

Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:1, 3-7

John Sharpe

The birth of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke

*Hymn #23 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:8-16

Amanda Reinehr

The shepherds go to the manger

Anthem People Look East Arr. Stephen Caracciolo

Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-12

Pat Henneforth

The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus

*Hymn #68 "What Star is This, with Beams so Bright"

Ninth Lesson: John 1: 1-14

Rev. Botts

God's plan and intention according to John

Anthem Salvation is Created Paul Tschesnokoff

Benediction

*Hymn #26 "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"

A note about our service today: The "Festival of Lessons and Carols" is patterned after a traditional English service and goes back over a century. While retaining its basic form and feel, some of our wording has been made more modern so that it will better communicate with believers today. This service includes nine Scripture lessons, tracing salvation history from Genesis through the gospels; each reading is followed by a carol or anthem.

Please join us in the Family Room for fellowship and refreshments.

Reverend Botts' sermons may be read online at highlands-presbyterian.org.



Growing in Faith, Knowing Christ's Teaching, Showing God's Love
Highlands Presbyterian Church, December 17, 2017, 10:30 a.m.
3rd Sunday in Advent

Thought for the Day: "Expectancy is the atmosphere for miracles."

(Edwin Louis Cole)

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy (unison)

Holy One, we feel a stirring in our lives and see it in those around us. We have an expectation that is yet to be realized. Help us to look to you for our true joy, so that we may receive it and share it with a waiting world. (Choral Amen)

Bringing Our Gifts

Offertory

**Doxology*

#554 Adapted

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise!
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
The songs of our hearts are now lifted as praise.**

**Prayer Of Dedication*

Receive now our gifts, O Lord, for we bring them gladly. We dedicate not only part of our financial means, but truly our whole selves to your service in the world. As Jesus is our model for self-giving love, may we live our faith accordingly. Amen.

**Hymn #20*

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

**Please stand as you are able.*

A Service of Lessons & Carols

Bidding Prayer

Rev. Botts

The Lord's Prayer

All

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.

First Lesson: Genesis 3: 8-13, 17-19

Cheryl Ellison

The first humans fall to sin and paradise is lost

Anthem

Adam Lay Ybounden

Boris Ord

Second Lesson: Genesis 22: 15-18

Joy Pusti

God promises a new covenant with humanity through Abraham

**Hymn #14*

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Third Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Chris Enright

The prophet envisions the coming of the Savior.

Anthem

The Perfect Rose

Phil Speary and John Leavitt

Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11: 1-3a, 4a, 6-9

Hugh Evans

The one who is to come will bring peace

**Hymn #48*

"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"

Fifth Lesson: Luke 1: 26-35, 38

Kim Hunter

An angel comes to Mary with good news

Anthem

See Amid the Winter's Snow

E. Caswall and John Goss,
arr. David Willcocks



2017 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

MUERL LIDDELL

In memory of Josh, Sara, Eric, and Daniel

JIM AND ANNE MARKHAM

In memory of their parents

NICK AND LYNNE MCMAHON

In memory of Lynne's parents, Richard and Mary Jane Stacy

In memory of Nick's mother, Roberta McMahan

DAVE AND BARB MILLER

In memory of Barb's grandmother, Lorene Pridgeon

DIANE MOORE

In memory of her mother, Marjorie Chatlain

JIM AND MARIANNE RENNIE

In memory of William and Margaret Higgins

In memory of William Higgins, Jr.

In memory of Robert and Irma Rennie

ROB AND BOBBI RUHL

In memory of Bobbi's mother, Louise Moore

In memory of Rob's mother, Jean Ruhl

DAVE AND LORI SEARFOSS

In memory of Lori's father, John Nedelco

In memory of Dave's father, Herman Searfoss

JOHN AND DIANE SHARPE

In memory of Enid, Albert, and Jim Sharpe

PAM WARD

In memory of Bill Ward

In memory of our families



2017 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

MIKE AND JENNY BRAUND

In memory of Mike's parents, Thomas and Marjorie Braund

In memory of Jenny's parents, Elmer and Mary Babinsky

RON AND LINDA CARR

In memory of Linda's father, Levi Moyer

In memory of Ron's mother, Sandy McKitrick

MARY CHAMPLIN

In honor of her grandson, James Collier Champlin

In memory of the Collier and Champlin families—gone before us, never forgotten

JERE AND CHERYL ELLISON

In memory of our son, Andrew Holzapfel

In memory of Jere's father, Floyd Ellison

In memory of Cheryl's mother and father, Margaret and Bob Roof

CHRIS AND DAVE ENRIGHT

In memory of Chris's parents, Mary and Elmer Babinsky

In memory of Dave's parents, Verena Schaefer and Lawrence Enright

SHARON FLORY

In memory of Keith Flory and Linda Flory Smiley

In memory of James and AnnaMae Dunphy

In memory of Jenni-Lyn Watson

HECTOR GARCIA AND MIRIAM MATTESON

In honor of our children, Sam and Cecilia

JOAN HARTMAN

In honor of her grandfather, Richard Leach

MARENE KELLEMS

In memory of her brother, Coyle Shaw

In memory of her sister-in-law, Jane Shaw

In memory of LaVene Washburn