

Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 27

9:30 Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 Sunday Worship; Chancel Choir
1:30 Highland Ringers
5:00 Middle School Youth
6:30 High School Youth

Monday, November 28

1:00 Staff Meeting – Memorial Lounge

Tuesday, November 29

10:00 STITCH - Pleune-Mobley 3rd Floor

Wednesday, November 30

3:30 Earth Care Committee
5:45 Children's Music Ministry

Thursday, December 1

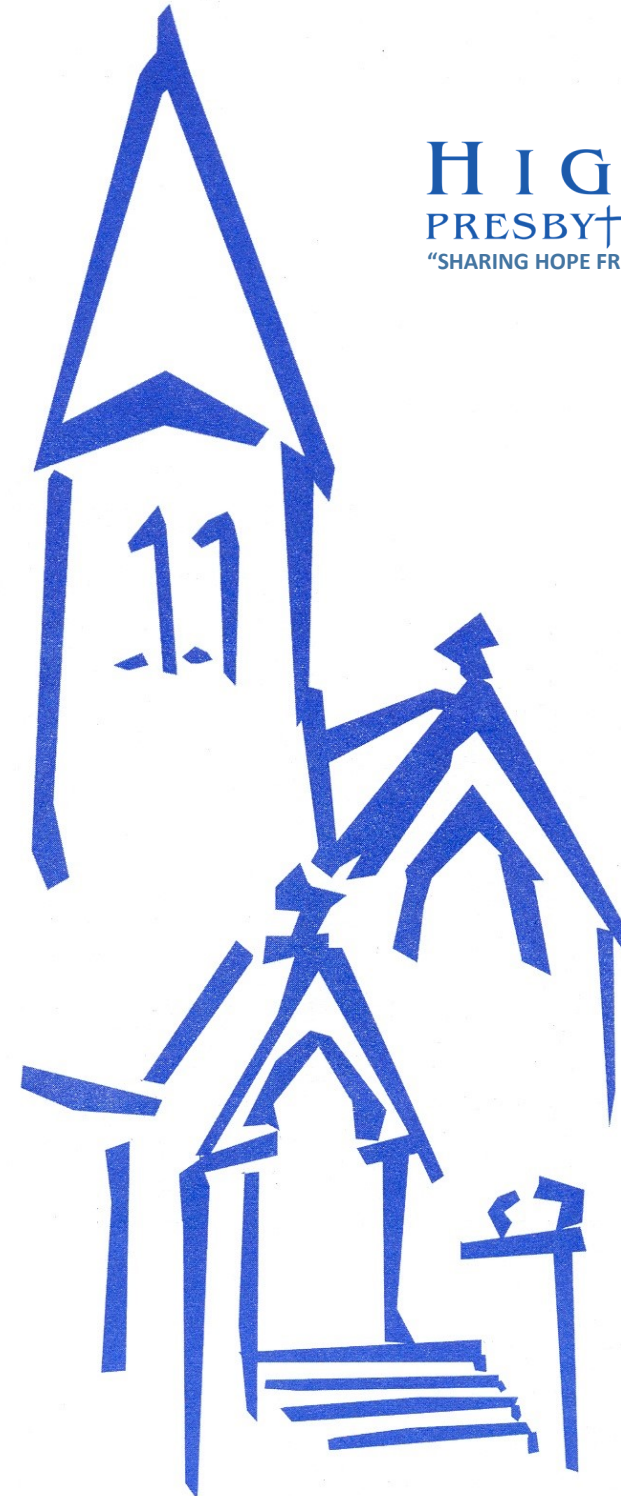
10:00 STITCH - Pleune-Mobley 3rd Floor
10:30 We of the World (WOW) - Zoom
1:00 Bridge Club – Fellowship Hall
6:00 Chancel Choir Fellowship
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 4

9:30 Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 Sunday Worship; Chancel Choir
12:00 Congregational Meeting
1:30 Highland Ringers
4:00 Advent Workshop – PM Dining Room

Ministerial Staff

Rev. C. Nolan Huizenga, Transitional Pastor
Rev. Megan McCarty, Associate Pastor for Mission and Membership
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11:00am
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WELCOME TO HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Whether you are visiting for the first time or are a long-time member, your presence is a gift to us. All are welcome in worship and we hope your experience is meaningful and relevant among this church community. Welcome.

The congregation of Highland Presbyterian Church affirms the worth and dignity of all people. We are all created in God's image, and in Christ we are the children of God. Just as Jesus welcomed everyone into his fellowship, including those who traditionally had been marginalized, we welcome all people to our congregation regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, income, or political beliefs. All are invited to worship, serve, and participate fully in the life and ministry of Highland. We strive to fully embrace everyone and acknowledge our humanity even as we fall short of this desire. Living out our Christian calling, we celebrate the presence, gifts, and companionship of all as we experience this journey of faith together.

