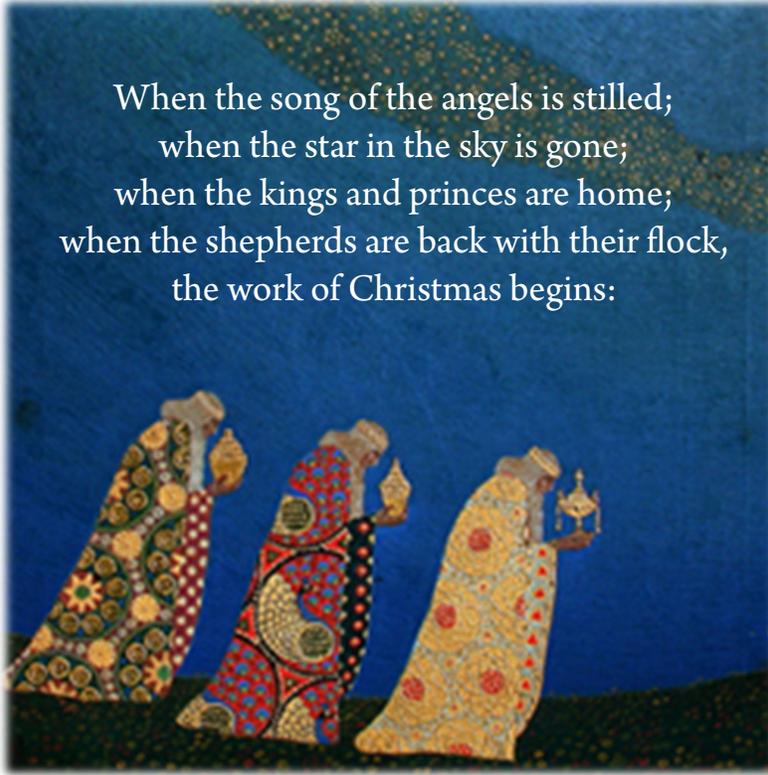


When the song of the angels is stilled;
when the star in the sky is gone;
when the kings and princes are home;
when the shepherds are back with their flock,
the work of Christmas begins:



to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the pris'ner,
to rebuild the nations;
to bring peace among brothers.
To make music from the heart.

~ Howard Thurman (1899-1981)

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 8, 2023
8:45 and 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prelude

Robert Lee

Improvisation on RESTORATION

O SING A SONG OF BETHLEHEM

Call to Worship

Erin Phelps

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
The brightness of God's light shines upon all people.
All are welcomed into the brightness of God's dawn.
God gathers us from far away and carries us.
We receive the abundance God gives.
We respond in praise. With our gifts,
with our very selves, we worship God.

Processional Hymn (164) †

KINGSFOLD

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

Prayer of Praise

Erin Phelps

Glory to the Creator †

MEINEKE

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Spirit, One.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O SING A SONG OF NAZARETH

The Hebrew Lesson

Justin Sizemore

Isaiah 60:1-6 (Pew Bible page 676-677—OT)

Prayer of Confession

Richard Farrant

Lord for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Words of Assurance

John Dickson

Hymn of Assurance (150) †

DIX

As with Gladness Men of Old

O SING A SONG OF GALILEE

The Gospel Lesson †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

Home by Another Way

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

O SING A SONG OF CALVARY

Hymn of Reflection †

RESTORATION

When There is No Star to Guide You

When there is no star to guide you, and you cannot wait for day,
And your ancient maps provide you only hints to find the way,
Keep within each other's calling, mark each time you make a turn,
Shout for help if you are falling, tell each other all you learn.

Be alert to shifts in weather; if it turns to cold and frost
Huddle closely all together, check if any have been lost.
Listen for a river flowing, feel for damper moving air,
Trace from where the wind is blowing, move on bravely but with care.

If you think you have discovered with your lantern in the night
Some clear path the dark has covered let the others bring their light.
Test your single lone perception in their gathered shining beams,
What you saw may be projection fed by shadows, fears, and dreams.

You may sometimes trip and stumble on a hidden root or stone
But remember as you grumble that you do not fall alone.
And in risking dark expanses never marked on map or chart
You will find that faith advances through the landscape of your heart.

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Invitation to the Table
Exchange of Peace
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 friendly.
Deacons will receive tithes and offerings in the offering plates as you return to your pew.*

Offertory Prayer

Renee Purtlebaugh

News for the Community

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

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.

Doxology †

TALLIS' CANON

**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.**

Benediction

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Choral Benediction

Dan Forrest

The Work of Christmas

Postlude

Robert Lee

Improvisation on DUKE STREET

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.

Phrases from today's processional hymn, *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

We welcome Robert Lee, Organist at St. Francis in the Fields, as our guest organist today.

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

- We are thrilled to officially welcome **Justin Sizemore as Highland's Associate Pastor to Youth and Young Adults!** Justin and the staff are hitting the ground running this week as he begins to call Highland his new home and learns more about life together as a faith community. We look forward to welcoming Justin, Abby, A.T., and Edie to the Highland family. You can reach Justin at justin@hbclouisville.org.
- **The Search Committee for the Minister of Music and Worship** is excited to share that we have arrived on a final candidate to recommend to the church! The committee is unanimous in our support for this candidate and hopeful about all that they could bring to our music and worship ministry and the life of our community of faith. We will share more information about the candidate in the days ahead, but for now, we are asking you to save the date for a Call Weekend January 27-29.
- **Wednesday Night Activities** resume this week! Join us at 5:20 PM for dinner, children's and youth activities at 6:00 PM, and Cloud of Witness in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15 PM. This week, we look forward to hearing faith stories from Megan Fuller, Tyler Mayfield, and Ginny Sims.
- **CBF's Together for Hope Appalachia** is working to donate furniture, appliances, and needed items to eastern Kentucky flood victims here in Louisville, and help is needed to help with unloading and loading items. To volunteer, go to www.tfhope.org/floodrecovery and click the "Volunteer" button. These time slots are during the construction company's normal work schedule M-F 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. You may also reach out to Brent Bowden to volunteer at brntbwdn@gmail.com, 512.669.8402 (text or phone call).



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
CUSTODIANS

Mary Alice Birdwhistell
PASTOR

Fred Bogert
MUSIC DIRECTOR
TO FRIDAY CHURCH

Molly Braun
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

Troy Burden
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John Dickson
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AND WORSHIP

Megan Fuller
CHILDREN AND FAMILY
MINISTRY ASSISTANT

Kathleen Gordon
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Lauren Jones Mayfield
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR CARE
AND JUSTICE

Walter McWhorter
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Erin Phelps
PASTORAL EDUCATION INTERN

Renee Purtlebaugh
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES

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