

# Highland United Methodist Church

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December 10, 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

Advent Wreath

Lynn Bayley and Barbara Mankes

*"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3 times)*

*Let it shine, shine, shine*

*Let it shine."*

Call to Worship

Leader: A woman and an angel, a promise and a song,  
a tax law and a journey, a stable and some straw...

**People: these tell the greatest story ever told!**

Leader: A hillside and some shepherds, a blaze of blinding light,  
angels singing carols in the cold...

**People: the glorious, greatest story ever told!**

Leader: Mighty God and fragile baby, here a lowly manager holds...

**People: it's still the greatest story ever told!**

\*Opening Hymn *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

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\*Opening Prayer

**Tell us again, sing to us again, the greatest story every told, God. It is such a strange way you saved the world. Through ordinary people and unbelievable situations, you were born. Help us receive this greatest story and go out and tell this greatest story. We've got to go tell it. Amen.**

Scripture Psalm 89:1-4 (*The Message*)

Meditation

Prayers of the People

Rev. Amy E. Pannell

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...)

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Presentation: The Greatest Story Ever Told: A Musical For Christmas

Music and Words by Dennis and Nan Allen

Program's Narration and Message by Jennifer Guilliams

\*Benediction and Blessing of the Food

*Join Santa and everyone for a fellowship meal in the fellowship hall.*

*The Call to Worship and Opening Prayer are words from "The Greatest Story Ever Told"*

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

## **GREETERS**

December—Mitch Webb

and his grandsons

## **ACOLYTES**

December 10—Jared Jamison

December 17 —Abby Krauss

## **USHERS**

December 10 —Men

December 17—Women

## **NURSERY**

December 10—Donna Guilliams

December 17—Sarah Haskins

**Today!** Thank you to all who made The Greatest Story Ever Told so Great! A special thank you to our leaders Jennifer Brubaker (who also wrote the program) and Pam Messenger. Please join us in the fellowship hall for a potluck meal. (*The choir is taking a break for the rest of the year. Choir on Monday nights will start back in the new year!*)

**Light of the World:** Remembering that Jesus is our light, each Sunday we are invited to bring a different kind of light. Place it on the altar table. You can take home your "light" after worship. Thank you. **December 17: Lantern**

**Saturday, December 16**—The Salvation Army kettles raise more than 100 million dollars each year to provide food, shelter, and disaster relief and continues in the Wesleyan tradition to serve physical and spiritual needs in 128 countries around the world. Come join Highland's youth group Dec 16th 9am-5:30pm at Kroger in Rocky Mount as we ring the bell and solicit donations. We will begin the morning by meeting at BoJangles in Rocky Mount for breakfast. Contact Sherri Krauss for more info. All ages are welcome! We will end the day with a movie at Eagle Cinema, seeing “The Star.”

**Monday, December 18** (6:30pm) United Methodist Women Christmas Party! Bring a \$10 gift to play “Dirty Santa.” Please note the CHANGE of time: 6:30 pm.

**Memory Angels:** If you would like to place an angel ornament on the tree in memory of someone this year, we will place them on the tree on Sunday, December 24. Please purchase a white, gold or clear angel and let Tricia, Pam or Pastor Amy know by December 17, so we can get the info printed in the Memory Angel booklet. If you are unable to find an ornament, Pam can provide one for you Angels.

**Books on CD** Sarah Haskins donated the following Books on CD: Max Lucado’s Fearless, Don Piper’s 90 Minutes in Heaven, and Kevin & Alex Malarkey’s The Boy Who Came Back from Heaven. If you would like to borrow, they are in the copier room’s bookshelf

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:

11/26/17 66 Present for Worship and \$1,512 received in gifts  
12/03/17 61 Present for Worship and \$1,811 received in gifts

### **Prayer Requests**

December 6—Kelsey Pendlton, Marie Sigmon, Skye Kasey and family, Franky Chittwood, Mary Elizabeth Woody, Bob Reynolds, Ann Jamison, Joyce Sledd

November 26—Larry Houston, Kelsey Pendleton, Marie Sigmon, Fred Guilliams, Ronnie Bernard, Family of Ann Snead, Family of Betsy Stanley and Sue Bernard’s Aunt Hazel

