

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Prepare Ye; My Savior, My God; Prepare Him Room; The Waiting
*Worship Team: Chris Pinelo, Sally Osborn, Neal Sterrett,
Oliver Golden, Keith Whitehead*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERING MUSIC

Mary Did You Know; My Deliverer

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:1-18

MEDITATION

IN-carnation
Savior

Rev. John W. Bowling

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus; Advent Hymn; I Wait; I Will Wait

BENEDICTION*

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PRELUDE Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland J.S. Bach

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In this season of expectation we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, the Messiah, the King of Kings.

Into the busyness of our lives and the hard to find moments of solitude we prepare to welcome Immanuel, God with us—

Into our homes and various situations.

Along with friends and families; brothers and sisters in Christ in all the world.

We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, the Alpha and the Omega.

Into our hearts and our minds...

we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Lord of all.

HYMN #213* Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Rick & Amy Andrae

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PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

Into our troubles and weaknesses, into the barren places of our souls: come, O Lord.

Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

Into the war torn and the refugee. Into those who live in conflict. Come Lord.

Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

Into the homeless and the unemployed. Into those who feel abandoned. Come Lord.

Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

Into the lives of the sick, the restricted and the despondent. For those vulnerable in body and mind.

Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

Into the poor and the starving. Into those who are oppressed or abused. Come Lord.

Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

Into the lives of loved ones. Into those from whom we are estranged. Come Lord.

Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

Into our joys and celebrations. Into our work and our achievements. Come, Lord.

Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

O Christ we long for your coming.

Hasten the day when your Kingdom will come in all its glory and suffering and pain and sickness and oppression and death will be overcome forever.

Hasten the day when we will be transformed fully and completely and be bound to you and one another fully in joy; with peace, and when love will abound.

Calm us to wait for the gift of Christ, our Savior.

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #196 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY I Wonder as I Wander— Appalachian Arr. Jack Schrader
Heather Brown, flute

DOXOLOGY*

CHORAL ANTHEM Canticle of Peace Joseph M. Martin

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 1:1-18

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

HYMN #202* People Look East

BENEDICTION*

CHORAL AMEN*

POSTLUDE Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending Wilbur Held

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Director, Hilary Dungan—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.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Melinda G—healing from brain surgery
- Mary P—(Lanee Philippe's sister-in-law) brain tumor surgery
- Yogi B—heart problems
- Barb W—infection, travel
- Caroline—3yr old diagnosed with diabetes
- Vera—stress and care of parents
- Baby Vivian—born prematurely
- Mac H—continued healing
- Lynn E—surgery last Friday
- Pingwah Tang—Sonya Tang Girdwood's father, healing
- Rick E — regain strength
- Lana V— back surgery rehab



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Highland United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 10, 2023 9:30am

Second 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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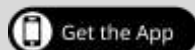


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