



## Church for the Highlands

Evening Worship  
Sunday, January 1, 2012  
5:00 p.m.

Prelude		Betty Jane Kelley
Welcome / Opportunities		John Henson
Call to Worship		
New Year's Inspiration		
Hymn No. 298	"God Is Here!"	
Scripture Reading	Galatians 4:4-7	Michelle McCrary
Silent Recognition of God's Presence		
Hymn No. 72	"Day by Day"	
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:22-40 <i>Please stand for the reading of the Gospel</i>	Jason Massey
Hymn No. 404	"I Need Thee Every Hour"	
Message	"Now Is the Time"	John Henson
Musical Reflection		
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory	"Moment by Moment" Dan Gibbs, Piano	arr. Berry
Doxology	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Tune: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"	
Communion		
Hymn of Response No. 565	"God of Past, Who by Your Spirit" Tune: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	
Benediction		
Postlude		Betty Jane Kelley

### Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

### Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna—the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

### This Week's Opportunities for Service and Fellowship

Monday 7:00 pm Veterans Home Birthday Party

### COMING THIS MONTH

- January 8 First Sunday of Epiphany
- 8 Team Huddle / 5 pm
- 11 Highland Haven Tour, 11:00 am
- 15 Children's Bible Presentation
- 15 Youth Lunch Out
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 17 LOL Ladies' Night Out / 6:00 pm
- 22 World Religions Day / HC Gym
- 29 Creation Care Group / 5 pm
- 31 CFTH Board Meeting / 5:30 pm



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