

*CLOSING HYMN "In the Bleak Midwinter" #221

*SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING

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

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION "I Come With Joy" #617 v.5

**Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
And as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise,
we'll live and speak his praise.**

*POSTLUDE "Fantasy on O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Lovelace

Attendance: December 2, 2018

8:30: 83; 10:30: 104; 11:00: 130 **Total: 317**

SCRIPTURE READERS: 8:30: Aaron Brothers; 11:00: Sarah Wallace

AUDIO: 8:30: Byron Baird; 11:00: Byron Baird

PRAYER ROOM: 8:30: Aaron Brothers; 11:00: Linda Cooksey

COMMUNION SERVER: 8:30: Marilyn Mudge

ACOLYTE: Kiyu Takahashi

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Highland United Methodist Church

December 9, 2018 - Second Sunday of Advent

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 your pew, and turn all electronic devices to silent mode. On Facebook? Check in at Highland this morning. 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 "Gloria Hodie" arr. Turner, McChesney
HUMRingers

ANNOUNCEMENTS Amanda Nunn

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Sue and Henry Sink

*OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC "We Wait For Him" Schram
Children's Choirs

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Amy Takahashi

ANTHEM "And the Glory of the Lord" from Handel's *Messiah*
Highland Choir

*THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed #880

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, see and unseen.**

**We believe in the one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

*GLORIA PATRI #71

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 1:3-11 Common English Bible

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1: 68-79 - Cantic of Zechariah #208

*SONG OF RESPONSE #234

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

SERMON Decorating With Peace Rev. Janet Baucom

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" #218

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Sing We Now of Christmas"
HUMRingers, Highland Choir, and Instrumental Ensemble

*DOXOLOGY *to the tune of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* #211

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Dr. Alan Swartz

Let the dawn from on high break upon us
to guide our feet in the way of peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895