

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.*

December 11, 2016

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Shake off your drowsy sleep! Up and quick away!

People: Seek the baby in the hay!

Leader: He is the hope of every nation!

People: All in Him shall find salvation!

* Hymn of Praise "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (vs. 1) UMH pg. 220

Opening Prayer

**Lord, how wonderful to hear the story of our Savior's birth one more time! May your
glory then help us see him return where we will bow and confess him as Lord and
Savior. May we hear you call us. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Scripture Luke 2:12-14

Meditation "Inside the Angels' Choir Room" Rev. Amy E. Pannell

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

"Hark The Angels Sing" Highland Choir, Adults & Youth

* Benediction

* Postlude

*** indicates congregation standing, if able

GREETERS

December – Mitch Webb &
Graham Weaver

NURSERY

December 11 – Sherri Krauss
December 18 – Cindy Jamison

ACOLYTES

December 11 – Garrett Weaver
December 18 – Sam Krauss

USHERS

December 11 – The Youth
December 18 – The Men

CHURCH LIFE

Today, Sunday, December 11 – Special Christmas Presentation during morning Worship Service. Potluck dinner tonight will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by Our Family Night. Please come and Worship with us!

Tuesday, December 13 - Amy will be on a silent retreat in Roanoke on Tuesday, December 13. Her cell phone will be turned off from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For pastoral emergencies during these hours you can call Rev. Chris Bennett, pastor of Bethlehem UMC and chaplain for Franklin County fire department, at 540-483-1973.

Sunday, December 18 - Memory Angel Tree – If you would like to place an angel on our Memory Tree in memory of someone who has passed away this year, please **purchase an angel in white, silver, gold or clear** and we'll present them on December 18 during worship. **Please get the info to Tricia Custer by Wednesday, December 14** so the info can be printed on our yearly booklet. Thank you.

Sunday, December 18 - Our new Bishop will be at Martinsville UMC to listen and share. Pastor Amy, Audrey Daniels and the Krauss family will be attending. If you would like to know more or attend please see Amy, Audrey, Eric or Sherri.

Monday, December 19 – The **UMW will meet at 6:30 pm** (note: earlier than our usual 7pm meeting time). Please **bring a finger food and a \$10.00 gift** for “Dirty Santa”

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve. There are many ways to experience Christ's birth on Christmas Eve. Highland UMC: Come by anytime between 4 and 6 p.m. to receive communion. New Hope UMC will have a candlelight worship service at 7:00 p.m. Piedmont Presbyterian Church: Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 p.m. Gogginsville UMC Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 p.m. (Possibly an 11:00 p.m. service--check their website)

Sunday, December 25 - What a joy and privilege to worship together on Christmas morning! Come celebrate with a special worship service at the same time (10:00 a.m.) Stay in your p.j.'s a little longer--**There is NO Sunday School this morning.**

Thank you to Keith, Alton, Mitch, and other who helped with the beautiful display in front of the Church sign honoring and remembering those who have battled cancer!!

Note from Earl and Helen Akers: We wish everyone a Merry Christmas by donating to the Good Samaritan Fund in lieu of sending Christmas Cards this year.

Remember to use our Church Mail Boxes for exchanging your Christmas Cards. Check your box!!

Greeters for 2017: We need greeters to volunteer for next year. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Thank you for helping!

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:	
11/27/16	56 Present for Worship and \$1,425.50 received in Gifts
12/4/16	78 Present for Worship and \$4,907.00 received in Gifts

Prayer Requests

December 4 - The Family of Danielle McPherson, Kenny Bernard, Richard Greer, Joyce Sledd, Bethany Goad- Donna's cousin's daughter, Joey Hyatt, Jr, Ricky Stump

November 27 – The Family of Danielle McPherson, Kenny and Jean Bernard, The Family of Drew Webb, Joyce Sledd, The Family of Jean Guilliams, Families of Bus Accident in Tennessee, Thanksgiving for special members present in Worship

November 20 – Kenny Bernard & Jean, The McPherson Family, Joey Hyatt, Jr.; Betsy Guilliams Haynes, Shirley Burkett, Mildred Jamison Boitnott, Caleb Chowning, College Students traveling for Thanksgiving

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