

Highland United Methodist Church

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January 7, 2018

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: The magi come from distant places, following a star.

People: We come to worship and the star sheds light on our lives.

Leader: The magi brought gifts to offer the child.

People: We too bring gifts—ourselves, our hopes, and our dreams.

Leader: Shepherds and magi—the poor and the powerful—all were welcome
in Bethlehem.

People: We too have come to return to our homes rejoicing!

(written by Ruth C. Duck)

*Opening Hymn *We Three Kings*

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Opening Prayer

Oh Lord—we long for “Ah HA!” moments! We seek to see you; we long to experience you so we leave here different than how we came. Let the journey these wise fellows took bless us anew. Give us ears to hear and a heart to follow for our journey. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 2:1-12*

Sermon

Responsive Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision*

Rev. Amy E. Pannell

UMH # 451

Sharing of 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; Prayer and Offertory

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

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The Celebration of Communion

All are welcome! This is Christ's table, come just as you are. When you come, reach out your hands, and a piece of bread will be given to you. Dip the bread into the cup. You may be served at your seat. The elements of grace are bread, non-gluten wafers, and non-alcoholic grape juice.

* Closing Hymn *Go Tell It On the Mountain*

UMH # 251

* Benediction

* Postlude

“*” indicates congregation standing, if able

GREETERS

January—Fred Williams

ACOLYTES

January 7—Graham Weaver

January 14—Jared Jamison

USHERS

January 7—Women

January 14—Men

NURSERY

January 7—Donna Williams

January 14—Sarah Haskins

Today (After Worship) Highland Youth Group is meeting. This is an organizational meeting for 2018. Tacos provided.

Today (After Worship) Worship Committee is meeting. All are welcome. Suggestions for worship to Jennifer, Pam, Lynn Bayly, or Pastor Amy.

Monday, January 8—(7:00 p.m.) Choir is BACK! Come sing a new song to the Lord!

Sunday, January 14 (9:00 a.m.) **Devotions and Doughnuts** Join all ages in the Fellowship Hall for fun, games, and best of all doughnuts (fruit, too).

Sunday, January 14 (After Worship): Council meeting. All are welcome! We will kick off the new year with a What, Why, Who, and How of Council at Highland.

Sunday, January 21 (After Worship): CREW committee will be meeting for 1 hour Jan 21st immediately following church services. We will be discussing future projects, organizing volunteers and fundraising initiatives. Bring a snack. All are welcome to join our committee! Questions: Contact Sherri Krauss or Betsy Gayle Stanley.

Sunday, January 21 (After Worship): WHY Youth meeting.

Sign up to be a Greeter

Sign up to smile, welcome, and hand out bulletins in 2018! The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board (across from the mailboxes)

Prayer Requests

December 31—Joy of new life: Alton and Peggy's grand daughter, family of Margaret Hubbard (Barbara Guilliams' cousin died), Ronnie and Sue Bernard, Celebration of birthdays: Thelma Hardy (Sherri Krauss' grandmother) and Irene (Sue Bernard's mom)

December 24—Joyce Sledd, Jason Hammerick, Julie Darden, Julie and Mark's dogs

December 17—Joyce Sledd, Eric Akers, Amanda and Colby Rude

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:

12/24/17 76 Present for Worship and \$2,813 received in gifts

12/31/17 58 Present for Worship and \$ 833 received in gifts

