

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—PEACE  
CROSSES ON THE LAWN  
DECEMBER 6, 2020 | 3:00PM**

Prelude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

Jonathan Shippey, violin

Opening Words

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 42: 1-3

*Recitation of Names*

Missy Smith

Hymn

Prayer of Lament

Renee Purtlebaugh

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 42: 5-8

*Recitation of Names*

Margaret Pennington

Hymn

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

PSALM 42

Jonathan Shippey, violin

Austin Echols, soloist

Prayer of Confession

Kathy Collier

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 42: 9-10

*Recitation of Names*

Lewis Miller

Hymn

Prayers of the People

Carol Harston

A Reading from the Psalms  
Psalm 42:11

*Recitation of Names*

Ryan Eller

Closing Words

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Hymn of Response  
“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

LEMMEL

Jonathan Shippey, violin  
Austin Echols, soloist

Benediction

Mary Alice Birdwhistell and Lauren Jones Mayfield

### Peace Sunday Crosses

Highland Baptist has recognized victims of violence on the second Sunday of Advent, Peace Sunday, since 1997. This somber worship event places a cross on the lawn to represent those who have been murdered in the city of Louisville. Thus far, this already proves to be a record-breaking year, as we place over 140 crosses today. The crosses create a tragic memorial that serves congregants and our neighbors with a space to grieve.

The courageous first step toward peace is the most difficult one—to take an honest look at the reality in which we live. We cannot worship the birth of Jesus without seeing the world into which God insists upon coming. Amidst the tinsel and the trimming of trees, the crosses on our lawn remind us of the world God so loves; the world that Jesus comes to save.

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