

If you suddenly  
and unexpectedly  
feel joy,  
don't hesitate.  
Give in to it...  
Joy is not made  
to be a crumb.

*~Mary Oliver*

*Awaken to Joy*

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**HANGING OF THE GREEN**

**NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

**8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.**

Invitation to Worship

Kathy Collier

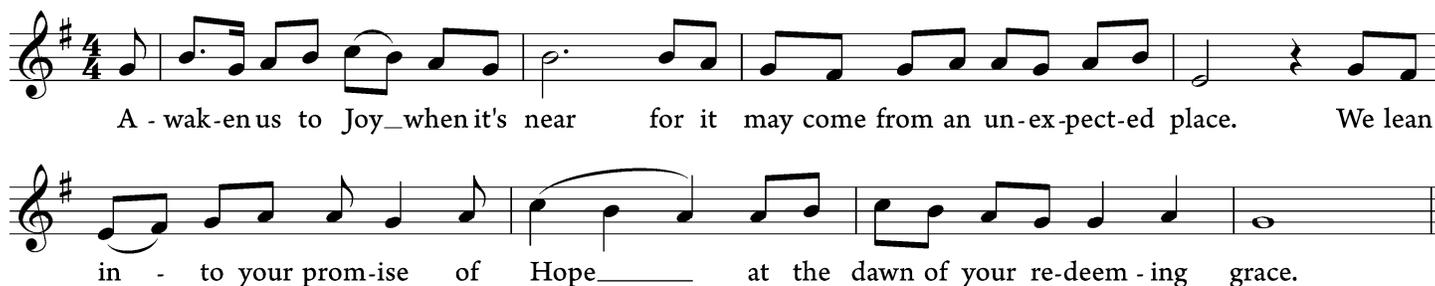
The Lighting of the Advent Candle: Hope

Angela Collins and Walter McWhorter (8:45)  
W. D. Burden, Troy Burden, Mike Mayo, and Chris Mayo (11:15)

Advent Refrain

Diane Brewer and Austin Echols

*Awaken Us to Joy*



A - wak - en us to Joy\_ when it's near for it may come from an un - ex - pect - ed place. We lean  
in - to your prom - ise of Hope\_\_\_\_\_ at the dawn of your re - deem - ing grace.

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah †

Renee Purtlebaugh

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Pew Bible page 724 – OT)

As the Word became flesh and dwelled among them  
**may Your Word dwell within us, oh God. O come, O come, Emmanuel. Amen.**

Processional Hymn †

VENI EMMANUEL

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O Come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill all the world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Prayer of Expectancy

Kathey Golightly Sanders

**THE GREEN**

Erin Phelps

*The Glory of Lebanon shall come unto you, the fir tree, the pine tree  
and the box together, to beautify the place of your sanctuary. ~ Isaiah 60:13*

† *For those who are able, we invite you to stand.*

Carol

CRADLE SONG

*Adorning Your House, O God*

1. A - dorn - ing your\_ house, God, with\_ branch - es of green, we\_  
 2. These beau - ti - ful\_ branch - es, O\_ Je - sus so dear, re -

pray that your glo - ry may\_ clear - ly be seen. Now  
 mind us your hum - ble, sweet\_ ad - vent is near. So

fill us with\_ love that your\_ prom - ise im - parts, with\_  
 bless us each\_ day as your\_ com - ing draws near, to\_

hope and with joy in the\_ rooms of our hearts.  
 live so that oth - ers can\_ tell you are here.

THE POINSETTIAS

Renee Purtlebaugh

*A star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel. ~ Numbers 24:17a*

Carol

ES IST EIN ROS

*Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming*

THE CHRISMONS

Perry Dixon

*"I am Alpha and Omega," the beginning and the ending, which is,  
 and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. ~ Revelation 1:8*

Anthem

text, Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin (1663-1745)  
 16<sup>TH</sup>-CENT. FRENCH CAROL, arr. Howard Helvey

*O Come, Divine Messiah*

O come, divine Messiah! The world in silence waits the day when hope shall ring its triumph and sadness flee away. Dear Savior haste; Come to earth, dispel the night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. You come in peace and meekness and lowly will your cradle be; all clothed in human weakness shall we your Godhead see. O Christ, whom nations sigh for, whom priest and prophet long foretold, come break the captive fetters; redeem the long-lost fold.

## THE LIGHTING OF THE TREE

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

*I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. ~ Isaiah 49:6b*

Hymn (87) †

FESTAL SONG

*Arise, Your Light Has Come*

Prayer of Confession – based on Psalm 25

Perry Dixon

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

Lead me to know your truth, and teach me,

**for you are the God of my salvation.**

**Show us your mercy and steadfast love.**

**Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,**

**For you are the God of our salvation. Amen.**

Words of Assurance – The Epistle Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (Pew Bible page 200 – NT)

Exchange of Peace

*May the HOPE of Christ be with you.*

The Gospel Lesson †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Luke 21:25-36 (Pew Bible page 84 – NT)

Sermon

*Look Up for Joy: Redemption is Drawing Near*

Hymn of Response (83) †

HYFRYDOL

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

In response to your decision, **we welcome you! We covenant to be the family of God for you in this place.**

**We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, as we journey in faith together.**

## OUR GIFTS

Lauren Jones Mayfield

*They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. ~ Isaiah 60:6b*

Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer

Elizabeth Gribbins

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.

