



Said the night wind to the little lamb
Do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb
Do you see what I see?

The Child, the Child sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light,
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From Do You Hear What I Hear?
by Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

COME NOW, ALMIGHTY GOD, HELP US YOUR NAME TO LAUD

Prelude

Matthew Compton

Transcendence
Highland Handbells

Opening Words from Psalm 100

Buddy Lee (8:45)
Phil Collier (11:15)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness, and come into God's presence with singing!

Know that the Lord is God. We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

The Lord is good! God's steadfast love endures forever and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Processional Hymn †

ITALIAN HYMN

Come Now, Almighty God

***Come now, Almighty God, help us your name to laud; our song we raise;
Ruler all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!***

***Come now, Incarnate Word, by heaven and earth adored, our prayer attend:
Come, and your people bless, and give your word success; grant us your holiness,
Savior and Friend!***

***Come, Holy Comforter, your sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Your grace to us impart, now rule in every heart, never from us depart,
Spirit of power!***

***To you, great One in Three, eternal praises be for evermore.
Your sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.***

Prayer of Praise †

Buddy Lee (8:45)
Phil Collier (11:15)

Glory to the Creator †

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Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Spirit, One.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

YOUR GRACE TO US IMPART, NOW RULE IN EVERY HEART

The Hebrew Lesson

Paul Henderson

Ezekiel 34:11-16 (Pew Bible page 788—OT)

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

***God, our Good Shepherd, you search for us, coming alongside us in our most difficult moments.
Your Creation sustains us, providing all we need. You tend to our wounded spirits, that we might
live into the full measure of our possibility and strength. And yet, we look for balm elsewhere,
miss opportunities to appreciate the gift of the earth, and worry more about our inadequacies
than we trust in your Love. Forgive us, Holy One, and keep calling our names—that we may hear,
trust, and rest in your goodness. Amen.***

Words of Assurance

Hymn (405) †

BRADBURY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Exchange of Peace †

Justin Sizemore

COME, AND YOUR PEOPLE BLESS, AND GIVE YOUR WORD SUCCESS

The Gospel Lesson †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Matthew 25:31-46 (Pew Bible pages 28-29—NT)
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship. (11:15)

Sermon

Do You See What I See?

TO YOU, GREAT ONE IN THREE, ETERNAL PRAISES BE

Hymn of Response (658) †

WYE VALLEY

Let Your Heart Be Broken

Call to Justice/Trans Day of Remembrance

Kim Clark-Endicott (8:45)
Hazel Hardesty (11:15)

Offertory Prayer

Kim Clark-Endicott (8:45)
Kim Shippey (11:15)

Choral Offertory

Lloyd Larson

O Praise the Gracious

O praise the gracious power that tumbles walls of fear and gathers in one house of faith all strangers far and near. O praise persistent truth that opens fistful minds and eases from their anxious clutch the prejudice that binds. *We praise You, Christ! Your cross has made us one!* O praise inclusive love encircling every race, oblivious to gender, wealth, to social rank or place. O praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own, a living temple built on Christ, our rock and cornerstone! O Praise the tide of grace that laps at every shore with visions of a world at peace, no longer bled by war. O praise the power, the truth, the love, the word, the tide. Yet more than these, O praise their source, praise Christ the crucified! In Christ there is no east or west, in Christ no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth. In Christ now meet both east and west, in Christ meet south and north, all Christlike souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth. We praise you, Christ! your cross has made us one!

To make a donation from your phone, text "give2hbc" to 502-747-1212 and open the link.

News for the Community

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

In response to your decision, ***we welcome you! We covenant to be the family of God for you in this place. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, as we journey in faith together.***

For the ministries that shape the life of our community, ***thanks be to God.***

Recognition of Sharon Sanders

Kathy Collier

Doxology †

OLD 100TH

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One, Amen.***

Benediction †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

Benedetto Marcello

Psalm XIX

† *For those who are able, we invite you to stand.*

Today in Worship

Highland's deacons (wearing identification name tags) are available at various locations for prayer, questions or information. Deacons are lay ministers of the church who have been called to a ministry of service.

Phrases from today's processional hymn, *Come Now, Almighty God*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation and response.

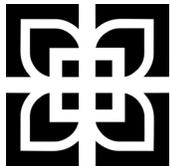
The flowers on the chancel today are given in honor of Sharon Sanders in deep gratitude for her year and a half of faithful service as Highland's Interim Organist and Music Associate. Sharon, we thank God for you and for thoughtful music and intentional worship experiences that you have shared with us in this season!

Listening Assist Devices are available. Please see our sound technician or an usher for assistance. Large print hymn sheets are also available upon request for visually impaired persons. An usher can provide a copy for you.

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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Christmas Poinsettias**—Our Sanctuary will once again be beautifully adorned with red poinsettias this Advent and Christmas. You are welcome to purchase a poinsettia for \$15 in memory, in honor, or in appreciation of a family member, friend or loved one. **You may order poinsettias through our website (www.hbclouisville.org)** or you may also submit payment and information by contacting Cheryl Davis at cheryl@hbclouisville.org. **The deadline for ordering poinsettias is tomorrow, November 27.**
- **Hanging of the Green Reception**—Following the Hanging of the Green service on December 3, we will have a church-wide reception in the Fellowship Hall. We are asking you to bring desserts and/or appetizers for this gathering. If you plan to bring something, please contact Kathey Golightly Sanders at ktgsanders@aol.com.
- **Paths to Holiday Giving at Highland**—Please join us in shopping for the following items that we are receiving for holiday partnerships this year:
 - ◇ **Highlands Community Ministries:** New blankets and \$25 Kroger gift cards.
 - ◇ **La Casita Community Center:** Items for 200 grocery bags and 100 hygiene kits: bags of black beans and white rice, canned fruit and veggies, spaghetti, size 6 diapers, pull ups, baby wipes, \$10 Walmart gift cards, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. We will also collect paper towels, toilet paper, and specialty Latinx holiday foods.Shopping lists and the annual family scavenger hunt are available in the Commons. Please place your donations in the brown bins outside the choir room or bring them with you to the Hanging of the Green service on December 3. Volunteers are also needed for the resource day at La Casita on Tuesday, December 12. For more information or to sign up, see the volunteer table in the Commons or contact Lauren Jones Mayfield.
- **Up Ahead:**
 - ◇ **Wednesday, November 29:** Cloud of Witness (Mary Burks, Paul Henderson, Kent Pugh) at 6:15 PM
 - ◇ **Weekend of December 1-3:** Vote on Proposed 2024 Ministry Fund Budget
 - ◇ **Sunday, December 3:** First Sunday of Advent (8:45 and 11:15 AM), Hanging of the Green (6:00 PM)



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A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith

Our Mission... God's Love compels us to cultivate a safe, welcoming community of faith where all are challenged to discover, grow, and serve, as together we boldly live out the worship that is our very lives.

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