Today in Worship

Phrases from today's choral anthem, *O Come, Divine Messiah*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

Today's cover artwork was painted by Dr. John Sanders (1931-2018), beloved Highland member and watercolor artist.

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.

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 first 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

- **Hanging of the Green Reception** – Join us following the Hanging of the Green service (6:00 tonight) for good food and holiday decorations as we celebrate the start of Advent with our Highland community of faith.
- **Advent Childcare Reservations -** Childcare is available for evening Advent services at Highland by reservation. Let us know for which services you need care for your child(ren). Please make your reservations by 12:00 PM (Noon) on the Thursday before each service, by filling out the reservation form via the QR code.
- **Looking Ahead:**

Sunday, November 29:	First Sunday of Advent - Hope Hanging of the Green Service, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary - We gather to adorn the sanctuary for the season and collect donations for Highlands Community Ministries.
Friday, December 4:	A.I. & Faith Gathering, 12:00 PM, Commons
Sunday, December 6:	Second Sunday of Advent - Peace - Crosses on the Lawn Children's Advent Service, 6:00 PM - Highland's children lead us in an evening of music.
Wednesday, December 9:	Youth Christmas Party, 6:00-7:30 PM
Sunday, December 13:	Third Sunday of Advent - Joy - The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra presents the regional premiere of *Rose Ever Blooming*. **One service at 11:15 AM.** Orchestra Christmas Concert, Sanctuary, 6:00 PM
Wednesday, December 16:	Families with Children Hot Chocolate Night, 5:30-7:00 PM
Friday, December 18:	Christmas Carols at Friday Church, 7:00 PM
Sunday, December 20:	Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love *A Grand Christmas* Four Piano Concert, Sanctuary, 6:00 PM

HIGHLAND 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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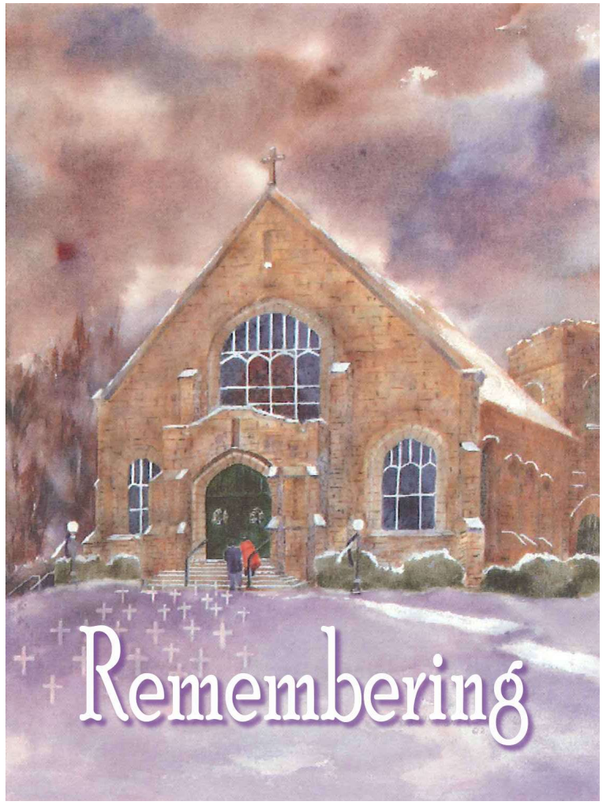

Highland Baptist Church

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026

8:45 and 11:15 a.m.

Invitation to Worship — Renee Purtlebaugh

THE WORLD IN SILENCE WAITS THE DAY WHEN HOPE SHALL SING ITS TRIUMPH

Prelude — J. S. Bach

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645
(Wake up, the voice calls us)

Lighting the Advent Candle: Hope — The Weedman Family *(8:45)* / The Lawniczak Family *(11:15)*

Call to Worship — Cheryl Priddy *(8:45)* / Carolyn King *(11:15)*

With grace, we kneel, open our hands, lay down our fears, and offer ourselves.
Restore us, God! Let your face shine upon us so we may be saved!
Enliven your people with compassion so that peace and justice may flourish.
Revive us so we may call on your name with humility and courage.
Let your peace rest upon us. Reveal your purposes within us.
Remember us, O God of hosts! Let your face shine upon us so we may be saved!

Processional Hymn (86) † — JEFFERSON

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

Prayer of Expectancy † — Cheryl Priddy *(8:45)* / Carolyn King *(11:15)*

Choral Anthem — arr. Howard Helvey

O Come, Divine Messiah!

O come, divine Messiah! The world in silence waits the day, when hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away. Dear Saviour haste; come, come to earth, dispel the night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. You come in peace and meekness, and lowly will your cradle be; all clothed in human weakness shall we your Godhead see. O Christ, whom nations sigh for, whom priest and prophet long foretold, come break the native fetters; redeem the longest fold.

DISPEL THE NIGHT AND SHOW YOUR FACE, AND BID US HAIL THE DAWN OF GRACE

The Gospel Lesson † — Renee Purtlebaugh

Mark 13:24-27 (Pew Bible page 49 – NT)

Prayer of Confession — Carol Harston

Assurance of Forgiveness

Exchange of Peace † — Carol Harston

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

Hymn (81) † — PICARDY

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

O CHRIST, WHOM PRIEST AND PROPHET LONG FORETOLD, COME BREAK THE CAPTIVE FETTERS

The Hebrew Lesson — Carol Harston

Isaiah 64:1-9 (Pew Bible pages 680-681 – OT)

Sermon

Hope: Remember How We Got Here

ALL CLOTHED IN HUMAN WEAKNESS SHALL WE YOUR GODHEAD SEE

Hymn of Response (99) † — AR HYD Y NOS, alt.

View the Present Through the Promise

Offertory Prayer — Rick Finklea *(8:45)* / Kim Fritschi *(11:15)*

Offertory — Joseph Parr

Improvisation on AR HYD Y NOS

News for the Community — Paul Henderson

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, we say **thanks be to God.**

Doxology † — VENI EMMANUEL

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,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Benediction † — Carol Harston

Postlude — Healey Wilan

Chorale Prelude on PICARDY

In worship at Highland, we aim to sing music with a theology that reflects an expansive and inclusive God. Occasionally, our printed music may use language that limits God. When we are unable to re-print a more inclusive text, we encourage you to use language that better fits your image of God. Our ministers and choir will often replace "He/Him" with "God" or "Love" (one syllable) and "Father" with "Parent," "Holy," or "Divine" (two syllables). We would love to hear what creative language for God you might use in worship, too.