

(As you prepare for worship, please turn off all cell phones and beepers.)

Second Sunday of Advent

Handbell Processional Junior Bells

Prelude "Greensleeves" Purvis

Presenting the Word Owen Smith

†Call to Worship
Angels, From The Realms Of Glory
All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!

†Prayer of Invocation & Lord's Prayer (Page 16 in the hymnal)

†Hymn #44 "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" ST LOUIS

Special Music "Heavenly Father"
TrebleMakers

Words of Welcome

Lighting Of The Advent Candle The Rogers Family

Call to Confession
The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time fo need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession - UNISON
Lord God, most merciful, we confess that we have not expected Your coming Kingdom. We have lived casual lives, and have ignored Your promised judgement. We have acknowledged ourselves to be sinners, yet we are slow to change our ungodly ways. Judge us, O God, for we have been slow to serve You. Forgive us, for the sake of Your faithful servant Jesus Christ, our Savior, whose glorious kingdom we eagerly await. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon
Leader: God Himself has rescued us from the dominion of darkness.
People: He has brought us into the kingdom of His beloved Son. In Christ, we have redemption, and we have received the forgiveness of sin.
All: Thanks be to God.

†Gloria Patri Hymn #579
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.

Affirmation of Faith (Page 14 in the hymnal)

Offertory "Many Gifts, One Spirit" Pote

†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

Words With Our Young Church Libby Rogers
Response: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile
here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture (11:00) Matthew 13:44-48
Sermon (11:00) "Spending Less - Having More"
Dr. Ernie Johnson

Presenting The Pledges

†Hymn #438 "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" DENNIS

†Benediction

†Congregational Response
Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

†Postlude Postlude on "Truro" Callahan
†All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders
Dr. Ernie Johnson
The Rev. Chip Stapleton
Dr. Ewart "Doc" Wyle
Cathy Wilson, Director of Music Ministries
Earlene McLamb, Organist

Worship December 6
Greeters Owen Smith & Carol Ivey
Acolyte Robb Twaddell
Sound

Worship December 13
Greeters R. B. Goforth & Bill Watts
Acolyte Tim Parnell
Sound

Sunday Nursery

Our nursery is available every Sunday to care for children while their parents attend the 8:45 Worship Service, Second Mile, Sunday School and/or the 11:00 Worship Service.

Stewardship Report

as of 11-29-09

Analysis of Pledges Due

Total Pledges Due	873,186
Total Pledges Recvd	812,797
Shortage	60,389
% of Pledges Due That Have Been Recvd	93%

Give generously!

Wednesday Night Dinner

December 9, 2009

Menu

BBQ Chicken, Hashbrown Casserole, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Rolls, Beverage
Kids' Menu
Hotdogs and Chips

Please make your reservations by noon on Tuesday, December 1st by calling the church at 485-2147 or on-line at www.hpchurch.org



The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the Glory of God and the beginning of Advent Season and in loving memory of:

James S. Harper, Sr.

Given by: The Hornaday Family and the Harper Family



Nancy Sappenfield	James Chavis
Jean Hall	Eddie Day
Bobby Dunsford	(Darlene Day's Brother)
(Libby Roger's brother)	Della Mol
Jenny Cote	Mazy Wampler
Natalie Griffin	(Wayne Wampler's Mother)
(Darlene Day's Sister)	Rick Perko
Linda Lee Allan	Ruby Campen



Michael Johnson - Afghanistan (and wife Amanda)
CW4 John M. Tew - Afghanistan (son of Joan & Jeff Miller)
Riley Secret - Afghanistan (Grandson of Bryan & Betty Sue Carr)
James W. Smith - Afghanistan (Son of Jane & Iverson Smith Grandson of Mary McMillan)

Hospital
Anne Olund - Cape Fear
Carolyn Dorroll - High Smith

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A few lines my friends...

to say that today is a very important day in the life of our church. As a part of our worship we will dedicate our pledges to the 2010 operating budget. Realizing that it takes everyone's pledge to reach our budget goal, it makes sense to remind ourselves as to why giving is such an important part of our Spiritual health.

1. As we ask God for things, so God asks of us certain things. In the Lord's Prayer we pray, "give us this day our daily bread....." God gives us our daily needs, our health, our abilities, opportunity. All He asks is that we give a portion back to Him. (Proverbs 18: 16).

2. Giving as believers is a recognition of gratitude in our heart for the amazing grace and forgiveness of Christ on our behalf in that while sinners He died for us and rose for US. Such love awakens in the true believer a desire to be a part of the Kingdom of God in our giving. (Ephesians 2: 8).

3. Spiritual gifts are God's gift to the believer and one of the greatest of all the gifts is a generous heart. We are to desire the spiritual gifts that God gives and in receiving them we are to use them to build up the church. (I Corinthians 14: 12)

Jesus delights in our generosity toward him and he will take our gifts of tithes and offerings and use them not only to build up the church of Jesus Christ in this place by compounding them in the lives and heart of the believer a hundred fold. What you give and to the degree you give will be returned to you. Rejoice, for God is good to those who love Him and seek to live according to His purpose.

