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when the storm is around.
Nearer the Hope
to the lost who is found.

~ Paul Wigmore (1925-2014)

Awaken to Joy!

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Perry Dixon

Prelude

Noel Rawsthorne

VENI EMMANUEL

COME AND WORSHIP

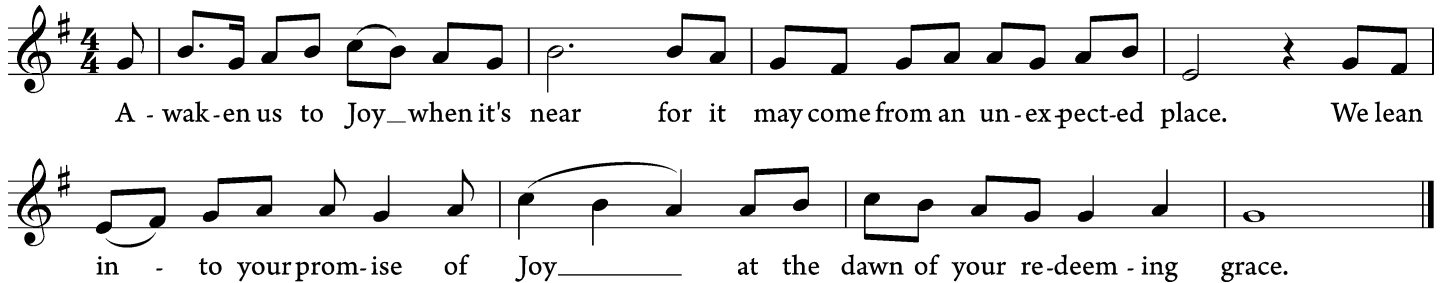
The Lighting of the Advent Candle: Joy

Lauren Blackwell and Diane Brewer (8:45)
Gloria McBea, Alison, Todd, Elise, and Tabor Schurek (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 Joy_____ at the dawn of your re - deem - ing grace.

The Gospel Lesson †

Luke 3:15-18 (Pew Bible page 59 – NT)

Perry Dixon

Processional Hymn (126) †

REGENT SQUARE

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Stanza One: All Voices in Unison
Stanza Two: Treble Voices in Unison
Stanza Three: Bass Voices in Unison
Stanza Four: All Voices in Unison

Prayer of Expectancy

Diane Brewer

GOD WITH US IS NOW RESIDING

Anthem

Dan Forrest

Light Beyond Shadow

Light beyond shadow, Joy beyond tears, Love that is greater when darkest our fears; deeper the peace when the storm is around, nearer the Hope to the lost who is found. Light of the world, ever shining. Hope in our pain, shining. In our darkness, there is Light, in our crying, there is Love, in the noise of life imparting Peace that passes understanding.

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

In the depths of pain and the fury of the storm, the mystery that is Light beyond shadow and Joy beyond tears can still ring hollow even as the sounds linger within these stone walls. Dare we imagine? Dare we trust? O God of Hope and Peace, forgive us when our confidence in your promise and presence wanes. Hold us, heal us, and help us as we journey onward, moment by moment awakening to the necessity of being found by joy. Amen.

Words of Assurance – from Isaiah 12

We will trust and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is our strength.

With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And we will say in that day:

**Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the nations;
proclaim that God's name is exalted.**

Sing praises to the Lord.

Shout aloud and sing for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

The Exchange of Peace

May the JOY of Christ be with you.

Renee Purtlebaugh

Hymn (96) †

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

The Epistle Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7 (Pew Bible page 195 - NT)

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Prayers of the People

BRIGHTER VISIONS BEAM AFAR

A Reading from the Prophet Zephaniah †

Zephaniah 3:14-20 (Pew Bible page 862 – OT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

As the Word became flesh and dwelled among them

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

Sermon

Joy Beyond Tears: God Is in the Midst

EVERMORE YOUR VOICES RAISING

Hymn of Response (125) †

Angels We Have Heard on High

Please sing all stanzas in unison.

GLORIA

Offertory Prayer

Lewis Miller

Choral Offertory

Wexford Carol

Howard Helvey

News for the Community

Renee Purtlebaugh

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.

Benediction

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. Malcolm Archer

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

Today in Worship

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, *Angels from the Realms of Glory*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Today's anthem, *Light Beyond Shadow*, composed by Dan Forrest during the pandemic with text by Paul Wigmore, was a gift to Highland's Music Ministry By Diane Brewer in loving memory of her parents, Clyde and Millie Brewer. Our guest musicians from the University of Louisville School of Music for today's service are Jennifer Terrell, Violin I; Mia-Rose Lozado, Violin II; Stephanie Laun, Viola; and Roman Wood, Cello.

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 15 Outdoor Hot Chocolate Bar (at Renee's home) and Lights at Brown Park, 6:00-7:30 p.m. For families with children, birth through fifth grade. RSVP to renee@hbclouisville.org by Monday, December 13.

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. **Note: Friday Church will not meet on December 24 or 31 due to the holidays.**

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.

We gather to sing carols of Christmas, light candles and hear the reading of the Christmas story as we wonder at the coming of the Christ Child. (*Childcare will be provided for infants, toddlers, and twos.*)

December 24 Lessons and Carols, 6:00 p.m.

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.*) **This service will be livestreamed on Facebook and Youtube.**

December 26 Online Worship Only, 10:00 a.m.

News for the Community of Faith

Highland Family, we continue to be grateful for your generous giving throughout the year! Each gift helps to further our mission to join together in the work of God, creating a world where justice and Love are abundant. As of this week, our income for 2021 is **\$961,303**. We still need **\$165,457** to meet our 2021 budget by the end of the year. If you are considering an end-of-year gift, please note the office will be closed December 24-28. We will be open from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM on December 29-30 and 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM on December 31. If you are mailing an end-of-year gift, it must be postmarked by December 31. As always, you can also give online at <https://hbclouisville.org/give/donate/>

Sanctuary Poinsettias

Additions to previous listing:

Given By

Alexandria Glaser
Kasen Meek

In Memory Of

Louis and Alice Glaser
Harriet Howard

Given By

Alexandria Glaser

In Honor Of

Marc Dowell

