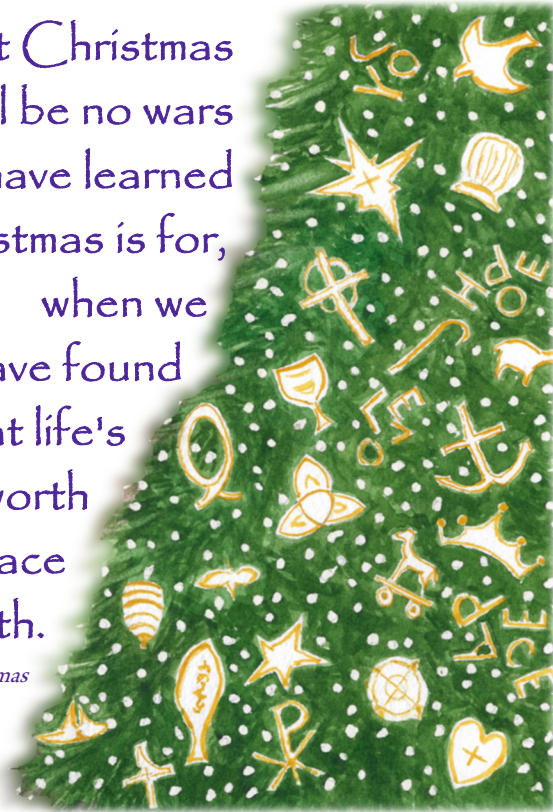


Someday at Christmas
there'll be no wars
when we have learned
what Christmas is for,
when we
have found
what life's
really worth
there'll be peace
on earth.

~ Someday at Christmas



Awaken to Joy!

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 5, 2021
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prelude

JEFFERSON
arr. Michael Burdckhardt

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY, THE KING OF KINGS IS NEAR!

The Lighting of the Advent Candle: Peace

Missy and Vance Smith; Morgan and Gabe Heeke (8:45)
Jennifer, Dan, Evan, and Connor O'Neil (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 Peace at the dawn of your re - deem - ing grace.

A Reading from the Prophet Malachi †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Malachi 3:1-4 (Pew Bible page 874 – OT)

As the Word became flesh and dwelled among them

may Your Word dwell within us, oh God. O come, O come, Emmanuel. Amen.

Hymn (95) †

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Prepare the Royal Highway

Prayer of Expectancy

Mary Ida Gray

LET EVERY HILL AND VALLEY A LEVEL ROAD APPEAR!

The Morning Psalm

Renee Purtlebaugh

Luke 1:68-79 (Pew Bible pages 56-57 – NT)

Prayer of Confession

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Holy One, you give light to those in darkness and peace to those in turmoil. Yet, in our grief, we turn away from you. It feels like too much to bear, even for you. Forgive us. On this Peace Sunday we confess our conflicts, both within and with others. Hold us in your grace that we might reconcile our hearts to you, to our neighbors, and to ourselves. We long for the Christ child, do not forget about us while we wait. Bring us back from the cold. Welcome us into the warmth and acceptance of your embrace. Amen.

Words of Assurance – The Epistle Lesson

Philippians 1:3-11 (Pew Bible page 192 – NT)

Anthem

Elaine Hagenberg

I Will Be a Child of Peace

Prayers of the People

Renee Purtlebaugh

THE HOPE OF EVERY NATION, THE PROMISE OF SALVATION

The Gospel Lesson †

Luke 3:1-6 (Pew Bible pages 58-59 – NT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

Joy for Someday: All Humanity Will See God's Salvation

Communion

Perry Dixon

Invitation to the Table

Exchange of Peace

May the PEACE of Christ be with you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Reception of the Bread and Cup

Everyone is invited forward to receive bread and cup. All bread served is gluten free.

Please return to your pew to take the bread and cup.

Deacons will receive tithes and offerings in the offering plates as you return to your pew.

HOSANNA TO THE LORD, FOR HE FULFILLS GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response (256) †

We Are People of God's Peace

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Offertory Prayer

Christy Chestnut (8:45)
Phillip Garrett (11:15)

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.

A Time of Remembrance for Victims of Violence in Our Community

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Individuals and families are invited to take a cross to place on the lawn.

Recess to the Front Lawn

Please follow the ministers to the front lawn for the conclusion of the service.

Benediction on the Lawn

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

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

Today in Worship

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.

Please express your gratitude for the original artwork created for our Advent bulletins by Jim Hawkins, Highland member.

Phrases from today's hymn, *Prepare the Royal Highway*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response. We appreciate the musical gifts of Bruce Maples in today's services.

Listening Assist Devices are available. Please see our sound technician or an usher for assistance.

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Awaken to Joy — 2021 Advent Season at Highland Baptist Church

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.*)

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.

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.

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 through today.

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.

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.

Sanctuary Poinsettias

Additions to previous listing:

Given By

Jerry Burske and David Hartley

Kasen Meek

Gary and Margaret Pennington

In Memory Of

Our Parents

Beth Boisvert and Dale Spaulding, Sr.

Christine and David Barnes, Marie Barrett and Dr. Glenn Pennington