If you are new here - Welcome! We want to connect with you. To help us offer a welcome, please leave your name, email, and phone number in a collection plate, as you leave worship. If you want information about joining the church contact Megan McCarty at megan.mccarty@hpclouisville.org or 502-451-2910.

To Enhance your Worship - Large print bulletins (including hymns) and hearing-enhancement devices are available. If you would like either, please ask an usher.

The Nursery is located on the second floor of the church building. Children ages 3 and younger are invited (not required) to enjoy that caring space.

Prayer Support - Yellow prayer request cards are available in the Welcome Centers. You are welcome to write a request and place in the offering plate.

Offering - During worship we invite you to give. If this is your first time with us, we consider your presence as your offering this day. At this time, collection plates can be found as you exit the sanctuary. These support the ministry of Highland Presbyterian Church to serve this congregation and community beyond us as we "share hope from the heart of the Highlands."

COVID Procedures - As we continue to live through the COVID-19 pandemic, we ask that you continue to follow proper safety protocols as you worship with us. With Louisville currently at the Low risk level, **masks are optional** in worship. Please continue to practice social distancing, remaining mindful of your own health and that of the more vulnerable among us. This mask policy is subject to change.

HPC ORCHESTRA - Do you play an instrument? If so, HPC Orchestra is always looking for folks to play with us. You might think you're too green, but you're not. We tailor the music to fit everyone's level. Think about it! We have loads of fun! We will be playing for Gaudete Sunday, held at 11am on December 11th. Our rehearsals will be Monday, December 5th at 7pm; Saturday, December 10th at 11am. Please email me, vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org for more information.

WOW switched gears when Covid ended our person-to-person work with the newcomers who come to KRM, but we didn't stop working. Since October 2021, We of the World has supported Kentucky Refugee Ministries' work by supplying kitchen ware, bedding and children's things to more than 300 individuals and families who don't have churches or organizations sponsoring them. When single men arrived from Afghanistan, we provided blankets and towels, pots and pans and dishes. When a large, extended family comes from Syria or Congo, WOW fills big boxes with blankets, sheets, towels, and kitchen things. Then we add toys and clothing for each child. At first, we drew on donations from people who wanted to help Afghan refugees. As we've run out of donations, WOW members use their own money and resources to buy what new families need. Now winter is coming. WOW could use some help. **We need clean, gently used blankets and throws, especially for twin beds. Young teens (up to 15 years old) need clothing and non-video games that don't require batteries or English instructions. Soccer balls, Frisbees, sketch pads and pencils are great. Younger children need: black and brown dolls, blocks and Legos, cars (Matchbox and bigger), games that don't require English (think Candyland, checkers or Dominos) and stuffed animals.** Our needs are very specific and our storage space is limited, so we say "no" to large items, furniture, pillows and clothing for adults. Money always helps. Thank you! You may drop off items in the church office. Contact Linda Raymond Ellison for more information at beccabill630@gmail.com.

Nursery and Weekday School Fundraiser - The annual Carmichael's Book Fair fundraiser is coming up December 4-10. Please shop at any Carmichael's location and mention "Highland Pres." when you check out (online shoppers please use the coupon code HPW when you check out). Our wonderful school will receive a portion of the sale. Thanks for your support, and Merry Christmas to all!

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Church Buddies: We are looking for adults who would like to partner with children to become a Church Buddy. The purpose of Church Buddies is help children feel connected to the church as a whole. Church Buddies will check in on each other frequently, perhaps sit together in church, send a birthday or Christmas card, but most important is to help your buddy feel welcome and included. That's as easy as asking how school is going and giving a smile. If you are interested in being paired with one of our young ones, please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate.

Please include me on the Church Buddy list.

Name _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

This week, please include the following people in your daily prayers:

Shirley Wicklander, Dennis Robertson, George Carter, Pam Phelps, Melissa McCloud, Betty Smith, Ilam Smith, Maryann Smith, Dan Arbough, Jane Cox, Shana Funk, Kimberlee Burns, Don Seeger, Jonathan Luaba, and Grace Hope members who have suffered bereavement, illness, and personal trauma during this time.

Announcements

The flowers today are given in celebration of the baptism of Matilda Lee “Tilly” Anderson, daughter of Ben & Jessie Anderson.

The Advent candle lighters today are Terry Fontenot, Mary Ellen Harned & Jean Jones who are members of our refugee resettlement team.

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 4 immediately after worship to approve the Congregational Nominating Committee.

