

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

### CALL TO WORSHIP\*

God we gather in this Advent season with no pretenses: for there is trouble and struggle in our lives.

**Yet still we come. We come to this time of worship willing to listen to the silence, longing to see and to become all You intend us to be.**

Let the busyness of our bodies rest and the worries of our minds find comfort as seek strength to participate in this world that is still unfolding in the splendor of Your grace.

**O God, we release to You the rush and noise of life. We breathe out all that hinders our experience of Your ever-present Spirit:**

Fear, anxiety, busyness, confusion, guilt and weariness.

**We throw off our busy distractedness and breathe in the wonder-filled truth of Your coming into the world as Immanuel.**

Through Immanuel we experience comfort and joy. Through our worship may it all become fresh once again, Your awe-inspiring love for us all.

**We respond to this wonder today with inspiration to walk the road before us.**

### WORSHIP WITH SINGING\*

Chris Pinelo, Kaitlin Guenther, Neal Sterrett, Sally Osborn, Sam Lohner

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Eric & Martha Ford

(We hear a word of prophecy from **Micah 5:2-5a** today. After the candles are lit, the congregation is invited to sing together: *“Oh, tidings of Comfort and joy, comfort and joy. Oh, tidings of comfort and joy.”*)

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### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERING MUSIC

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 1:1-6, 17-25

#### MESSAGE

**Comfort & Joy**

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*The Wonder of it All*

### WORSHIP WITH SINGING\*

#### BENEDICTION\*

#### POSTLUDE

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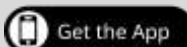
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**PRELUDE** O Christmas Tree Highland Ringers

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**HYMN #218\*** It Came upon the Midnight Clear

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Carson Suen and Ava Suen

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** Aaron Suen & Jenny Hamblin, Julie Hamblin

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** The Greenwood Family

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**MORNING PRAYER**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY\***

**HYMN #229** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

**CHORAL ANTHEM** Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 1:1-6, 17-25

**MESSAGE**

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**HYMN #230\*** O Little Town of Bethlehem

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## CHILDREN & YOUTH



This month in **Sunday School**, kids aged four years to fifth grade are invited to the "City of Angels," a four-week study exploring the Christmas story and the angels who welcomed Jesus' coming. We hope you will join us this holiday season!

**Nursery** care is available during both worship services for children infant through 3 years.

**Monday Morning Prayer**—Mondays at **7:20AM** in the Youth Room (Enter by little parking lot) Contact: Amy Golden for info 859-992-9450 Join us for donuts & prayer time. All are welcome!

**Afterschool games meets Wednesdays from 3-4:30 in the Youth Room.**

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Circle 13 **Christmas Craft Sale** is available in the Welcome Center. All proceeds benefit mission agencies.

If you have experienced a loss at any point, you are welcome to join us for **"Good Grief" - a healthy path towards healing. Meet in the Memorial Room from 11-12 on December 16.**



### PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Finn S, continued healing
- Adalyn (4th grade), upcoming brain surgery
- Sylvia G, healing
- Bill G, stroke
- Jeff R, brain cancer
- William, mental health issues
- Becky W, death of husband
- Terri H, cancer



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## Highland United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 11, 2022 9:30am

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**COMFORT**  
& Joy

**9:30 Worship**  
**December 11**

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