

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Better Is One Day; Refiner's Fire/Give Thanks; Shout to the Lord;
Now With Thanksgiving/We Gather Together; Grateful

*Worship Team: Chris Pinelo, AJ Allen, JR Brumley, Neal Sterrett,
Kaitlin Guenther, Sally Osborn*

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

*(At this time, children 4yrs through 5th grade are dismissed to go upstairs for Sunday School.
Parents, please pick up your child in room 207 upstairs following worship.)*

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERING MUSIC Thanksgiving Song; God I'm Just Grateful

SCRIPTURE LUKE 17:11-19

MESSAGE **The Power of a Grateful Heart** Rev. John W. Bowling

RESPONSE TO THE SPOKEN WORD

Gracious God, give us eyes to see Your goodness and hearts that overflow with gratitude. When life is busy and our minds are distracted:

teach us to pause, breathe, and notice the grace that surrounds us.

When challenges rise and worries press in, remind us that gratitude is not the denial of pain, but the declaration that You, as our God, are still faithful.

In every circumstance, help us to remember Your steadfast love, Lord.

A grateful heart softens anger, it lifts burdens, it rescues us from apathy.

The power of a grateful heart prompts us to choose goodness in our everyday living.

It is true: gratitude can transform our lives by opening our hands to give, our voices to bless, and our hearts to serve.

Make us living witnesses to Your goodness in the world, O God.

May the power of a grateful heart guide our steps today and always.

Amen.

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

One Of Us/Thank You; The Blessing

BENEDICTION*

*Please stand as you are able.



Special thank you to today's **Ushers & Greeters,**
Tom & Patty Fernandez
Your service is greatly appreciated!

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the Wiedenbein Memorial Service & reception.*



THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE GIVEN
BY ED HARBER
IN MEMORY OF BEV HARBER

PRELUDE Hyfrydol Healy Willan

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HYMN #102* Now Thank We All Our God

RESPONSIVE ACT OF PRAISE #821* Psalm 100

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PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus Thomas Geischen

DOXOLOGY*

HYMN #131* We Gather Together

ANTHEM Peace Will Come arr. David Schwoebel

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HYMN #77* How Great Thou Art

BENEDICTION*

CHORAL AMEN*

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God Georg Kaufmann

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming Youth Calendar:

TONIGHT, 11/23—Friendsgiving @ 6pm
Monday, 11/24—Monday Morning Prayer @ 7:20am
Sunday, 11/30—THANKSGIVING BREAK— No Youth Group
Monday, 12/1—Monday Morning Prayer @ 7:20am
Sunday, 12/7—Holiday Walk, meet @ 5:30pm at HUMC
Monday, 12/8—Monday Morning Prayer @ 7:20am
Sunday, 12/14—Christmas Party @ 6pm
Monday, 12/15—Monday Morning Prayer @ 7:20am
***Youth Group will be on Christmas Break from 12/21—1/4.**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Join us at Highland United Methodist Church on **Saturday, December 13** for a special visit from Santa. We'll have snacks, crafts, photo opportunities (we will not have a photographer at this event, so please bring your own). Sign up on our website or by using the QR code.



PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Lynn E—recovery
- The Family of Wayne Wiedenbein, who passed away 11/6
- Families of our Jamaican friends affected by Hurricane Melissa
- Lisa Bowling & Family for the loss of her brother, Glen
- Jerry Noran & Family for the loss of his father, John
- Friend who lost her mother
- Mike R's Cousin, Kent-open heart surgery
- Herschel—Open Heart Surgery



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Highland United Methodist Church

November 23, 2025 11:00am

Last Sunday After Pentecost



Grow – Follow – Love

At Highland United Methodist Church, we are a community of imperfect people who exist to **grow** God's kingdom by **following** the examples of Jesus and **loving** with purpose.

We are deepening our spiritual understanding by embracing diversity, enriching lives, mindfully serving, and bringing joy through music and friendship. As United Methodists, we inclusively welcome everyone and follow the Wesleyan call to do no harm, do good, and love God.

We are still seeking 1 adults to help lead **Monday Morning Prayer** during the '25-26 school year, on a rotational basis. Are you available once a month on Monday mornings from 7:15—7:40 am? **Please contact Madeline at youth@highlandmethodist.com**

or call the office to be a part of this longstanding, vibrant ministry that HUMC has offered to our youth & the community for many years.



FOOD DRIVE



Recent circumstances have depleted many of the food resources local families rely upon. Highland United Methodist Church is helping by **collecting non-perishable foods for our ministry partners** above and beyond our November canned food drive. Bring your food to the boxes at church on Sundays.

Every Fall, Highland partners with churches across Fort Thomas and the Brighton Center to help make sure all people have access to a wonderful holiday meal. **You can help out by dropping off cans of corn in the Welcome Area** on Sunday mornings in November. Help us make a difference this holiday season! So far we have a little over 500 cans!



Let's make our neighbors' holiday a bit brighter! We'll be handing out Hot Chocolate and Popcorn in the Fellowship Hall during the **Fort Thomas Holiday Walk, Sunday, December 7, from 4-6**. We need your help to make it happen. **Sign up** on the website to help make this moment in our community special.

Join us **Wednesday, December 17 at 7** for a truly special holiday experience! This year's Christmas cantata, *Carols*, invites you to lift your voice and your spirit along with the Highland United Methodist Church Choir, our accompanist, Terrie Benjamin, and a guest string quartet from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Reception to follow.

