



When they had heard the king,
they set out, and there, ahead of them,
went the star that they had seen at its rising,
until it stopped over the place where the child
was. When they saw that the star had stopped,
they were overwhelmed with joy.

~ Matthew 2: 8-10

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 2, 2022
10:00 A.M.

Where Is He Born, the King of Judea?
Cameron Carnes, Nick Claussen, Austin Echols, and Emily Stewart

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD DID THE GUIDING STAR BEHOLD

Epiphany Sunday Lesson – Isaiah 60:1-6

Anita Roper

Arise, shine; for your light has come; and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Lift up your eyes and look around; Sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.
Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.
They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Hymn of Praise

As with Gladness Men of Old

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Prayer of Praise

Anita Roper

**THERE TO BEND THE KNEE BEFORE CHRIST
WHOM HEAVEN AND EARTH ADORE**

Choral Psalm

J. Michael Joncas

Psalm 72

In God's days jus - tice will flour - ish;
In God's days full - ness of peace for - ev - er - more.

The Morning Psalm – from *Psalms for Praying*

Psalm 72:1-7; 10-14

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ,
but we have preferred to live in darkness.
Your justice protects the weak and the distressed,
yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power.
Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy,
yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions.
Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless,
yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution.
Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

Words of Assurance

This is the good news: **Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins. Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Christ Is the World's Light

HOLY JESUS, EVERY DAY KEEP US IN THE NARROW WAY

The Gospel Lesson

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Matthew 2:1-12

**Awaken us to Joy when it's near for it may come from an unexpected place.
We lean into your promise of Joy at the dawn of your redeeming grace.**

Sermon

What Star Are You Following?

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Exchange of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Reception of the Bread and Cup

SO, MOST GRACIOUS LORD, MAY WE EVERMORE BE LED TO THEE

Hymn of Response

HARLAN

Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us

Offertory Prayer

Emily Stewart

News for the Community

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, Amen.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell. Born is the King of Israel.**

Benediction

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

YORKSHIRE
arr. Noel Rawsthorne

Christians, Awake! Salute the Happy Morn

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's 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.

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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

We are beyond grateful for your generous giving to Highland over the past year! Each and every gift helps to further our mission to join together in the work of God, creating a world where justice and Love are abundant. We do not yet have final amounts for end-of-year giving but will share totals with you when they become available. **For now, we simply want to say thank you!** It is a gift to share this ministry with you at the corner of Grinstead and Cherokee.

This year, we are inviting all of Highland to read *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity* by Robert P. Jones. This book was chosen for the city-wide book club by Empower West last fall, and our friend, Dr. Lewis Brogdon, interviewed the author at a CBF Kentucky and Baptist Seminary of Kentucky event this fall as well. (Links to listen and learn more about the book and author will be available in the newsletter this week). After consulting with several church leaders and friends of Highland, we believe that Jones' book speaks to this particular moment in Highland's story and will be a helpful tool for continued conversation and reflection as we discern together how to move forward in the days ahead. **Starting the week of January 30, and lasting through the week of February 27, we will be offering small group opportunities at various times, days, and locations to discuss the book as a congregation.** We hope you will consider joining this church-wide conversation and participating in a group that meets your schedule. More information on how to sign up will be available in the coming weeks.

We welcome the Shaheed Family to Louisville! They arrived in the United States from Afghanistan earlier this month and came to Louisville two weeks ago. Our team leader in our hospitality efforts, Jane Parker, was able to meet them at the airport along with representatives from KY Refugee Ministries. This family of 8 gathered in their new home and received a well-stocked apartment: food, kitchen supplies, toiletries, clothing, bedding, etc. **Church, you have outdone yourselves with generosity and hospitality. We will keep you abreast of more opportunities to meet them and support them in the coming weeks.**

We look forward to Wednesday night activities beginning again on Wednesday, January 12. More details available in the newsletter this week!



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*A thinking, feeling, healing
community of faith*

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.

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