



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

Sunday, December 26--Coffee at 10:00 and Worship at 10:30. **No Bible Study**
at 9:30.

End of Year Giving--contributions must be received by December 31, 2010 to
count for 2010 taxes. Checks can either be hand-delivered to our office at the
Highland Center before Noon on 12.31.2010 or they can be delivered to Jay
Greenleaf, Treasurer. Checks mailed before 12.31.2010 but received after
1.1.2011 will have to count toward 2011 giving according to IRS regulations. In
the first quarter of the new year, we will provide a record of your contributions
for 2010 that can be used for income tax filings.

Get a Text--To get text messages from the church, text "4highlands" to 25827

Contemplative Prayer Service--there will not be a Wednesday night meeting
this week. We will resume on January 5, 2011.

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
Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24, 2010



*Congregation Standing (if you are able)

Prelude

"Manger Medley" Dan Gibbs, Keyboard
"Angels We Have Heard on High" Kyle Kelley, Guitar

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Carol of Christmas "Joy to the World!"

*A Christmas Creed

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Congregational Response "Arise, Shine"

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

*Carol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Children's Message

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-14

Offertory "Gesu Bambino" Kyle Kelley, Clay Weeks
Trumpets

"Nativity Story"

Message

*Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Communion

*Carol of Christmas / Lighting of Candles

"Silent Night" Kyle Kelley, Guitar

Benediction

Postlude

Jesus

Isaiah 9:1-7

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But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Poinsettias have been given in memory/honor of the following:

In Memory of:

Raymond Kelley and Randy Flint by Kandee, Hayden, Kelley Ann Flint
Maggie Lee Henson, Bill Richardson and Shirley Henson by John, Jinny and Jack Henson
Richard H. Bushnell by Sabra Scoggin
Raymond Kelley and Randy Flint given by Betty Jane Kelley
Brenda Greenleaf, Glen Russell, Elizabeth Russell, Brandon Ugarte, Maggie Lee Henson, Randy Flint and Mary Ann Herndon given by the Greenleaf family
Raymond Kelley, Randy Flint, Charles Robinson given by Kyle and Charlene Kelley
Alice & John Bateman given by Barbara Wilson
Maggie Lee Henson and Reagan Little given by Linda Killen
Jinny Jones and Irena Jones by Erik and Melissa Kiser
Susie Meekins by Julie Golsby

In Honor of:

Monica Grant by Sabra Scoggin
Henry and Helen Marak by Bill Marak
Jack Jinny and John Henson; Sarah Killen (my daughter) & Ben Tilman by Linda Killen
Amy Furr by Julie Golsby

Luke 2:4-20 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.