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**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**

**CHRISTMASTIDE**

**DECEMBER 28, 2025**

**10:00 A.M.**

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

## JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME

Prelude

Norman Dello Joio

*O, Come All Ye Faithful  
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 148)

Kathey Golightly Sanders

Praise the Holy One! Praise God in the morning and the evening... in the afternoon and at night!  
***Praise God all people, all nations, all generations! Praise the Holy One who forms and shapes us!***  
Let our adoration join with the angels! May our songs join with the saints!  
***Let us worship the Holy One with gladness! Let us worship our God in truth!***  
Praise the Holy One for their abiding presence! Praise God for their wondrous works!  
***Let the name of the Holy One be exalted forever and ever! Praise the Holy One!***

Hymn (122) †

IN DULCI JUBILO

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Prayer of Praise †

Kathey Golightly Sanders

## JOY TO THE EARTH! THE SAVIOR REIGNS

A Reading from the Psalms

Chris Caldwell

Psalm 148: 7-14 (Pew Bible page 571 – OT)

Hymn (106)

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*He Is Born*

Hymn (125)

GLORIA

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Exchange of Peace †

Renee Purtlebaugh

Hymn (139) †

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*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Hymn (124) †

THE FIRST NOWELL

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## LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM

The Gospel Lesson

Chris Caldwell

John 1:1-5 (Pew Bible page 90 – NT)

Sermon

Chris Caldwell

*Words and The Word*

## REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY! REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY!

Hymn (102) †

ANTIOCH

*Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

Offertory Prayer †

Mark Golightly Sanders

Offertory

NORMAN DELLO JOIO

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen,  
Silent Night*

News for the Community

Renee Purtlebaugh

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

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 †

Chris Caldwell

Postlude

David Schelat

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*Thanks to Kathy Collier, John Dickson, and Sharon Sanders for their worship leadership today.*

## Today in Worship

Phrases from today's processional hymn, *Joy to the World*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

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.

Worship care is available for infants, toddlers and preschoolers during worship. Our greeters are available to help you navigate our building. A Worship Cart with activities to engage children in the pew is located in the Commons. Children's Worship is available for K-2nd graders during the 11:15 service.

Nearly 65% of people at Highland use online giving to make financial gifts to the church. We invite you to be one of them! Scan the QR code in the section below to be directed to our online giving page.

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## Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- 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 above 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.



- **Upcoming Advent and New Year Events:**

Monday, December 29:	Youth at Activate Games 9:45 AM
Sunday, January 4:	Regular Sunday schedule resumes
Wednesday, January 7:	Wednesday Evening activities resume
Sunday, January 11:	Senior Adult/Young Adult Game Night 5 PM—7 PM
Wednesday, January 14:	Cloud of Witness



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BAPTIST CHURCH**  
*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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