

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

### CALL TO WORSHIP\*

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May we receive him into our minds, our hearts, and our day to day living.

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### WORSHIP WITH SINGING\*

Prepare Ye—Godspell; Prepare Him Room—Sovereign Grace Music;  
O Come, All Ye Faithful—Pentatonix;

Darlin' Christmas is Coming—Over the Rhine; There's a Spirit in the Air

*Worship Team: Chris Pinelo, Kaitlin Guenther, Neal Sterrett,  
Sally Osborn, Amy Golden, Oliver Golden*

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Knauer Family

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### MINISTRY OF GIVING

### OFFERING MUSIC

O Come, O Come Emmanuel—Maverick City Music; Emmanuel—Hillsong

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 2:1-11

### MESSAGE

**IN-carnation  
Emmanuel**

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Advent Hymn—Rick Lee James; I Wait—All Sons and Daughters;

I Will Wait—Mumford and Sons

### BENEDICTION\*

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**PRELUDE** What Child is This English/Carol Foss  
Heather Brown, Flute

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**HYMN #234\*** O Come, All Ye Faithful

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**MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN #192** There's a Song in the Air

**MINISTRY OF GIVING**

**OFFERTORY** The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came Paul Manz

**DOXOLOGY\***

**CHORAL ANTHEM** Celebration of Advent Joseph M. Martin

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Philippians 2:1-11

**MESSAGE** **IN-carnation** Rev. John W. Bowling  
**Emmanuel**

**HYMN #211\*** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**BENEDICTION\***

**CHORAL AMEN\***

**POSTLUDE** Good Christian Folk Rejoice Wilbur Held

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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Director, Hilary Dungan—[children@highlandmethodist.com](mailto:children@highlandmethodist.com)

Children's Sunday School meets every week in room 207 during both 9:30 and 11 o'clock services. Nursery is available for children, infant through 3 years old, in room 102.

## HELP WANTED

Help is needed in the church nursery on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. This is a paid position starting in January for an individual aged 18+. Please contact Hilary Dungan for more information [children@highlandmethodist.com](mailto:children@highlandmethodist.com) or 859-441-0587.



2024 Offering Envelopes are available for pickup on the counter in the Welcome Center. For any questions or problems, please email Financial Secretary, Rachel Dickman, [giving@highlandmethodist.com](mailto:giving@highlandmethodist.com)



PODCAST

Every week, John Hodges-Batzka takes the Sunday sermon, adds a devotion and announcements about upcoming events to create the **Highland Methodist Podcast**. Check it out! Available Mondays in the app, Apple Podcasts, and Google Play.

## PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Praise! 3 month old and his parents have recovered from COVID
- Yogi B—heart problems, blood clots
- Melinda G—continued recovery from brain surgery
- Mary P—(Lanee Philippe's sister-in-law) brain tumor surgery
- Caroline—3yr old diagnosed with diabetes
- Baby Vivian—born prematurely
- Lynn E—continued recovery from recent surgery
- Rick E — comfort
- Sharon E—peace and strength
- Vera—stress and care of parents
- Mac H—continued healing
- Pingwah Tang—Sonya Tang Girdwood's father, healing
- Lana V— back surgery rehab



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# Highland United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 17, 2023 11:00am

Third Sunday of Advent



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.

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