

Invitation to Worship		Kathy Collier	Carol		KINGSFOLD text, Thomas Troeger
Prelude	<i>In Dulci Jubilo</i>	N. Rawsthorne		<i>The First Hands That Held Mary's Child</i> Nick Claussen, Tenor	
<b>JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME</b>			<b>HE COMES TO MAKE HIS BLESSING FLOW</b>		
Call to Worship – from Psalm 148		Lilly Glover	The Epistle Lesson	Colossians 3:12-17	Perry Dixon
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights! <b>All the shining stars praise you, O God,                  for you commanded and they were created.</b> Praise the Lord from the earth, young men and women alike, old and young together! <b>Let everyone praise the name of the Lord, for your glory                  is above earth and heaven. Praise the Lord!</b>			Sermon	<i>Christian Compassion</i>	
Carol (102)	<i>Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come</i>	ANTIOCH	Hymn	<i>Love Came Down at Christmas</i> Hannelore Mehler, Mezzo Soprano	GARTAN
Prayer of Praise		Erin Phelps	Offertory Prayer		Cheryl Priddy
<b>LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM</b>			News for the Community		Lauren Jones Mayfield
The Gospel Lesson	Luke 2:41-52	Lauren Jones Mayfield	Doxology		THE FIRST NOWELL
Prayer of Confession		Renee Purtlebaugh	<b>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.                  Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell. Born is the King of Israel.</b>		
Words of Assurance			Benediction		Perry Dixon
Musical Meditation	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i> Cameron Carnes, Baritone	arr. Wilberg	Postlude	<i>In Dulci Jubilo</i>	D. Bedard
The Exchange of Peace		Renee Purtlebaugh			

## Today in Worship

Please express your gratitude for the original artwork created for today's bulletin by Lou Ann Iler, Highland member and Private Art Instructor in Louisville.

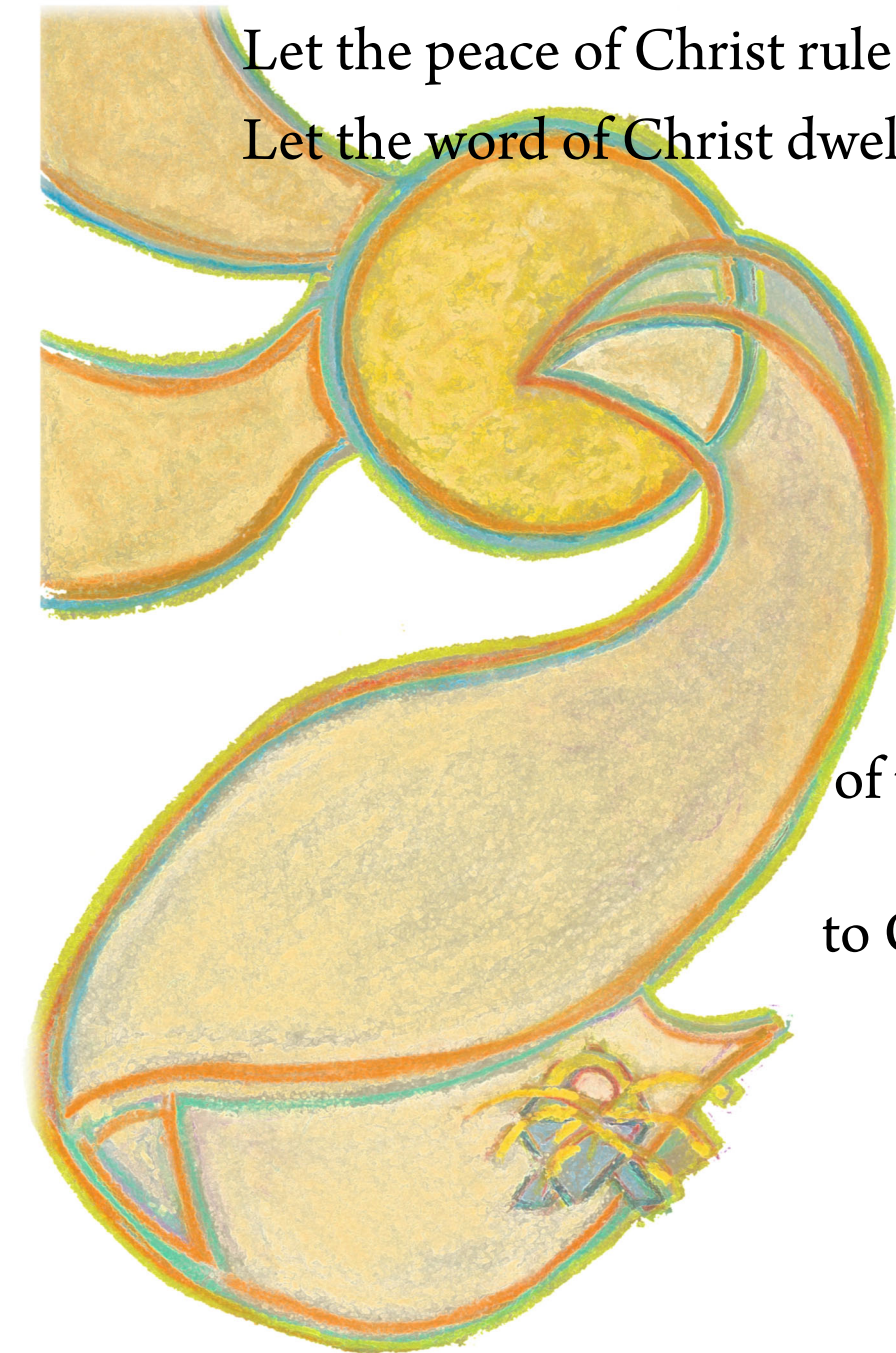
We appreciate the music leadership of Highland's Choral Scholars in today's service: Hannelore Mehler, Mezzo Soprano; Nick Claussen, Tenor; and Cameron Carnes, Baritone.

### Notes and 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 **\$1,091,166**. We still need **\$49,931** 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 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on December 29-30 and 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 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/>

**We welcome the Shaheed Family to Louisville!** They arrived in the United States from Afghanistan earlier this month. Traveling from a military base in Texas, they came to Louisville last week. 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 days.**

We are looking forward to having a church-wide book study together in early 2022 on the book *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity* by Robert P. Jones. In late January and February, you will have the opportunity to sign up for a small group (meetings offered at various times, locations, and days of the week) to engage in conversation about the book with a small group of people from across the Highland family. More information on book groups will be available after the holidays.



Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.  
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Sing psalms,  
hymns,  
and  
spiritual songs  
to God.  
Do everything  
in the name  
of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks  
to God the Father  
through him.

~ from Colossians 3



## HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

*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.

**Jerre and Frank Bassett**  
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MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

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FAMILY MINISTRY ASSISTANT

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### FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

### DECEMBER 26, 2021