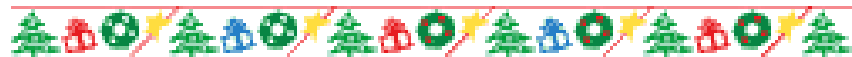
As we dedicate our pledges this day to the glory of God let each one of us do as we can, according to our capacity, no more and no less for the Lord loves a cheerful giver. Give until it feels right and good. And may God bless us all as we seek to be faithful to His church in this day and age.

Your pastor and friend,



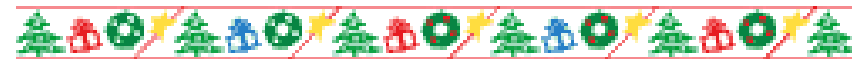
Searching Disciples Christmas Luncheon

Searching Disciples will be having a luncheon in the Side Dining Room after the 11:00 Worship service on Sunday, December 13th. The class will provide the meat, we just need you to bring your favorite side dish! Your families are absolutely welcome. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



Leighton McKeithen Class Christmas Party

The Leighton McKeithen Class Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 13th, 6:30pm at Carole Goforth's residence. A lot of fun and fellowship to be sure!



YOUTH HAPPENINGS!

Tonight's youth will be at the regular times for each group. Next week (December 13th) we will round out the year with a Progressive Dinner! More details to come on this event.

"SAVE THE DATE"

FAYETTEVILLE AREA OPERATION INASMUCH (FAOIAM)

ANNUAL BREAD 'N BOWLS MEAL

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010

Lunch 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM; Dinner 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Hay Street United Methodist Church

Proceeds to Support the FAOIAM Ministry

Details to Follow

Many thanks to everyone who volunteered their time on Thanksgiving Day, adopted a Turkey(s) with your donation, prepared a sweet potato casserole, or brought a pie. Your efforts made it possible for us to provide over 2,000 meals to those in need on Thanksgiving Day. A special thank you to the committee members and church staff for all of your hard work in making this mission a huge success.

Thanks again,
Darren Tinney

Mon., Dec., 7

9:30am Presbyterian Women Council Mtg
Leighton McKeithen Rm

7:00pm Highland Men's Exec Mtg -
Conference Rm

7:00pm Highland Men's Choir

Tues., Dec., 8

1:00pm Bridge-

2:30pm Circle #2 - Parlor

4:00pm Tutoring - Son Valley

6:00pm Fay Fam Life Exec Comm Mtg

7:00pm Fay Fam Life Board Dir MTg

Weds., Dec., 9

3:45pm Catechism

5:00pm Wednesday Night Dinner

5:00pm Junior Bells

6:00pm FaithWeavers

6:30 Chancel Choir

Thur., Dec., 10

12:00pm Food Pantry

1:00pm Beginning Computer Class

4:00pm Girl Scouts/Tutoring

4:30pm Children's Chimes

5:30pm 2nd Mile Leadership Mtg

6:30pm 2nd Mile Rehearsal

Fri., Dec., 11

2:30pm New Bridge Classes- Parlor

Sat., Dec., 12

9:30am Chancel Choir Practice

Sun., Dec., 13

8:45am Worship Service-Chapel

8:45am 2nd Mile Service - Fellowship Hall

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary

4:30pm Youth Bells

5:00pm Youth Chorale

5:30pm Youth Progressive Dinner



Memorial Service

Our Memorial Service remembering the passing of our loved ones from this year will be held on Monday, December 14th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

During this time, the names of the decedents will be read aloud and a candle will be lit in their memory.

If you would like to acknowledge a loved one, please call the church at 485-2147, ask to speak to Nell. You may also drop the information by the church.

Please do so by Wednesday, December 9th so that we may be sure to remember everyone.

Making Disciples for Jesus Christ

Worship and news of
our church family
Highland Presbyterian Church
December 6, 2009



Stewardship Dedication Sunday is today!

Adopt A Family!

We are very excited to announce the Interfaith Families will once again be adopted by Highland Presbyterian to help brighten their Christmas.

We are adopting 21 families. Sixteen of the families are already in transitional housing, the remaining 5 families will be moving into transitional housing the week before Christmas.

All of these families are working toward financial independence. Our goal is to allow these families to use their money for necessities such as rent and utilities while we ensure they have a bountiful Christmas through our help and Christian love.



You may adopt a family by contacting Georgeanna at the Reception desk by calling 485-2147.

Please have your gifts for the families back at the church by Friday, December 18th. Information on each family is at the Reception desk.

If you have any other questions regarding the family you adopt or delivery of the gifts, please contact Kelli Harris at the Interfaith office by calling 826-2454 ext.21.



We've got a lot of up-coming events scheduled for the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Please check your many publications and calendars for the dates and times. We'd love to have you join us and invite your friends, especially those who may be looking for a church family to call their own.