

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:30 a.m.

Invitation to Worship	Carol Harston
Meditation	Austin Echols
Call to Worship – Matthew 2:1-2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. he told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”	Perry Dixon
Hymn of Praise (150) Stanzas One and Four	<i>As with Gladness Men of Old</i>
Prayer of Praise	Renee Purtlebaugh
The Exchange of Peace	
The Gospel Lesson John 1:14-18 (Pew Bible page 90 – NT)	Carol Harston
Sermon <i>The Story of Lives, Knit Together</i>	Carol Harston
The Celebration of Holy Communion <i>All bread served is gluten free.</i> <i>Please place your tithes and offerings in the offering plates as you return to your pew.</i>	
Song of Renewal (140) <i>Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us</i>	
News for the Community	Renee Purtlebaugh
Benediction	Carol Harston

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9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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Prelude <i>What Child is This?</i>	GREENSLEEVES arr. James Biery
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Processional Hymn (150) † <i>As with Gladness Men of Old</i>	DIX
Prayer of Praise	Renee Purtlebaugh
Gloria Patri 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.	MEINEKE
Prayer of Confession We admit to you, O God, to ourselves, and to each other that we wander from your way. Advent is barely behind us, yet we have misplaced our hope; squandered our peace; ignored our joy; and limited our love. Lord, have mercy. You came among us in Jesus to reveal your presence in all things. Reveal your deepest desire within us as you speak to us in the depths of our hearts. May the Light of Christmas shine even after the season is past, that we may walk with confidence the path that is before us. Amen.	Renee Purtlebaugh
Words of Assurance– The Hebrew lesson Isaiah 60:1-6 (Pew Bible page 676 – OT)	

HOLY JESUS, EVERY DAY KEEP US IN THE NARROW WAY

Hymn (154) † <i>Christ Is the World’s Light</i>	CHRISTE SANCTORUM
The Gospel Lesson † John 1:14-18 (Pew Bible page 90 – NT)	Carol Harston
Sermon <i>The Story of Lives, Knit Together</i>	Carol Harston
The Celebration of Holy Communion Invitation to the Table Exchange of Peace Prayer of Thanksgiving Words of Institution Reception of the Bread and Cup Communion Music <i>Where Shepherds Lately Knelt</i> Lisa Holm, violin <i>All bread served is gluten free.</i> <i>Please place your tithes and offerings in the offering plates as you return to your pew.</i>	Lauren Jones Mayfield Craig Courtney
Hymn of Response (140) † <i>Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us</i>	HARLAN
Offertory Prayer	
News for the Community	Renee Purtlebaugh
Doxology † 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 FIRST NOWELL
Choral Benediction <i>The Work of Christmas</i> 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.	Dan Forrest
Benediction	Carol Harston
Postlude <i>Prélude sur l’Introît de l’Épiphanie</i>	Maurice Duruflé
† <i>For those who are able, we invite you to stand.</i> 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 Justin Boldt (9:30) and David Tucker (11:00). 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 hymn of praise, *As with Gladness Men of Old*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Children's Worship returns Sunday, January 12, in the 11:00 service.

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

Christian Sympathy

Jim Fleming and Bojangles Blanchard, death of Jim's father/Bojangles' grandfather, on 12/27
Michael French, who passed away on 12/30
Dan O'Neil, death of stepbrother, Mike, on 12/22

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.

Join us in Fellowship Hall immediately **after today's 11:00 worship for LGBTea+ Time.** This is a casual group open to members of the LGBTQ community and their allies for conversation and relationship building.

All are invited to participate in a compelling **conversation with** Courier Journal reporter **Deborah Yetter**, in the Fireside Room **tomorrow**, January 6, at 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in hearing more about Kentucky's child welfare system and the challenges and failures of protecting children and supporting families, or about the impact of the recent decision to terminate the prior administration's changes to Medicaid, please join us.

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 8**, where Phil Collier, Missy Smith, and Allison Todd will share their faith journey guided by our facilitator, Bob Cunningham.

Table Talk 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. Join us **this Thursday, January 9**, 6:30 p.m., at North End Café (1722 Frankfort Ave.). Inquiries may be directed to Marc Dowell, Earl Shelp, and Jim Shelton.

We will gather **this Saturday, January 11**, in the Sanctuary, to **celebrate the life of Michael French**. Watch for an email early this week for further information.

We gather on **Wednesday, January 15**, at **6:00 p.m.**, for our **Quarterly Church Conference** in Fellowship Hall.

Mark Your Calendars

January 5: LGBTea+ Time
 January 8: Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Process
 January 9: Table Talk
 January 11: Memorial Service for Michael French
 January 12: Mission and Justice Ministry Group Mingle
 January 15: Quarterly Church Conference
 January 19: Hymns for the Hymnless
 January 20: Church Offices Closed
 January 25: Mission and Justice Ministry Group Retreat



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 to bring peace among brothers.
 To make music from the heart.

~ Howard Thurman (1899-1981)

This Week at Highland

Sunday, January 5

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
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 12:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Group (103)
 12:15 p.m. LGBTea+ Time (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, January 6

4:00 p.m. Mission Minded Women (Fireside)
 6:00 p.m. Ministry Council (200)
 6:30 p.m. Anti-Racism Ministry Team (Commons)

Tuesday, January 7

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, January 8

5:20 p.m. Fellowship Supper (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 p.m. Children's Activities (2nd Floor)
 Youth Group (Youth Suite)
 6:15 p.m. Adult Class—Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Process (Sanctuary)
 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, January 9

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

Friday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Gathering (Fireside)
 7:00 p.m. Friday Church (Sanctuary)
 8:00 p.m. 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
 ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

Fred Bogert
 MUSIC DIRECTOR
 TO FRIDAY CHURCH

Don Burke
 PASTOR EMERITUS

Linda Campbell
 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
 ASSISTANT

Kathy Collier
 MINISTER OF MUSIC
 AND WORSHIP

Perry Dixon
 ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH
 AND THEIR FAMILIES

Andria Eadens
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 OFFICE MANAGER

Austin Echols
 ORGANIST/MUSIC ASSOCIATE

Jim England
 INTERIM PROCLAIMER

Kathy Golightly Sanders
 MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

Carol Harston
 ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR
 FAITH FORMATION AND
 CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Lauren Jones Mayfield
 ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO
 YOUNG ADULTS AND MISSION

Bill Martin
 DEACON CHAIR

Walter McWhorter
 CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Renee Purtlebaugh
 ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
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