

Highland United Methodist Church

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December 17, 2017

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

Jennifer Brubaker, Audrey Daniels, Mitch Webb

**“This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, shine, shine
Let it shine.”**

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the night time winds of woes and wounds...

People: ...Jesus came, filling our hearts with a song about his power.

Leader: Like a lantern, the light of who he is is carried so we can find our way
and the light of his deeds is protected from every way the wind blows.

**People: We sing with Mary, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit
rejoices in God my Savior.”**

Leader: In this season of waiting and preparing, help us be strong and steadfast.

People: Help us be like lanterns, a light for all in turmoil.

*Opening Hymn: *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

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*Opening Prayer

**God, our lives are a lot like living in the foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains
—its windy! Within and around, forces want to move us, here and there; we
become unsettled, confused, and restless. But, when we look to you and
witness to your love, the light your life gives us a steady and constant being.
Help us O Lord! Amen.**

Special Music

Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 35:1-4*

Epistle Lesson: *James 5:7-10*

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 1:46-55*

Sermon: “Giving the Gift of Ourselves: Praise and Trust”

Rev. Amy E. Pannell

*Responsive Hymn: *Like a Child*

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Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

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 and Offertory

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

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*Closing Hymn: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

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*Benediction

*** indicates congregation standing, if able

GREETERS

December—Mitch Webb
and his grandsons

ACOLYTES

December 17—Abby Krauss
December 24—Hannah McPherson

USHERS

December 17—Women
December 24—Men

NURSERY

December 17—Sarah Haskins
December 24—Crystal Weaver

Today (4:00 pm) Gogginsville UMC invites you to a “Blue Christmas” worship service. For all who grieve, the holidays holds many emotions. This service offers music, prayer, meditation, so God can comfort and care.

DVD’s of the Christmas Program are free and available. THANK YOU to Mike Neal!

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.

December 24, 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.

December 24, Special Advent Wreath on Sunday At the 10 a.m. worship on December 24, during the Advent Wreath, we invite anyone who has or is fighting cancer, to come forward. Do not fear: You will not have say anything. We just invite you to stand.

December 24, Christmas Eve Opportunities This year Christmas Eve is on a Sunday! Special morning worship will be at the same time: 8:30 a.m. at New Hope UMC and 10:00 a.m at Highland. At Highland (between 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) Communion will be offered. At New Hope (7:00 p.m.) a Candle Light Worship service at New Hope UMC will include carols, a special message, and singing to candle light.

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:
12/03/17 61 Present for Worship and \$1,811 received in gifts
12/03/17 95 Present for Worship and \$2,841 received in gifts

Prayer Requests

December 10—Ronnie Bernard and family, B.L. Furrow, Jimmy Guilliams and family, Lucas Hagar (neighbor of Paula Furrow), Sarah Haskins, Skye McPherson and family, Robert McPhillips (friend of Sheldon Mankes), Marie Sigmon and family, Joyce Sledd, family of Mary Elizabeth Woody,

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

