

# Order for the Worship of God

Highland Presbyterian Church

*Sunday after Christmas*

*December 27,*

*All God's people – boys and girls, women, men:*

***Come and Worship!***

*Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:*

***Come and worship! Come and Worship!***

*All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:*

***Come and worship, come and worship Christ, the newborn King!***

## Gathering around THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTERING SONG

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the temple of the Lord.

**We have come to seek God's blessing.**

This is the house of the Holy One.

**We have come to praise God's name.**

Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

**God of truth and understanding,  
source of all the wisdom we seek,  
show us the wisdom of your Word  
and teach us to abide in your way,  
ever growing in grace and favor;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.**

+OPENING SONG

*Once in Royal David's City*

+CALL TO CONFESSION

*(Silent confession)*

+CONFESSION

**God our Savior, we confess  
that we are not people of peace.  
You clothe us with your love,  
but we do not love one another.  
You wrap us in your mercy,  
but we do not forgive one another.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Teach us to follow your way,  
and help us to grow each day  
in wisdom and favor with you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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Dr. Tom Tucker

Hymn 41, vs 1

Dr. Doris M. Thompson

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

+THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

At this sign, you are invited to rise in body or in spirit.

**Bold: all people respond.**

*Offer the peace of Christ to one another in word and  
with a handshake, a hug, or other sign of peace.*

## Proclaiming THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 148

HYMN

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

LAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:41-52  
Colossians 3:12-17

SERMON

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## Responding to THE WORD

HYMN

*Now Thank We All Our God*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Adapted from the Confession of Belhar*

**We believe that God has entrusted the church  
with the message of reconciliation  
in and through Jesus Christ.**

**We believe that the church is called to be  
the salt of the earth  
and the light of the world.**

**We believe that the church is called blessed  
because it is a peacemaker.**

**We believe that the church is witness  
both by word and by deed  
to the new heaven and the new earth  
in which righteousness dwells.**

**Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*NRSV* **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

Hymn 455 **Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

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**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Hymn 555

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Bearing and Following THE WORD into the World

+HYMN

*Lord, When I Came Into This Life*

+CHARGE & BLESSING

+RESPONSE

*Song of Hope*

+POSTLUDE