

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 18, 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

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: Who will come to save us? Who will the Lord send to heal our wounds?

People: Will God send the mighty angelic host? Will God send a great warrior?

Leader: No, God sends a child! A child has no voice, no power, no influence. Why
would God send a child?

People: A child cannot change the world. Why would God send a child?

Leader: A child needs to be loved and cared for. We need to pay attention to a child.

People: So much of our energy will be consumed in caring for the child.

Leader: We need to reach out in love--after all, aren't we God's beloved ones?

**People: The child is the blessed gift that God sends, teaching us again about
loving and caring.**

* Hymn of Praise

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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Opening Prayer

**We come this morning, from rushing around and surrounded by demands and
expectations. Slow us down. Help us center our thoughts. Restore in us a childlike
wonder. We call on your name. Be with us and in us, Emmanuel. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Special Music

Scripture

Luke 2:1-7

Sermon

"Emmanuel: Being With Those Who Struggle"

Rev. Amy E. Pannell

Responsive Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 4)

UMH pg.211

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 "What Child is This"

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* Benediction

* Postlude

"**" indicates congregation standing, if able

GREETERS

December – Mitch Webb &
Graham Weaver

NURSERY

December 18 – Cindy Jamison
December 25 – Donna Guilliams

ACOLYTES

December 18 – Sam Krauss
December 25 – Logan Custer

USHERS

December 18 – The Men
December 25 – The Women

CHURCH LIFE

Remember to check the mailboxes for your Christmas Cards!!

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 am) There will be NO Sunday School on this morning.

Sunday, January 8 – following morning worship, The **Administrative Council** will begin a new year of serving together!

Sunday, January 8 – **Disciple I** continues! Lesson 21 !!

Monday, January 9 – 7:00 pm. the **Adult Choir** will begin a New Year of serving together. Please come and be a part of us. Even if you've never sung with us before, you are more than welcome. All that's required is to come and have fun!!

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

Love has a name.....JESUS
Love has a place.....Our Hearts
Love has a story.....
And it's not finished yet!!

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:	
12/4/16	78 Present for Worship and \$4,907.00 received in gifts
12/11/16	79 Present for Worship and \$961.00 received in gifts

Prayer Requests

December 11 – Bob Gaubatz, Eva Wooldridge, Jeanette Sledd, Dot Webb

December 4 – The Family of Danielle McPherson, Kenny Bernard, Richard Greer, Joyce Sledd, Bethany Goad-Dona'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

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