The Blessing †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

We have prepared our place of worship.  
May we also prepare our hearts for Christ's advent.  
"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given ...  
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,  
the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."  
May our Advent journey lead us to the One  
who is the wonderful counselor, mighty God,  
everlasting father, and prince of peace.  
**Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Recessional Carol (103) †

ADESTE FIDELES

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Organ Postlude

arr. David Schelat

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*



We greatly appreciate the beautiful art by member, Jim Hawkins,  
for Highland's Advent season.

Jim's words express his inspiration for the art:

*Imagining JOY through the eyes of a child awakens memory to one's own moments of joy. The young boy in this art was inspired by the expression of our four-year-old grandson seeing the ocean for the first time in 1999. When Frances Kipps Spencer created the first Chrismon tree in 1957, she was retelling the story of Jesus on her church Christmas tree. Chrismon ornaments have evolved as others have their designs and interpretations. This art piece includes a new reference to Jesus as a child, a toy he likely played with, of which there were very few. It is a wooden animal pull toy which Joseph would have made for his son. May 2021 Advent at Highland stir such joy in all of us.*

## *The Sanctuary Poinsettias*

The church gratefully acknowledges the following people whose generous gifts have made possible the adorning of the sanctuary with poinsettias during the Advent season. Poinsettias may be picked up anytime following the Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols.

### **Memorial Gifts**

#### Given By

David Bannister, Jr.  
Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Lauren Blackwell and Diane Brewer  
Challengers Bible Study Class  
Virenee Chatmon and Bruce Carroll  
Carrie Daniels  
Tara Davis  
Mary Dwyer  
Jim and Mary Helen England

Larry Farr  
Carol Frame  
Nancy Goodhue  
Elizabeth Howell  
Lou Ann Iler  
Gloria McBee  
Matthew McGarvey  
Messengers Bible Study Class  
Wanda Nakdimen  
Rosslyn Steinmetz  
Marilyn and David Tucker  
Chet and Phyllis Watson  
Fran White

### **Honorary Gifts**

#### Given By

Ginger Miller  
  
Ken and Susan Pierce

### **Appreciatory Gifts**

#### Given By

Gary & Kim Waller  
  
Worship Ministry Group

#### In Memory Of

Regina Vittitow and Robert Vittitow  
Herman Maggard, Carl and Mary Lois Birdwhistell,  
Jack Birdwhistell  
William and Muriel Blackwell, Clyde and Millie Brewer  
David Frank and Clever Iler  
Blanche and Henry Chatmon, Marian and Tom Carroll  
Florence Lee Underwood  
Brenda Nally  
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George and Dorothy England, Diana England Schildmeyer  
John Paul Gary Broadstreet  
Rena Frame Hudson  
Phoebe Delamarter  
Janice Van Haitsma  
Clever Iler  
Jim McBee  
Betty Berry McGarvey, Joseph Thomas Stack  
Cleve Iler and Jim McBee  
Dave Nakdimen  
Bob Elliott, Dottie Steinmetz  
Rev. and Mrs. William D. Martin, Pete and Ola Tucker  
Dorothy and Leslie Stamper, Viola and James Watson  
Ray White

#### In Honor Of

Doris Hornbuckle, Bill Campbell, Jim England  
HBC Staff  
Blair Pierce

#### In Appreciation Of

Kathy Collier, Austin Echols, and the Sanctuary Choir  
Walter McWhorter  
Nancy Goodhue

## *Awaken to Joy — 2021 Advent Season at Highland Baptist Church*

### **Wednesday, December 1 Advent Book Discussion, 6:15 p.m.**

Mary Alice will lead the discussion on *The Gravity of Joy* by Angela Gorrell in the Fellowship Hall.

### **December 5 Peace Sunday**

The Second Sunday of Advent is our time to remember those who have been killed in our city by acts of violence. Names are read and crosses are placed on the front lawn at the conclusion of the three weekend services.

### **December 5 Children's Choirs Advent Service, 6:00 p.m.**

Children's voices and the ringing of bells are a highlight of the season. Join us for an evening of music from Highland's graded choir program—ages 3 through 5th grade. (*Childcare will be provided for infants, toddlers, and twos.*)

### **Wednesday, December 8 Advent Book Discussion, 6:15 p.m.**

Mary Alice will lead the discussion on *The Gravity of Joy* by Angela Gorrell in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Friday, December 10 Singing the Carols of Christmas at Friday Church, 7:00 p.m.**

Favorite Christmas carols will be sung ending with *Silent Night* and candlelight.

