

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of today and God of tomorrow, you say,
"Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

All: But we say, "Our lives are too messy."

One: You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams.
There's room for you here."

All: But we say, "It's too risky to hope."

One: You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers.
There's room for you here."

All: But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."

One: God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our
hearts that there's room for us here.

All: Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.

Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.

One: Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

All: There's room for every story. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Jen Jammer

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 2:1-5

ANTHEM

Prepare the Way

Larson

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1:1-17

MESSAGE From Generation to Generation, week 1: Room for Every Story

Rev. Chip Stapleton

RESPONSE

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

An Advent Affirmation

All: We believe in a God who promised to Abraham, who wrestled with Jacob, who walked with Ruth, who spoke with Moses, who grieved with Bathsheba, who danced with David, who dreamed with Joseph, and who hoped like Mary. We believe in a God who has been loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us from generation to generation. And we believe that same God is here with us now, saying, "Come on in; there's room for you here." Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. Phillips

†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 #8 **Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

†BLESSING & BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Of the Father's Love Begotten arr. Uehlein

†All who are able, please stand



~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

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

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| 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.

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**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

Hello Highlanders,

We are now at the 1st Sunday of Advent, the 'holiday season' is well and truly here. As you know, that brings a lot of activity in our lives and here at Highland. I want to take a few moments to highlight a few things that are important not to miss.

•This past Sunday was a wonderful time of unified worship, as we gathered together to dedicate our pledges and our lives to God for the coming year. The service was, appropriately, bursting with a variety of people sharing their talents through a variety of styles of music and service. Thank you to all that participated and led us in worship.

•Another thank you to all that have already pledged to our budget support campaign for 2023, simply put, without your faithful giving Highland could not live into God's call for our community. This is also a time to request that those of you that haven't yet pledged, might prayerfully consider if God is leading you to get 'all in' with what God is doing in and through Highland right now.

•As we complete our 3rd decade of providing a Thanksgiving meal to those in need, I want to call out and thank the entire church for it's overwhelming support of this program: through donating pies, adopting turkeys, making sweet potato casserole, pouring gravy cups, making boxes for deliveries, serving, and cleaning - Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Our Thanksgiving meal is one of the biggest and most profound witnesses to our community of God's love and provision for us all - and it wouldn't be possible without you

•If you are like our family, at some point over the next few days, the Christmas tree and other Christmas decorations will start to go up around your house. These are holy moments for you and your family, and God is present in the midst of them - even if we don't always think about it or realize it.

Finally, as I prepare for Advent, I am filled with gratitude for the community of faithful believers here at Highland that I am able to walk with on this adventure of sharing God's love with each other, our community, and the world.

Sharing God's Love

~Chip



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



**Today's Music...**

As Advent begins, our resident flautist Andrea Kelly brings a wealth of flute repertoire to Highland. She will enrich our worship experiences during this liturgical season by featuring many well-loved carols.

Advent I: "The Holly and the Ivy"

Advent II: "Sleepers Awake"

Advent III: "Sussex Carol"

Advent IV: "What Child is This?"

12/24: "Once In Royal David's City"

12/25: "Bring A Torch Jeanette Isabella"

This time of year we enjoy an abundance of beautiful hymns and carols! Suggestions for music to be included in our traditional services should be emailed by title to music@hpchurch.org.

Soli Deo Gloria,

~Pam



**JOIN US FOR 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.*

*Please make your reservations  
**BY DECEMBER 1st!!!!***

*We need to know how many friends to plan for. Email Kelli at kellilu@gmail.com or sign-up at the Learning Center or Church front desk!*



**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.*



**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!

**NO Youth on November 27 (Today)**

A Big Thank You to everyone who helped with our Thanksgiving Meal this week. We've made Sweet Potato Casseroles and Gravy, bagged up rolls and goodies, cut pies, and helped serve as the hands and feet of Jesus. We are so proud of our Youth!

**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.*



**NOVEMBER 27, 2022  
11:00AM  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**HIGHLAND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

*SHARING GOD'S LOVE*

GATHERING MUSIC

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

The Holly and the Ivy

arr. McCaskill/Gilliam

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I was glad when they said to me,

**All: 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'**

One: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

**All: That we may learn God's ways and walk in God's paths.**

One: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**All: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #2

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

ADVENT CANDLE RESPONSE

Christ Be Our Light  
(Chancel Choir)

Raney

CALL TO CONFESSION