

---- SENDING FORTH ----

*CLOSING HYMN “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” #605

*SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING

Following the dismissal, the congregation is asked to remain standing for the chimes before departing the sanctuary.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION “When Jesus Came to Jordan” Young

*POSTLUDE *Partita* on “God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen” Rutter

Dot and Bill Correll give the flowers today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Correll, Sr.

Sympathy to Harriet Mills upon the death of her mother Lura Ogburn Hight who died on December 28.

Attendance

December 24 8:30: 71 11:00: 325; 4:30: 215 7:00: 230 **Total: 841**

December 31, 2017 11:00: 235 **Total: 235**

SCRIPTURE READERS: 8:30: Marilyn Mudge; 11:00: Children’s ministry

AUDIO: 8:30: Hal Barnes; 11:00: Ken Schuster

PRAYER ROOM: 8:30: Aaron Brothers; 11:00: Roz Thompson

ACOLYTE: Edward Shutt

COMMUNION SERVERS: 8:30: Karen and John Seymour; 11:00: Cathy and Jim Stuart,
Jane and Frank Gray

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PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Alan Swartz

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Highland United Methodist Church

January 7, 2018 - Baptism of our Lord Sunday

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

8:30 AM Traditional Worship 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship

9:20 AM Sunday School

We are an inviting family of faith seeking to love, serve, and share Christ in our community and the world.

---- ENTRANCE AND PRAISE ----

We welcome our guests today. You honor us with your presence. Please sign the fellowship pad on each pew and turn all electronic devices to silent mode. Children are always welcome in our worship services. Nursery care for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers is also available downstairs in Room 107.

**If you are able, please stand for this part of the service.*

PRELUDE “Nöel Suisse” Daquin

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Sarah Fletcher

INTROIT “O Be Joyful” Yarrington

*OPENING HYMN “Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God” #604

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

**God of grace and glory,
you call us with your voice of flame
to be your people, faithful and courageous.**

**As your beloved Son
embraced his mission in the waters of baptism,
inspire us with the fire of your Spirit
to join in his transforming work.**

**We ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.**

----- PROCLAMATION -----

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Amy Takahashi

ANTHEM "O Lord, Our Lord, How Excellent Thy Name" Martin
Highland Choir

*GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1: 4-11 Common English Bible

SONG OF RESPONSE "Open My Eyes" #454
**Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

SERMON The Listening Lord Rev. Dr. Alan Swartz

----- RESPONSE -----

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "This Is the Spirit's Entry Now" #608

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another;
we allow the past to hold us hostage.
In your loving kindness, have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.
Remind us of the promises you make in baptism
so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace.**

(Please offer silent confession.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

*THE PEACE

*Following ancient Christian practice, we greet one another, offering reminders of Christ's peace. Please greet those around you saying, "**The peace of Christ be with you,**" and responding, "**And also with you.**"*

OFFERTORY "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Praising" Walcha

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #17

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father,

who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION & REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

When you come forward, a minister will make the sign of the cross on your forehead with water to remember your baptism. Then, to receive communion, bread will be placed in your hand, and you are invited to dip it into the cup and eat.

If you would prefer an allergen-free wafer for communion rather than bread, please let one of the servers know.