

*We exist to bless the Highland neighborhood with the love of Jesus
through community partnerships*

Christmas Eve Service—Friday, December 24, 5:00 PM

Get a Text—To get text messages from the church, text “4highlands” to 25827

Highland Neighborhood Christmas Dinner, Friday, Dec. 17, 6:00 PM, King’s Highway Christian Church. Volunteers are needed to help serve tables. This is a Community Renewal event.

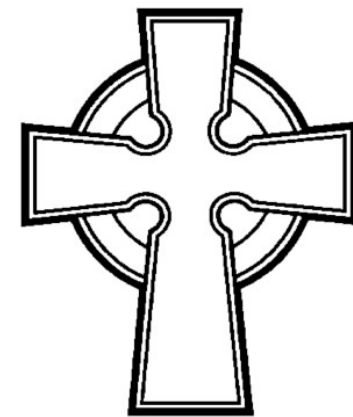
Children’s Choir Musical—“Shobi Shares a Miracle”, tonight, 5:00 PM

Contemplative Prayer—Wednesday, 5:30 PM, Chapel.

Missional Ministry Teams—everyone has the opportunity to make a difference in our neighborhood by serving on a team. To see the full list and to learn how to get connected, pick up a Team Sheet in the Chapel foyer.

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Rev. John Henson, Pastor
Dr. Dan Gibbs, Minister of Music
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Worship
The Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 12, 2010



*Congregation Standing (if you are able)

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn of Joy "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" Ode to Joy

Lighting of Advent Candle: Candle of Joy

Scripture Reading Luke. 1:46b-55

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Silence

Apostles Creed

Christmas Spiritual No. 82 "Go. Tell It on the Mountain"

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Advent Chorus "Arise, Shine!"

Missional Moment: Lake Providence

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory "Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. Berry

Doxology Old 100th

Musical Meditation "Lute Carol" Caldwell

Denise Moorhead, Guest Soloist

Message: "Joy Now"

Hymn of Joy No. 88 "Joy to the World!"

Opportunities for Service

Benediction

Postlude

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Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."