



Church for the Highlands

Morning Worship
Sunday, November 27, 2011
10:30 a.m.

Prelude		Betty Jane Kelley
Welcome		John Henson
Opportunities		
Call to Worship		
Advent Hymn No. 83	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	
Greeting of One Another		
Lighting of the Candle of Hope	Monica Grant, Jayla and Joshua Charles	
Advent Hymn No. 82	“Light the Light, the Fire of Life” Stanza 1 Only	
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 64:1-9	
Silent Recognition of God’s Presence		
Scripture Reading	Mark 13:24-37	
Message “Waiting Room”		John Henson
Musical Reflection		
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory	“Emmanuel” Dan Gibbs, Piano	Card
Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Tune: “Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak” (Hymn No. 503)	
Missional Moment		
Hymn of Response No. 513	“Go Now in Peace”	
Benediction		
Postlude		Betty Jane Kelley

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence — as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Mark 13:24-37

But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.

This Afternoon at 5:00 p.m.

Hangin' of the Green: A Lessons and Carols Service

A family-friendly service of carols and Scripture readings on the First Sunday of Advent as we decorate the chapel and prepare for the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child

This Week's Opportunities for Service and Fellowship

Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Advent Morning Prayer at First Presbyterian Church
	6:00 p.m.	Wed. Night Supper / Chili / Common Prayer
Saturday	Noon- 2 pm	Neighborhood Christmas Block Party / 500 Boulevard

Christmas Poinsettias — \$10 each

Order a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one from our Altar Guild through Sunday, December 11 to adorn the chapel for the Christmas season. Complete an order card on the table in the foyer, clip your check payable to CFTH to your card, and leave it on the table, or submit to Betty Jane Kelley. Names submitted on the order cards will be listed on a Sunday bulletin insert.



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