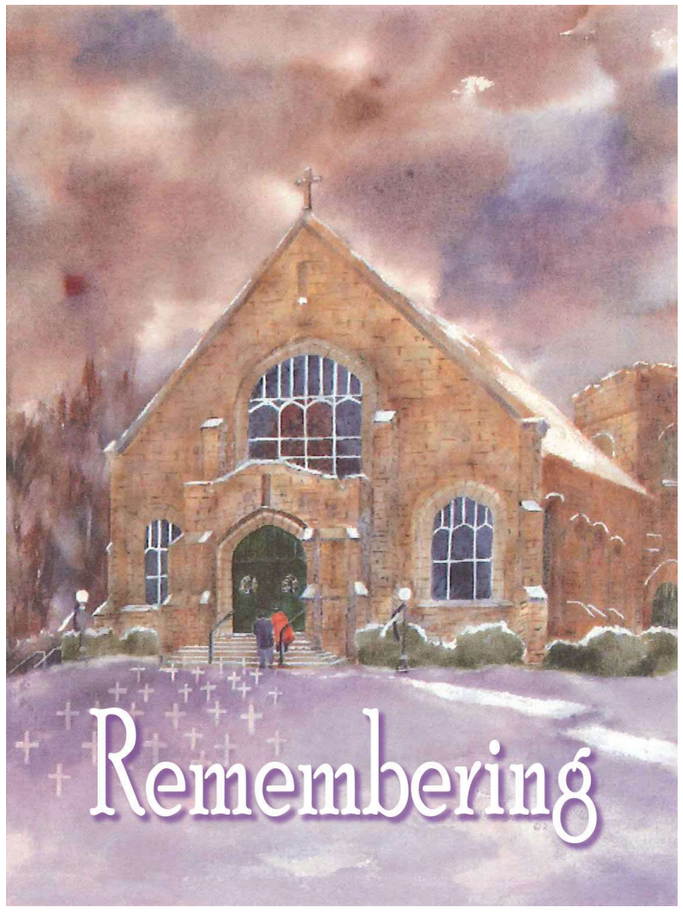
Advent 2026

Highland Baptist Church



The memory of God's faithfulness
shapes our hope,
binding us together
in sacred and mysterious ways.

Sunday, November 29—Hope Sunday

First Sunday of Advent Services, 8:45 and 11:15 AM*
A new liturgical year begins as we explore our Advent theme, *Remembering*.

Hanging of the Green, 6:00 PM*
We gather to adorn the sanctuary for the season and collect donations for Highlands Community Ministries: new throw-size blankets and $25 gift cards to Kroger, Walmart, and Target. A church-wide reception follows in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, December 6—Peace Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent Services, 8:45 and 11:15 AM*
We gather to remember those in our city who have been killed by acts of violence. We do this remembering work by placing crosses on the front lawn.

Children's Advent Service, 6:00 PM*
Children in Highland's Carol Choir, Chorister Choir, and Children's Handbell Choir lead us in an evening of music. A cookies and milk reception follows.

Wednesday, December 9

Youth Christmas Party, 6:00-7:30 PM
6th-12th graders gather for an evening of fun and frivolity at Highland. Contact John Kupar to RSVP.

Sunday, December 13—Joy Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent Service, 11:15 AM only*
Join us for a morning of music and celebration with the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra as they present the regional premiere of *Rose Ever Blooming.*

Orchestra Christmas Concert, 6:00 PM
This delightful concert, *Christmas Carols Squared*, features festive music of the season!

Wednesday, December 16

Families with Children Hot Chocolate Night, 5:30-7:00 PM
A cozy evening of fellowship with pizza, games, and a hot chocolate bar awaits families with children ages birth-5th grade. Contact Renee Purtlebaugh to RSVP.

Friday, December 18

Join us as we sing the carols of Christmas at Friday Church at 7:00 PM! The service ends with candlelight.

Sunday, December 20—Love Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent Services, 8:45 and 11:15 AM*
With only a few days until the birth of the Christ-child, we gather to reflect on Mary's Magnificat and God's faithful, loving presence.

***A Grand Christmas* Four Piano Concert, 6:00 PM**
Kathy Collier, Paul Henderson, Cathy Ryan and Sharon Sanders present a concert of Christmas favorites on four pianos!

Monday, December 21

Longest Night Service, 6:00 PM
Whether reflecting on the loss of a loved one, job, relationship, or life transition, all are welcome to honor the realities of grief during this quiet and reflective worship service on the longest night of the year.

Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Service, 4:00 PM
We gather to sing the carols of Christmas in a more casual and family-friendly service.

Lessons and Carols Service, 6:00 PM
Lessons and Carols is a unique telling of the Christmas story through scripture, carols, and music by the Sanctuary Choir.

Sunday, December 27

First Sunday after Christmas, 10:00 AM*
Join us for this casual worship service as we enjoy singing beloved Christmas carols. Bible study classes will not meet.

****Service livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube***

Childcare is available for Advent Services at Highland by reservation. Please let us know for which services you need childcare by filling out this reservation form. Scan the QR code here:

We gratefully acknowledge the artwork of Dr. John Sanders (1931–2018), a beloved member of our congregration who painted this image of Highland during the Advent/Christmas season.