

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The promises of God birth hope.

**Those before us in the faith held dear to the hope that the Messiah *would* come to their world.**

*Today*, we invite the Messiah to bring hope into *our* world and into *our* lives.

**We confess that, like those in ages past –**  
there is fear and anxiety about the future.

**We need hope. We long to hear, feel, see, and know comfort and joy.**

Our journey to Christmas begins today.

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We open our hearts to know the renewing power of God.

**God's promises birth hope. Through God's promises – we shall indeed know comfort and joy.**

### WORSHIP WITH SINGING\*

Chris Pinelo, Kaitlin Guenther, Keith Whitehead, Neal Sterrett, Sam Lohner,  
Sally Osborn, Amy Golden, Oliver Golden

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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### MINISTRY MOMENT

*Giving Tree*

Nancy Baker

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Ushers: Jim Heindl & Karen Beymer

### OFFERING MUSIC

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-5

### MESSAGE

**Comfort & Joy**

Rev. John W. Bowling

*Do Not Be Dismayed*

### WORSHIP WITH SINGING\*

### BENEDICTION\*

### POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able.

## Holiday Worship at Highland United Methodist

**Christmas Eve** candlelight services at 5pm and 11pm

**Christmas Day** there will be ONE service at 10:30am—Children are welcome to attend in their Christmas pajamas. Bring one gift for a “blessing of the toys.”

**New Year's Day** there will be ONE service at 10:30am

**November 29 is Giving Tuesday** and we invite you to partner with us on this global day of generosity in support of the sustaining ministries to children and youth at Highland Methodist. Year after year we embrace young people with Vacation Bible School, Kids Fun Night, retreats & trips and opportunities to serve alongside each other. **Join us in support of our ministries to children and youth on #GivingTuesday with an online gift to make an impact today and tomorrow.**



**Join us for the Fort Thomas Holiday Walk NEXT Sunday, December 4 from 3-7pm.**

Gather on the plaza for hot chocolate, smores and festive music. The community Christmas Tree lighting takes place at 6:30 at Inverness Plaza.

If you are able to **help serve hot chocolate or tend to the firepits** during the event, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center or via the online form.



HUMC welcomes you on your healing journey from divorce! DivorceCare was created to help people find hope and healing after divorce or separation.

**Meetings will be Wednesdays at 6:30 starting December 7.** We are hosting the program throughout the holidays, as we know this time of year can be hard and support is needed. **Register online via the HUMC website.** Group members are welcome to attend as they are able. Please contact group leader Tiffany Kosier if childcare is needed. 859-620-8111

**PRELUDE**

Guest Pianist, Kaitlin Guenther

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**HYMN #203\***

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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**MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**MINISTRY MOMENT**

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**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY\***

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

Alleluia for Advent

Patrick Liebergen

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Isaiah 40:1-5

**MESSAGE**

**Comfort & Joy**

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**HYMN #196\***

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

**BENEDICTION\***

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## CHILDREN & YOUTH



This month in **Sunday School**, kids aged four years to fifth grade are invited to get their backstage pass ready for Children's Ministry's, "Behind the Scenes!" In this four-week study, kids will explore wonderful and biblical games, dramas, and activities.

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



**WinterBlitz will be February 3-5, 2023 in Louisville. Deadline to register to attend on the HUMC website is TODAY.**

**NO Youth tonight**

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



**Coffee & Friends** is a casual gathering hosted by Linda and Wayne Wiedenbein in their home. You are invited to join them **at 10am on December 2nd** for delicious beverages and great conversation. Contact the church office for location.

### PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Family of Bev Harber who passed November 22
- Finn S, hospitalized for pneumonia and flu at Children's
- Sylvia G, healing
- Jaden, mental health battles
- Jeff R, brain cancer
- William, mental health issues
- Styx recovery from a fall
- Terri H, cancer



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## Highland United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 27, 2022 9:30am

**1st Sunday of Advent**

**COMFORT**  
& Joy

**9:30 Worship**  
**November 27**

Highland United Methodist Church affirms and welcomes people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, ages, nations, and races. We fully include all in the life and ministry of the church as we seek to share God's love in Jesus Christ.