### **Saturday, December 11 The Christmas Store, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

The store is an alternative to gift sponsorship that allows local families the opportunity to purchase gifts for their family at an 80% discount. The store is made possible through the generous donations of new toys and books collected at the Christmas tree in the Commons before and after worship on the morning of Sunday, Nov. 28.

### **December 12 Joy Sunday**

Highland's Sanctuary Choir along with the University of Louisville Graduate String Quartet will lead us in carols of the season and present Dan Forrest's *Light Beyond Shadow* in both morning services, 8:45 and 11:15 a.m.

### **Friday, December 17 Singing the Carols of Christmas at Friday Church, 7:00 p.m.**

Favorite Christmas carols will be sung ending with *Silent Night* and candlelight.

### **December 19 Love Sunday**

Highland's Sanctuary Handbells will ring in the morning services and a baptism will take place in the 11:15 a.m. service.

### **December 24 Christmas Eve Service, 4:00 p.m. *Time subject to change.***

We gather to sing carols of Christmas and hear the reading of the Christmas story as we wonder at the coming of the Christ Child. A candlelight ending sends you on your way to mark the birth of Jesus, the Christ. (*Childcare will be provided for infants, toddlers, and twos.*)

### **December 24 Lessons and Carols, 6:00 p.m. *Time subject to change.***

The centuries-old English tradition of Lessons and Carols tells the Christmas story through scripture, carols, and the music by the Sanctuary Choir. A candlelight ending sends you on your way to mark the birth of Jesus, the Christ. (*Childcare will be provided for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.*)

### **December 26 Online Only, 10:00 a.m.**

## Today in Worship

We gratefully acknowledge the leadership of Highland's Worship Ministry Group for today's service: Lauren Blackwell, Diane Brewer, Kathy Collier, Mary Ida Gray, Kathy Golightly Sanders, Gene Streible, and Gary Waller.

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.

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## Notes and News for the Community of Faith

### Vote on the 2022 Budget

Members of Highland should have received an email to vote for the budget for 2022. You can vote via email through tomorrow at 12:00 Noon. Additionally, you may call the office at 502-451-3735 to vote on the budget tomorrow from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Thank you for your investment in our budget process at Highland as we seek to prepare for the year ahead! And thank you especially to our Finance Ministry Group, our Faithful Giving Ministry Group, and our Financial Secretary, Kathleen Gordon, for their faithful work among us in this season.

### Cream of the Crop Luncheon

Come join us for a delicious lunch and fellowship on Wednesday, December 1st 11:30 AM at Bucks Restaurant, located at 425 W. Ormsby Avenue in Old Louisville. We'll be in a private back dining room. COVID-19 vaccine booster preferred to attend. Please RSVP to JoAnne Taheri at [jnntaheri@gmail.com](mailto:jnntaheri@gmail.com) or text/call 502-387-4785. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

### Highland's Christmas Store

We are excited to once again serve the community through The Christmas Store at Highland! For the past eight years, this store has served as a wonderful way to build relationships through shopping for Christmas presents with families we have met through a variety of local ministries. Though the store will look a little different, this year to follow COVID-19 practices, our goal will be the same. The store is an alternative to gift sponsorship that allows parents and caregivers the opportunity to provide for and pick out gifts for their children at an 80% discount. If you weren't able to donate yet, you can continue donating toys during church office hours and/or through the online Amazon, Target, and Carmichael's wish lists until Sunday, December 5. Alternatively, you can make a donation online. Please write "Highland Christmas Store" in the comment section. For more information, please contact Alecia Fuller at [aleciafuller502@gmail.com](mailto:aleciafuller502@gmail.com).

### Alternative Gift Cards

Alternative gift cards can also be purchased throughout the Advent season in the Commons following Sunday services. This year's gift cards will be going to support Habitat for Humanity, "The Hope Buss," and CBF KY's Safe Passage Initiative for families fleeing Afghanistan.

### Highlands Community Ministries

As part of our church's Advent Giving, Highland Baptist Church members are invited to donate new blankets and \$25 gift cards to Walmart, Target, or Kroger. These items will be distributed by Highlands Community Ministries as a way to show warmth and kindness to our neighbors during the holiday season. Today is the deadline for blankets and gift cards, but if you need to donate this week, just reach out to [erin@hbclouisville.org](mailto:erin@hbclouisville.org) or [lillian@hbclouisville.org](mailto:lillian@hbclouisville.org).

### Advent Book Discussion: *The Gravity of Joy*

On Wednesdays, December 1 and December 8 at 6:15 PM, Mary Alice will be leading an Advent book discussion on [\*The Gravity of Joy\*](#) by Angela Gorrell. You may remember Angela preached at Highland earlier this year and visited with the church via Zoom before her book was released. It is now available at Carmichael's and wherever books are sold, and we would love to dive in together as we "awaken to joy" this Advent season at Highland. Don't have time to read the book in this busy season? No worries! The discussion will be rich and engaging for all, whether you have read the book or not. We will livestream both nights of the book discussion as well.

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