

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 in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH# 95

\*SINGING THE GOOD NEWS *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* UMH# 240

BENEDICTION

Second by second, breath by breath, we live with God!  
Hour by hour, sun up to sun down, thank God!

“Day by Day, Oh Dear Lord, Three things I pray

To see thee more clearly, Love thee more dearly, and Follow thee more nearly”

*(From the musical Godspell)*

*\*If able, please stand.*

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**Today's Servants: Thank You!**

GREETERS

January—How about You?

ACOLYTES

December 31—Emma McPherson

January 7—Graham Weaver

USHERS

December 31—Youth

January 7—Women

NURSERY

December 31—Sherri Krauss

January 7—Donna Guilliams



Highland  
United Methodist Church

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

1st Sunday of Christmas Season and New Year's Eve, 2017

PRELUDE  
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATING SPECIAL DAYS  
SHARING THE JOY AND PEACE

POEM "Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New"  
(from poem, "Memoriam" by Alfred Lord Tennyson)

RINGING THE BELL

\*SINGING THE GOOD NEWS *Joy to the World* UMH# 246

PRAYER: PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

"Here I Am"  
"You are Here"

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOOD NEWS FOR A NEW YEAR *Isaiah 61:10-62:3*  
GOOD NEWS FOR A NEW YEAR *Galatians 4:4-7*

Talking To God: \_\_\_\_\_  
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GOOD NEWS FOR A NEW YEAR *Luke 2:22-40*  
SERMON "Presenting" *Rev. Amy Pannell*

BLESSING OF OUR CLOCKS AND CALENDERS OF A NEW YEAR

Lord, You who live outside of time, and reside in the eternal moment,  
**we ask Your blessing this New Year's Day Eve  
and upon Your gift of time.**

Bless our clocks and watches,  
direct us to observe the passing of minutes and hours.  
**May they make us aware of the miracle of each second of life we experience.**  
May these our ticking servants help us not to miss what is important,  
keep us from machine-like routine.  
**May we be free from being clock watchers  
and instead become those who journey through time.**

Bless our calendars, these ordered lists of days, weeks and months, of holidays,  
holidays- all our special days of remembering.  
**May our calendars grace our homes and our lives.  
May they remind us that all life is meant for celebration and contemplation.**

Bless, Lord, this new year, each of its 365 days and nights.  
Bless us with seasons.  
**Grant to us, Lord, a new year's gift of a year of love. Amen.**  
(Prayer adapted from St. Columbo Abby)

\*SINGING THE GOOD NEWS *Here I Am, Lord* UMH#593

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE