



*“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth
peace among those whom God favors!”*

~ Luke 2:14

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2025 – Four O'clock p.m.

Highland Baptist Church – Louisville, Kentucky

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Invitation to Worship		Renee Purtlebaugh
Prelude	11 Chorale Preludes, Op. 122 No. 8 <i>Es ist ein Ros</i>	Johannes Brahms
The Lighting of the Advent Candles		The Smith Family
Call to Worship		Paul Henderson
Do not be afraid. Behold! I am bringing you good news of great joy. <i>To us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.</i> As we light our Advent candles, we bear witness to the hope, peace, joy, and love born in the Christ child in Bethlehem long ago <i>and born this night, within us. Amen.</i>		
Carol (127) †	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> Stanzas One and Three	MENDELSSOHN
Prayer of Expectancy		John Kuper
Carol (110)	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	MUELLER
A Children's Story		Renee Purtlebaugh
Carol (107)	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	ST. LOUIS
The Gospel Lesson †	Luke 2:1-7	The Henry Family
The Lighting of the Christ Candle		Chris Caldwell

The Gospel Lesson †

Luke 2:8-14

The Ross-Azevedo Family

Offertory Carol (125) †

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Christmas Eve Meditation

Chris Caldwell

The Passing of the Light of Christ

Carol

STILLE NACHT

Silent Night! Holy Night!

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and Child! Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.
Glory streams from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth..*

Benediction †

Chris Caldwell

Carol (102) †

ANTIOCH

Joy to the World!
Stanzas One and Four

Postlude

*Sonata No. 1, Mvmt 4.
Allegro assai vivace*

Felix Mendelssohn

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

Thank you for your generous giving which supports the ongoing ministry of Highland Baptist Church as we seek to live out the good news of Christmas, creating a world where justice and Love are abundant! Currently, our Finance Ministry Group is projecting we will come in a bit behind on income toward our 2025 ministry expenses. If you are able to complete your pledge and/or consider giving an end-of-year financial gift to Highland, please do so. You may use the QR code or place your gift in the offering plate. Know how grateful we are for the many ways you invest yourself in the life of our beloved community, not only during the holiday season, but all year long.



**Please join us on Sunday, December 28 for one worship service
at 10:00 a.m. Bible study classes will not meet that day.**

**Our regular Sunday schedule will resume on January 4 with worship services
at 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. and Bible Study for all ages at 10:00 a.m.**



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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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