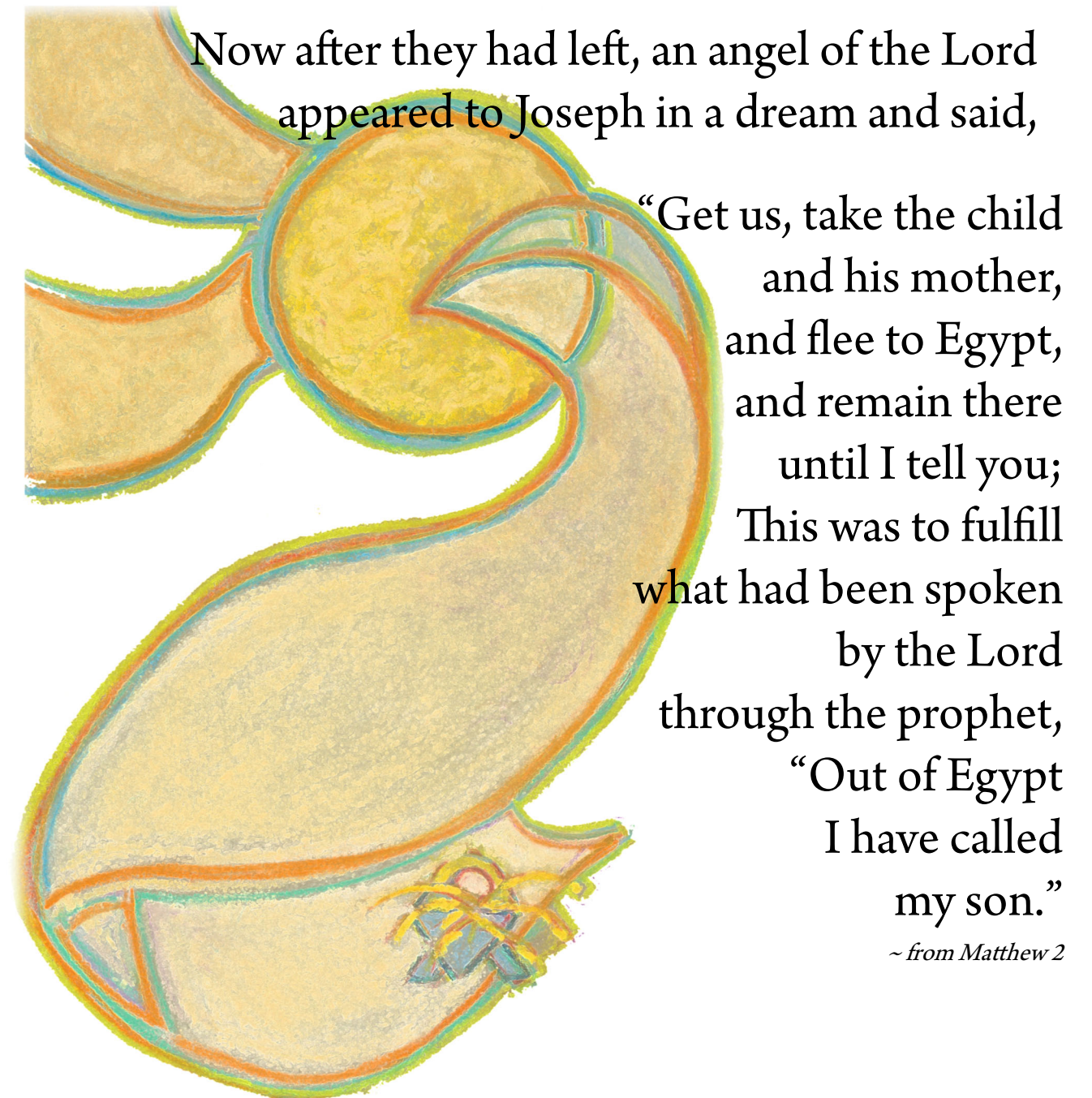
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Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord
appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,

“Get us, take the child
and his mother,
and flee to Egypt,
and remain there
until I tell you;
This was to fulfill
what had been spoken
by the Lord
through the prophet,
“Out of Egypt
I have called
my son.”

~ from Matthew 2

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 29, 2019