

# 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 26, 2017**

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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: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!**

Leader: Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

**People: We are the Lord's, we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

**People: Give thanks and bless God's name!**

Leader: For the Lord is good;

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever; God's faithfulness to all generations!**

*(Psalm 100)*

\*Opening Hymn "God, Whose Love is reigning O'er Us" UMH pg. 100

Opening Prayer

**Steadfast God, the darkness grows in these winter days. We sing so our voices will echo  
off all the hard, difficult places of life so we can find our way. We listen for your voice so  
we not lose our way in discouragement and doubt. We fellowship with each other, the  
flock so loneliness and loss will not steal our joy or trust in you. May it be so. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon "A Hungry, Thirsty, Homeless, Shivering, Sick, Imprisoned God"

Rev. Amy E. Pannell

\*Responsive Hymn "This Is My Song" UMH pg.437

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...)

\* Closing Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

UMH pg. 95

UMH pg.327

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*“\*\*” indicates congregation standing, if able*

**GREETERS**

Graham and Crystal Weaver

**NURSERY**

November 26 – Sherri Krauss

December 3 – Cindy Jamison

**ACOLYTES**

November 26 – Logan Custer

December 3 – Graham Weaver

**USHERS**

November 26 – The Youth

December 3 – The Men

**CHURCH LIFE**

**Monday, November 27** – The Choir will meet at 7:00 p.m. Please come and join us.

**Wednesday, November 29** - Our District will host a Finance Training on Wednesday, November 29th, beginning at 7 pm, at Stanleytown UMC (24 Maplewood Ave, Stanleytown). David Domnisse, Conference Treasurer and Statistician will facilitate the training. All are invited, particularly those involved in local church finances--treasurers, finance committee members, trustees, S/PPRC members, finance secretaries, etc.

**Saturday, December 2** – We will be decorating the church for Christmas. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. Please come and help if you can.

**Sunday, December 3** - Terry's Sunday School Class will be starting an Advent Study. It's called Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph by Adam Hamilton. From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the Nativity story is sometimes overlooked, but contains valuable lessons for all of us. His courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation plan for humanity. Come and join us!

### What Does Jesus Want for Christmas? YOU

The four Sundays before Christmas is called the season of Advent. The word “Advent” means “coming.” During the season of Advent we remember that Jesus has promised to return—he is coming! How are we excited and preparing? We look and listen to those who first waited and prepared for Jesus’ coming. This year the first Sunday in Advent is December 3. This year we will be praying and pondering how we are a gift to God and others. There is no need to buy presents. Just as Jesus came as Emmanuel, God with us, he wants us to be with him and others. Come, prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of Christmas.

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:

11/12/17	51 Present for Worship and \$1,408.16 received in gifts
11/4/17	67 Present for Worship and \$3,868.83 received in gifts

Youth Parents: Upcoming events:

Dec 16th: Youth Day of Service: Meet at BoJangles in Rocky Mount at 7:30am for breakfast, then head out for a day of service. (Salvation Army, Henry Fork Service Center, etc.)

Followed by movie at Eagle Cinema “The Star”

### Prayer Requests

November 11 – Jimmy Guilliams, Marie Sigmon-Mike’s wife, Faye Bollings-Mark’s mom, Brooke Spicer, Mike Neal, Travelers

November 4 – Kenny & Jean Bernard, Ronnie Bernard, Andrew Snead, B.L. Furrow, Judy Brubaker, Tammy & Terry Underwood in the passing of their father, Joy that Lynn’s daughter will be moving back to USA

October 29 – Fred and Barbara Guilliams, Sarah Haskins, Ronnie and Sue Bernard & family, Skye, Nova, Tiffany, Brandon, Pam and Randy, Veterans who are serving and those who have served.

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