STITCH SALE - The students of STITCH, Sewing Together in the Caring Highlands, along with STITCH volunteers, are hosting a sale of sewn and knitted items on **Thursday, December 15** from 12 noon to 4 pm in the STITCH classroom. STITCH is a ministry of Highland Presbyterian Church in collaboration with Kentucky Refugee Ministries and is in its 11th year making a connection with refugees by teaching women to sew. These women have been able to use their new skills to make items to sell, while sewing from home, even during the pandemic. This helps them supplement their family income. One hundred percent of the sales go directly to the women who create the items. Please stop by and shop from their amazing selection of handcrafted items: hats, tote bags, purses, scarves, aprons, microwave bowl potholders, pillows, table runners and Christmas items. STITCH is located in the Pleune-Mobley Center. Enter the building from the church parking lot alley, at the lower level, next to the orange recycle cans. Take the elevator to the third floor. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

CHANCEL CHOIR - Christmas is coming! Do you like to sing Christmas music? Chancel Choir is great way to celebrate the season and meet new people. So, what’s stopping you? Come sing with us! We meet on Thursday evenings at 7pm. Childcare can be provided for rehearsals, if needed, please contact me vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org prior to coming with your child. Just a gentle and friendly reminder to all choir members, we have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 10 from 9:30 am 12pm in preparation for Gaudete Sunday. We will also be singing for the Christmas Eve 4:30 service; please come robed and ready to sing at 3:30pm.

HIGHLAND RINGERS - Highland Presbyterian Church are proud owners of a 5-octave Malmark Bellcraftsmen set of hand bells as well as a 3-octave set of hand chimes. Highland Ringers meets weekly on Sundays at 1:30pm in the sanctuary. If you are interested in ringing, please contact Vini at vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org. Just a gentle and friendly reminder to all Highland Ringers, we will be ringing at the 4:30pm Christmas Eve service; please come ready to ring at 3:30pm.

First Sunday of Advent • November 27, 2022 • 11:00am • Order of Worship

Carol Sing - Come gather around the piano and join us in caroling!

Welcome and Announcements

Nolan Huizenga

Introit - O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Plainsong, 13th century

Adapted by Thomas Helmore/Setting by Raymond B. Horton

Advent Candle Lighting

Terry Fontenot, Mary Ellen Harned, Jean Jones

The candle lighters come to the Advent wreath while the congregation sings:

Hymn 90 - Wait for the Lord

WAIT FOR THE LORD

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

One candle shines as shadows lengthen and chaos roars —
the dawn of God’s kingdom in our midst.

Courage awakens in us, a spark to light the way.

Bright flash and feeble flame break through;
a long time coming, yet unexpected.

Watching and waiting, we prepare his room.

**Christ is coming to make all things new,
and we are opening to the Light.**

† Hymn - With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim (Insert)

SUSSEX CAROL

Stanzas 1 & 2 and Refrains - All; Stanza 3 - High voices; Refrain - All

Stanza 4 - Low voices; Refrain - All; Stanza 5 and Refrain - All

Invitation to Confession

Hannah Thomas

Prayer of Confession

O God, we are steeped in a world of violence.

**War is one of the first things we learn,
and we let it work its way into our lives.**

**Your promises of peace sound like impossible dreams,
and we become accustomed to cruelty.**

**Forgive us. Wrest our weapons from our hands,
and show us how beautiful life can be**

when you forge them into instruments of peace.

(silent prayer) Amen.

† *Please rise in body or spirit*

Assurance of God's Grace

Beloved, know this:
the God of Presence,
the God of Transformation,
the God of Peace
hears our prayers and gives us power to love.

Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

† Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Children 5th grade and younger are invited to the front of the sanctuary
for Time with Young Disciples during the singing of "Be Still and Know."

Be still and know that I am God. (x3)

The Sacrament of Baptism

Invitation and Presentation

† Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

(Glory to God, p. 35)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism

Welcome

Matilda Lee is now received into the holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God and shares with us the priesthood of Christ.

Let us welcome Tilly together:

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

Baptism Song: "God Claims You" (insert) Stanley M. Farr /harmonized by Emily R. Brink

Children of the Church; Martha Makela & Suzanne Bowman, Leader

Children kindergarten and younger may leave for Bible Buddies.

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture Reading

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 2:1-5 (page 631)

Gospel Reading

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 24:36-44 (page 27)

Sermon

"The Promise of Hope"

Megan McCarty

† Hymn 97 - Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

ABERYSTWYTH

Font side: Please sing each line of verse that begins with the "Watchman."

Piano side: Please respond to Font side by singing each line of verse
that begins with the "Traveler."

Prayers of the People and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Anthem - Carol for Advent

Don Besig

Brian Shaw, tenor; Edward Caruthers, baritone; and Brian Allred, piano

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Eternal God, as we wait for the fulfillment of your reign,
use these gifts and the gifts of our lives to bring justice to those who are oppressed,
to set free those who are in prison, to lift up those who are bowed down,
and to uphold those who are vulnerable. Amen.**

† Hymn 82 - Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

† Charge and Benediction

Postlude - Of the Father's Love Begotten

J. Wayne Kerr

Brian Allred, organ

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