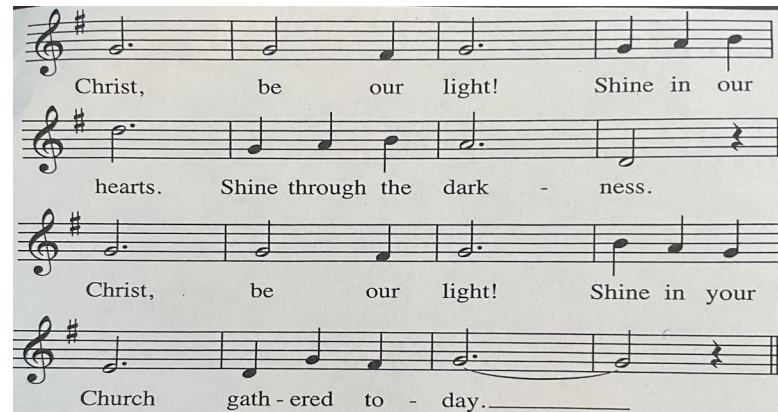


**Christ Be Our Light**

Raney



CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Patient God, you know how often we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love. You know just how often we allow fear to take the place of logic, fanning unhealthy fires in our lives. You know just how often we tuck your words, “Do not be afraid” on dusty shelves and in the back of closets, stubbornly holding onto our own point of view. Forgive us for giving fear the microphone. Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection, which spark and feed so much of our fear, to recenter us in love. With hope we pray, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**THE WORD**

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 11:1-10

ANTHEM Lo, How A Rose ‘Er Blooming Larson  
(Vicki Hogan, soprano)

GOSPEL READING Luke 1:26-38

MESSAGE

From Generation to Generation, week 2: God Meets Us in Our Fear  
Rev. Chip Stapleton

**RESPONSE**

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*An Advent Affirmation*

**All: We believe in a God who knows our fears. We believe in a God who says, “Be not afraid.” We believe in a God who kicks off her shoes and wades into the muck of our lives with us. We believe in a God who stitches herself to our heels, and invites us to dance. We believe in a God who hemmed stars into the night sky so that we can find our way home, and who sends us friends with open doors, so we can find our way to love. We believe in a God who finds us in our fear and does not leave us alone. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Sleepers, Awake Bach  
(Andrea Kelly, flute)

†DOXOLOGY **“Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above Ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”**

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SENDING**

†HYMN #13 Prepare the Way

†BLESSING & BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Keveren  
(Harriet McDonald, piano)

*†All who are able, please stand*

**~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~**

***We ask that you keep our home-bound in your thoughts and prayers.***

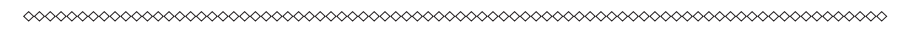
P.W. and Martha Jessup	Steve & Orion Gaynos
Jean Robinson	Madie Rae Locklear
Lisa Hitt	("Grandma" to the Guy Family)
(daughter of Gayle McDonald)	Lib Yarborough
Charlotte Ingram	Bill Johnson
June Marie Smith	Betty Graham
Doris & John English	Hope Campbell
Violet McNeill	Mike Byerly
Gayle McDonald	(SIL to Shirley Olund)

Please let us know if you have concerns that you think the church should know about. Please limit to close-extended family. We will put their names (and relation to you if you desire) in the email update. The names will be removed after a few weeks unless requested otherwise. Thank you.

Kelli Lujan 401-0928 or email [kellilu@gmail.com](mailto:kellilu@gmail.com)

**Today's soloist:**

*We welcome Vicki Hogan to worship as a guest soloist this morning. Vicki taught High School Vocal Music for 41 years. She has performed many leading roles in Community Theater musicals, and sang the soprano solos in Handel's Messiah at least 20 times. Next Sunday will be her second year singing Highland's Christmas cantata with chamber orchestra and our Chancel Choir.*



**Music Notes from Pam...**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” is our opening hymn on the second Sunday of Advent. This hymn, originally composed in Latin, is one of the oldest in any hymnal. The tune originated in 15th century France, while the lyrics are part of the “O Antiphons” from 6th century Italy. The lyrics are far removed from joyful celebrations of Christmas. When we sing this song, we put ourselves in the place of “captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here.” The organ prelude is based on this tune (VENI EMMANUEL) and is quite mournful compared to the preludes we are accustomed to hearing. A piano postlude arrangement of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” will be played by Harriet McDonald. As we leave the sanctuary to continue our journey through Advent towards the celebration of Christ's birth, may this song echo in our hearts...

