



## Church for the Highlands

Morning Worship  
Sunday, December 18, 2011  
10:30 a.m.

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| Prelude                              |  | Betty Jane Kelley     |
| Welcome / Opportunities              |  | John Henson           |
| Call to Worship                      |  |                       |
| Carol of Christmas No. 127           | "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"   |                       |
| Lighting of the Candle of Love       |  | Ralph Blake           |
| Scripture Reading                    | II Samuel 7:1-11,16  |                       |
| Advent Hymn No. 82                   | "Light the Light, the Fire of Life"<br>Stanza 4 Only                   |                       |
| The Greeting of One Another          |  |                       |
| Scripture Reading                    | Romans 16:25-27  | <i>Read in Unison</i> |
| Silent Recognition of God's Presence |  |                       |
| Scripture Reading                    | Luke 1:26-38   | Karen Gibbs           |
| Musical Meditation                   | "Jesus, King of Angels"<br>Matthew Hirsch, Guest Musician              | Ortega                |
| Message                              | "God Is With Us?"  | John Henson           |
| Musical Reflection                   | "Mary, Did You Know?"<br>Matthew Hirsch                                | Greene                |
| Offertory Prayer                     |  |                       |
| Offertory                            | "Canon de Noel"<br>Dan Gibbs, Piano                                    | arr. Martin           |
| Doxology                             | "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"<br>Tune: "The Gift of Love" |                       |
| Missional Moment                     |  |                       |
| Carol of Response No. 122            | "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"                                      |                       |
| Benediction                          |  |                       |
| Postlude                             |  | Betty Jane Kelley     |

## II Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.' But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders\* of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

## Romans 16:25-27

Now to God\* who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith — to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom\* be the glory for ever! Amen.\*

## Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.\*' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?\*' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born\* will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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

|           |          |  |
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| Tuesday   | 6:30 pm  | Church Ladies Christmas Gathering / Kandeé Flint's / 232 Forest Avenue |
| Wednesday | 7:30 am  | Advent Morning Prayer / First Presbyterian Church                      |
| Thursday  | 1:00 pm  | Adult Daycare Christmas Party  |
| Saturday  | 5:00 pm  | Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service                            |
| Sunday    | 10:30 am | Christmas Day Worship / No Sunday School                               |

### Highland Youth New Year's Eve Dance

Saturday, December 31, 2011  
9:30 pm — 12:30 am  
CFTH Gym



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# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

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## IN MEMORY OF

|                           |                                    |
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| Gladys Barthold           | by The Greenleaf Family            |
| Alice and John Bateman    | by Barbara Wilson                  |
| John and Clevie Blake     | by Ralph Blake                     |
| Randy Flint               | by Kandee, Hayden and Kelley Flint |
|                           | by Charlene and Kyle Kelley        |
|                           | by Betty Jane Kelley               |
|                           | by The Greenleaf Family            |
| R. B. Gibbs               | by Dan and Karen Gibbs             |
| Brenda Greenleaf          | by The Greenleaf Family            |
| Jay Greenleaf             | by Kandee, Hayden and Kelley Flint |
|                           | by The Greenleaf Family            |
|                           | by John, Jinny and Jack Henson     |
| Maggie Lee Henson         | by John, Jinny and Jack Henson     |
|                           | by The Greenleaf Family            |
|                           | by Mimi                            |
| Shirley Henson            | by John, Jinny and Jack Henson     |
| Raymond Kelley            | by Betty Jane Kelley               |
|                           | by Charlene and Kyle Kelley        |
|                           | by Kandee, Hayden and Kelley Flint |
| Lloyd and Tezzie Kitchens | by Karen Gibbs                     |
| Evelyn Petrey "Gaga"      | by The Golsby Family               |
| Bill Richardson           | by Judy Richardson                 |
|                           | by John, Jinny and Jack Henson     |
| Adlee Robinson            | by Evelyn Adams                    |
| Charles Robinson          | by Charlene and Kyle Kelley        |
| Elizabeth Russell         | by The Greenleaf Family            |
| Gerald Russell            | by The Greenleaf Family            |
| Glen Russell              | by The Greenleaf Family            |

## IN HONOR OF

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Amy Furr                    | by The Golsby Family       |
| Joseph Lake Hicks           | by Sabra and Randy Scoggin |
| Gary Skelhorn               | by Ralph Blake             |
| John, Jinny and Jack Henson | by Dan and Karen Gibbs     |
|                             | by Mimi                    |
| Makenzie and Madison Martin | by Karen and Dan Gibbs     |
| Kensey Renae Scoggin        | by Randy and Sabra Scoggin |