

## BELONG + GROW

God is doing extraordinary things through our Sunday worship, Christian education, children, youth, and family ministries, and mission efforts locally and around the world.

Fill out a connect card (below), chat with a pastor, or stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex for more information.

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Include me in email communication

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## Prayer + Care

We are a prayerful people. Through prayer, we grow in our relationship with God. Prayer concerns and needs are very important to the Highland community.

Regardless of the situation, we would like the opportunity to pray for you. If you have a request, please fill out the space below and place it in the offering basket or to a Worship Leader before you leave today.

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## Worship Sunday, December 16th

### \*Gathering Song

*Your Name (Christmas)*

### Welcome & Greeting

### Ministry Highlights

### Lighting of Advent Wreath

### \*Song

*Good Good Father*

### Offering

*All is Well*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25 (NIV)

### Message

“The Gifts of Christmas Past”

2nd in Advent Series

### \*Closing Song

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

### \*Sending Blessing

**Ministers:** Roger Rabey, Ann Osborne, Noé Juárez  
**Director of Christian Education:** Laurie Juárez  
**Youth Director:** Jenny Kutzner  
**Musicians:** Phil Smith, Becca Smith, Ben Switch, Charlie Yohe, Chris Walker, Laura Claire Walker  
Josh Witmer, Contemporary Music Leader  
**Audio/Video:** Jonathan Lefever, Mark Anderson

## Sending Blessing

“May the Blessings of Christmas  
be with you,

May the Christ Child  
light your way,

May God’s holy angels guide you,  
And keep you safe each day.”

(Traditional Irish Christmas Blessing)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, Dec 16** | Christmas Concert | 3:00-4:30PM

2nd in Series: “The Gifts of Christmas Past”

**Thursday, Dec 20** | Presbyterian Women’s Christmas  
Tea | 3:00PM

**Sunday, Dec 23** | Traditional Service 10:00AM |  
Contemporary Service 10:15AM

3rd in Series: “The Gifts of Christmas Present”

**Monday, December 24**

4th in Series: “The Gifts of Christmas Future”

4:00PM - Family Christmas Eve Worship

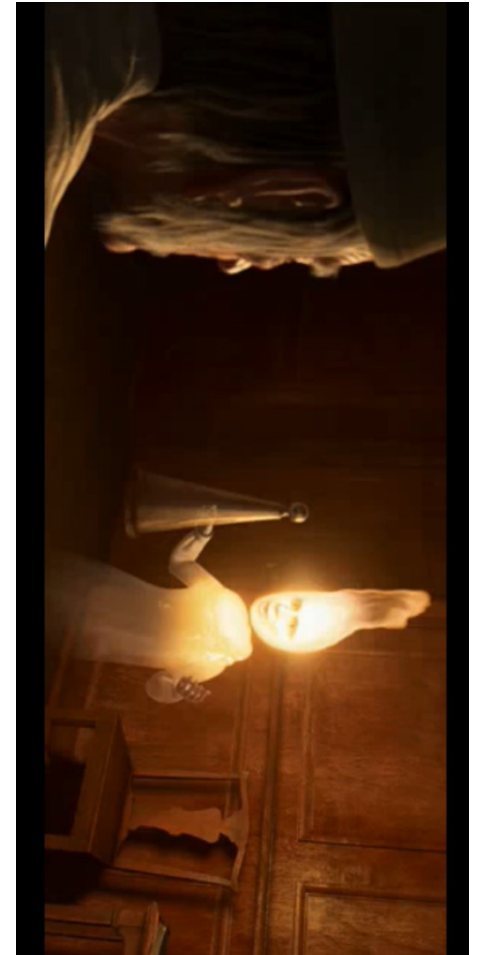
8:00PM - Christmas Eve Worship with Candles

10:00PM - Christmas Eve Worship with Candles &  
Communion

**December 30** | One Service Fellowship Hall | 10:00am

“Provoked to Love”

# Highland Presbyterian Church Contemporary Worship



## We're Glad You're Here

Welcome to Highland. We are excited to have you here and hope you experience the love of Jesus Christ as we worship side by side today. If you are a newcomer looking for a place to belong and grow in your relationship with Jesus, consider yourself invited to Highland.

## Who We Are

Highland is a diverse community of men, women, youth and children seeking spiritual growth, caring nurture and fellowship. We aim to equip and empower all members to live out their faith in service to God's word.

## Prayground

Welcome to our Prayground! This is a space located at the back of Fellowship Hall where children can listen to the sermon in a more child-friendly environment. Children between the ages of newborn and pre-k may go to nursery or stay in the service. If they stay in the service (whether at your seat or the Prayground) we ask that you accompany them. Thank you!



This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

**Matthew 1:18-25 (NIV)**



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