

GREETING

Rev. John W. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Noel; God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings;
Joy to the World; God is Here; Hold On To Me

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERING MUSIC El Shaddai; January Hymn

SCRIPTURE GALATIANS 4:4-7

COMMUNION MEDITATION **At Just the Right Time** Rev. John W. Bowling

INVITATION TO THE TABLE OF CHRIST

COMMUNION LITANY

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, we come not trusting in our resolutions, but in God's steadfast love.

We come remembering that God has been faithful in every season.

In the past year, we have known joy and sorrow, faithfulness and failure, confidence and fear.

Yet through it all, we know God has been with us.

At this table, we remember that on the night he gave himself for us, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and said: "This is my body, given for you."

Christ's body was given so that our lives might be made new.

He took the cup, gave thanks, and said: "This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many."

In Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and sent.

As we receive this bread and cup, we place the coming year into God's hands: our plans, our hopes, and even our fears.

Make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, O God. Strengthen us for the days ahead. Renew our courage to love, serve, and trust You in our living.

We receive this meal with gratitude, and we step into the new Year with hope.

Come, for all is ready.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Goodness of God; The Blessing

BENEDICTION*

*Please stand as you are able.



Special thank you to today's **Ushers & Greeters**,

Karen Beymer & Lanee Philippe

Your service is greatly appreciated!

The **Creation Care Team** is requesting that you collect any clean plastic bottle caps, laundry bottle plastic caps, shampoo bottle caps (flip tops OK), plastic jar lids, and cottage cheese/cool whip container size lids (8 inches max). These caps and lids will help us purchase a recycled plastic bench for the pollinator garden. For any questions, please contact Karen Perce at khp795@gmail.com. Thank you!



It's time to place your order for **2026 giving envelopes**! If you would like to receive a set for the upcoming year, please contact the church office so we can include you in our order.

Email: giving@highlandmethodist.com

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our ministries!



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PRELUDE The Shepherd's Story

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HYMN #246* Joy to the World

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY We Three Kings Raymond Haan

DOXOLOGY*

SPECIAL MUSIC Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella Mark Hayes
Jason Fishburn-Soloist

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HYMN #117* O God Our Help in Ages Past vs. 1-2, 4 & 6

DISMISSAL BLESSING*

POSTLUDE The Old Year Hath Passed Away J.S. Bach

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YOUTH MINISTRY



We are still seeking 1-2 more adults to help lead **Monday Morning Prayer** during the '25-26 school year, on a rotational basis. Are you available once a month on Monday mornings from 7:15—7:40 am?

Please contact Madeline at

youth@highlandmethodist.com or call the office to be a part of this longstanding, vibrant ministry that HUMC has offered to our youth & the community for many years.



AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025

General Fund YTD Income: \$482,904

General Fund YTD Expense: \$503,664

YTD Net Shortfall: (\$20,759)

YTD General Fund Budgeted Need: \$562,460

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Lynn E—recovery
- Clara Eaglin—ovarian cyst
- Mary Ellen Elsbernd-loss of sister-in-law
- Sue Schnieder—passing of her sister
- Jeff H—healing
- Vern H—healing
- Kevin B—Cancer diagnosis
- Sweeney Family
- Jim W—health issues



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Highland United Methodist Church

January 4, 2025 9:30am

Second Sunday After Christmas

At Just The Right Time



January 4, 2026

Grow – Follow – Love

At Highland United Methodist Church, we are a community of imperfect people who exist to **grow** God's kingdom by **following** the examples of Jesus and **loving** with purpose.

We are deepening our spiritual understanding by embracing diversity, enriching lives, mindfully serving, and bringing joy through music and friendship. As United Methodists, we inclusively welcome everyone and follow the Wesleyan call to do no harm, do good, and love God.