

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### WORSHIP WITH SINGING\*

Noel; Joy to the World; Angels We Have Heard On High;  
O Come All Ye Faithful; Noel

### 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** What Child is This; Christmas Hallelujah

**SCRIPTURE** MATTHEW 2:13-18

**MESSAGE** **A Divine Detour** Rev. John W. Bowling

### WORSHIP WITH SINGING\*

My Deliverer; The Closing of the Year

### BENEDICTION\*

\*Please stand as you are able.



Special thank you to today's **Ushers & Greeters**,  
**Sally Race & Mark Browe**  
Your service is greatly appreciated!

**Welcome to Highland United Methodist!** If you're looking for information about our church, you can probably find it and much more at [highlandmethodist.com](http://highlandmethodist.com)

**We welcome all visitors today and kindly request you complete a "Connect Card"** found either in the pew or by scanning this QR code. We would love to get to know you!



THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE GIVEN  
BY DALE & KATHY ELIFRITS

The **Creation Care Team** is requesting that you collect any clean plastic bottle caps, laundry bottle plastic caps, shampoo bottle caps (flip tops OK), plastic jar lids, and cottage cheese/cool whip container size lids (8 inches max). These caps and lids will help us purchase a recycled plastic bench for the pollinator garden. For any questions, please contact Karen Perce at [khp795@gmail.com](mailto:khp795@gmail.com). Thank you!



It's time to place your order for **2026 giving envelopes!** If you would like to receive a set for the upcoming year, please contact the church office so we can include you in our order.

Email: [giving@highlandmethodist.com](mailto:giving@highlandmethodist.com)

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our ministries!



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<b>PRELUDE</b>	The First Noel	Highland Ringers
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Rev. John W. Bowling
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	<p>When the song of the angels is stilled,  <b>When the star in the sky is gone,</b>  When the kings and princes are home,  <b>When the shepherds are back with their flocks,</b>  The work of Christmas begins:  <b>To find the lost,</b>  To heal the broken,  <b>To feed the hungry,</b>  To release the prisoner,  <b>To rebuild the nations,</b>  To bring peace among the people,  <b>To make music in the heart.</b></p>	
<b>HYMN #246*</b>	Joy to the World	
<b>DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN</b>	<p><i>(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.)</i></p>	
<b>MORNING PRAYER</b>		
<b>LORD'S PRAYER</b>		
<b>HYMN #224</b>	Good Christian Friends, Rejoice	
<b>MINISTRY OF GIVING</b>		
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Carol for All Seasons	Highland Ringers
<b>DOXOLOGY*</b>		
<b>SPECIAL MUSIC</b>	The Virgin's Slumber Song <i>Valeria Amburgey-Soloist</i>	Max Reger
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	MATTHEW 2:13-18	
<b>MESSAGE</b>	<b>A Divine Detour</b>	Rev. John W. Bowling
<b>HYMN #237*</b>	Sing We Now of Christmas	
<b>BENEDICTION*</b>		
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Tell Out My Soul	Paul Manz

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## YOUTH MINISTRY



We are still seeking 1-2 more 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.



### **AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025**

General Fund YTD Income: \$482,904

General Fund YTD Expense: \$503,664

YTD Net Shortfall: (\$20,759)

YTD General Fund Budgeted Need: \$562,460

### **PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS**

- Lynn E—recovery
- Clara Eaglin—ovarian cyst
- Mary Ellen Elsbernd—loss of sister-in-law
- Sue Schnieder—passing of her sister
- Jeff H—healing
- Vern H—healing
- Kevin B—Cancer diagnosis
- Sweeney Family

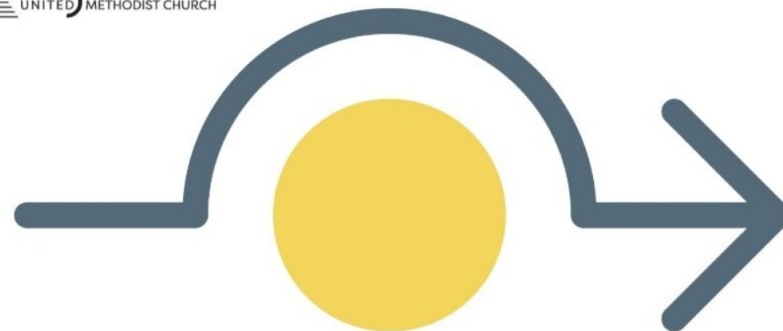


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# Highland United Methodist Church

December 28, 2025 11:00am

**First Sunday After Christmas**



## A DIVINE DETOUR DECEMBER 28, 2025

### **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.