

# Highland United Methodist Church

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*We are an open community of Christians sharing Christ's love and helping each other  
to develop and strengthen their relationship with God.*

**November 27, 2016**

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Prelude

The Ministry of the Acolytes

Welcoming our Guests,

Sharing Ministry Opportunities and Celebrating Special Days

Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prepare For Worship: Ringing of the church bell

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: Today begins the Holy Season of Advent

**People: Lord, we come asking You to help us focus our attention on the things  
that really matter**

Leader: Today begins a holy time of preparation.

**People: Lord, we come away from the distractions of commercials, lists, and a  
world that seems to have forgotten the reason for the season.**

Leader: Today offers us a new opportunity to remember how truly special you thought  
we were. You gave us the most precious gift anyone could imagine.

**People: Lord, we come to your house to remember, to re-commit, and to offer  
our thanks for the gift of your Son for our salvation.**

\* Hymn of Praise

"There's a Sweet Sweet Spirit"

UMH pg. 334

Opening Prayer

**Loving God, today we start the journey toward Bethlehem, a stable, and  
remembering the day your Son came into the world to save us. As we await his  
Second Coming to redeem the world, open our hearts so that the joy of knowing  
the love of God through Jesus Christ overshadows everything else we  
experience. For it is in his name, we pray. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Special Music

Scripture

Luke 1:5-7; Luke 2:36-38

Sermon

"Emmanuel: Being With Those Who Long"

Rev. Amy E. Pannell

Responsive Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 1)

UMH pg.2119

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (At this time you are invited to share how we can pray with you and for you or someone you care about this week)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Offering; Prayer and Offertory

\*The Doxology (Praise God from whom all blessings flow...)

UMH pg. 95

\* Closing Hymn "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

UMH pg. 349

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

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"\*\*" indicates congregation standing, if able

### **GREETERS**

November – Levi Haskins

December – Mitch Webb & Graham  
Weaver

### **NURSERY**

November 27 – Sarah Haskins

### **USHERS**

November 27 – The Men  
December 4 – The Women

### **ACOLYTES**

November 27 – Bailey Grace Haskins

## **CHURCH LIFE**

**Monday, November 28** – The **Adult Choir will meet at 7:00**. We are working on Christmas music and time is getting short. So, Please come and join us!!

**Saturday, December 3** - Christmas at Callaway Firehouse (1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

**Sunday, December 4** – The PPRC (Pastor Parish Relations Committee) will meet after worship. This meeting is for all members including the incoming members effective 1/1/17. The purpose of this annual meeting is to discern the yearly United Methodist question: "Do Amy's gifts and graces match the needs of the congregation? How is God leading us to serve together for a new year? If not, then what is God leading us to do?" A prayerful process of questions is given by the Virginia Conference to follow in making this decision. As always, Pastor Amy and the PPR welcome your prayers and sharing. Please see Pastor Amy or any of the committee members (Terry Jamison, Audrey Daniels, Caroline Guilliams, Alton Hall, Chuck Hall, Sarah Haskins, Vicky Hodges, Eric Krauss, Judy Prettyman, and Mitch Webb) for your questions, more information, and sharing. Thank you.

If you would like to help light one of the Advent wreath candles, see the sign- up sheet on the Pastor's Office Door. The readings for each Sunday are there to pick up. Advent begins November 27!

**Sunday, December 11** – Special Christmas Presentation during morning Worship and Family Night that evening. More info to come.

**Kenny and Jean Bernard** Please send them cards of encouragement and love.

**Their address is**

Gift of Life Transplant House

Attention: Kenny Bernard, Room 27

705 Second Street SW

Rochester, MN 55902 The facility requests NO FLOWERS.

Randy and Pam McPherson

2793 Foothills Road

Callaway, VA 24067

As members of this congregation, we will faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers (see the prayer list), our presence, our gifts, our service (see announcements) and our witness (all you do and who you are.)” We are thankful that you have blessed Highland United Methodist Church with your presence and your gifts:

11/13/16 73 Present for Worship and \$1,619.05 received in Gifts

11/20/16 63 Present for Worship and \$1,130.00 received in Gifts

## Prayer Requests

November 20 – Joey Hyatt, Jr.; Betsy Guilliams Haynes, Shirley Burkett, Mildred Jamison Boitnott, Caleb Chowning, College Students traveling for Thanksgiving

November 13 – The Family of Danielle McPherson, Kenny & Jean Bernard and Rhonda Sedovy, Alvin Gibson, Joey Height, Jr., Bethany Goad, Jerry Jamison, Andrea Krauss, The Family of Junior Smith, Chuck Hall

November 6 - Danielle McPherson family, Kenny Bernard, Annette Saul, Mason Barnes, Lynn Bayly, Patty Hunt, Butch Moran, Ryan Brubaker, Family of Emmaline Sigmon, Velma Beckner, Newton Guilliams, Junior Smith, Teresa Craighead

October 30 – Kenny Bernard, Annette Saul, Bob Gaubatz (Please send Bob a card as Veteran's Day Approaches), Velma Beckner,

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