Veni Emmanuel,  
~Pam

**HLC Needs Your Help!**

Please support the Highland Learning Center in their mission to support the Cumberland County Animal Shelter this Holiday season.

Any donations you can most generously give (food is very important), please drop off at the HLC Christmas tree December 1 - December 16th.

Cat food, Dog food, leashes, collars, toys, and treats!  
Thank you and bork bork.



**Poinsettia Order Forms are available at the front desk. Fill-out and return by Monday, December 12th. \$10.**

**Worship Leaders**

Rev. Chip Stapleton, Senior Minister  
Pam Langston, Dir. of Music Ministries  
Jen Jammer, Dir. of Children's Ministry  
Chris Jackson, Dir. of Youth Ministry  
Terry Morris, Pastoral Care Intern

**A NOEL  
CELEBRATION**  
**Highland Chancel Choir**  
DECEMBER 11, 2022  
11:00 AM

VICKI HOGAN, SOPRANO  
CHRIS JACKSON, TENOR  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
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TOMOKO GALEANO, PIANO  
SUE HARDWICK, PERCUSSION  
DYLAN QUICK, TRUMPET I  
RACHEL BANDA, TRUMPET II  
ANTHONY WALL, FRENCH HORN  
GREGORY REGLING, TROMBONE  
JUAN BANDA, TUBA  
MONIQUE SINGLETARY, VIOLIN  
KIMBERLY SIMPKINS, VIOLA  
ANDREA KELLY, FLUTE  
HIGHLAND RINGERS



**Remember...A HIGHLAND  
CHRISTMAS PARTY!**  
*our treat!*

*When: December 7th 5:00-6:30*

*What: Join us for a free dinner, cookies, crafts, games, a Bake Sale and the Learning Center children will be singing at 6:00.*



**Presbyterian Women's Annual Bake Sale**  
**Wednesday, December 7th**  
**3:00-6:30 in the Fellowship Hall**

Please join us in making delicious sweet treats for our annual fundraiser. If you're not quite the baker, but want to enjoy something tasty, be sure to stop by our bake sale to purchase a few items! For those who will be baking something to sell, please fill out the sign-up sheet located at the front desk (or in your Sunday School room/through your Circle). You may also email Kelli to let her know what you plan to provide.

*Drop off your baked goodies, pies, cookies, cakes, brownies, yummys 10:00-12:00 or 1:00-3:00 on Wednesday, December 7th.*



**Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings for December**

- Circle 3 - Tuesday, December 13th at 12:00pm in Leighton McKeithen
- Circle 4 - Monday, December 12th at 12:00pm at Nikki Sessom's house
- Circle 5 - Monday, December 12th at 11:30am in the Side-dining Room
- Circle 6 - Tuesday, December 13th at 10:00am in the Parlor
- Circle 8 - Tuesday, December 13th at a member's home

**YOUTH NEWS**

**CHRISTMAS TIME'S a-COMIN'**

December Youth Events

December 4- Red Letter Challenge IRL

Special Guest Jim Schaeffer will finish up our Red Letter Challenge Follow-ups series talking about faith in action.

**December 11- Here we go a-Caroling!**

Bring a thermos to take a cup of hot cocoa, and we're gonna head out to share some Christmas Cheer with our neighbors and families!

**December 18- Christmas Paaarrtay!**

A gift exchange, some really stupid, make you laugh Christmas games, and a spirited retelling of the Christmas story, starring YOU!

**CHICK-FIL-A BREAKFAST**

Every Tuesday at 7:20 am - Last one on December 13

Join us for a good breakfast, a chat with your friends, and some encouragement to help you get through the week!

*We'll restart on January 10.*



**DECEMBER 4, 2022**  
**11:00AM**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**HIGHLAND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

*SHARING GOD'S LOVE*

GATHERING MUSIC

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Veni, Veni, Emmanuel

arr. Sewell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A shoot soon comes from Jesse's stump,  
and a branch shall spring from roots.

**All: Rejoice! Rejoice! All God's children.**  
**Let all people give God praise.**

One: A leader soon comes who will lift the poor  
with righteousness around his waist.

**All: Rejoice! Rejoice! All God's children.**  
**Let all the people give God praise.**

One: A child soon comes from an innocent place  
with wisdom and might he'll lead the way.

**All: Rejoice! Rejoice! All God's children.**  
**Let all the people give God praise.**

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #9

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING