

(As you prepare for worship, please turn off all cell phones and beepers.)

Epiphany Of The Lord

Prelude "God Rest You , Merry Gentlemen" Warren

Presenting the Word Anne Matlack

†Call to Worship

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

†Hymn #466 "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" AZMAN

†Prayer of Invocation & Lord's Prayer (Page 16 in the hymnal)

Words of Welcome

Call to Confession

"Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow' though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

Prayer of Confession - UNISON

Eternal Wisdom, we acknowledge that all understanding comes from and belongs to You. Your ways are always best, yet we have tried to follow our own way. We cling to our darkness rather than following Your light. Forgive our selfish ways and help us by Your Spirit to follow the light of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!
**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
All: Thanks be to God.**

†Gloria Patri Hymn #579

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen, Amen.**

Offertory "We Three Kings" Hopkins
Pam Stone - Soprano; Jonathan McDuffie - Baritone

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

Words With Our Young Church Patty Schob
**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness
and all these things shall be
added unto You. Allelu, Alleluia!**

Anthem "Sweet Holy Child" Caldwell
Pam Stone - Soprano

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture(8:45 & 11:00) **Matthew 2:1-12**
Sermon(8:45 & 11:00) **"Starstruck"**
Dr. Ernie Johnson

†Hymn #391 "Take My Life" HENDON

†Benediction

†Congregational Response

**Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.**

†Postlude "Noel en Musette" D'Acquin

†All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders
Dr. Ernie Johnson;
The Rev. Chip Stapleton;
Dr. Ewart "Doc" Wyle
Cathy Wilson, Director of Music Ministries;
Earlene McLamb, Organist

Worship January 3
Greeters Anne Matlack
& Katherine Parnell
Acolyte Celia Dudley
Sound Louis Cox

Worship January 10
Greeters Steve Hill
& Linda Clark
Acolyte
Sound Robb Twaddell



Sunday Nursery

Our nursery is available every Sunday to care for children while their parents attend the 8:45 Worship Service, Second Mile, Sunday School and/or the 11:00 Worship Service.



The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Mary B. & Joe L. Thompson** for the date of his birth, January 1st, 1905. Given by the *Thompson Family*

Stewardship Report

as of 12-20-09

Analysis of Pledges Due

Total Pledges Due	953,406
Total Pledges Recvd	889,468
Shortage	63,938
% of Pledges Due That Have Been Recvd	93%

Give generously!

RECEPTION

There will be a reception for the Stapleton Family in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 worship service on January 10th.

Please join us as we say good-bye to Chip, Traci, Charlie and Jack.



Nancy Sappenfield
James Chavis
Bobby Dunsford
Rick Perko
(Libby Roger's brother)
Ruby Campen
Natalie Griffin
Jason McClelland
(Darlene Day's Sister)
Jenny Cote



Michael Johnson - Afghanistan
(and wife Amanda)
Riley Secret - Afghanistan
(Grandson of Bryan & Betty Sue Carr)
James W. Smith - Afghanistan
(Son of Jane & Iverson Smith
Grandson of Mary McMillan)
Tommy Nicholson - Iraq
(Son of Thomas & Luanne Nicholson
Grandson of Bonnie Hauser)

Hospital

Peggy Jackson
Lou Graff
Linda Allan

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A few lines my friends...

to say that the New Year 2010 is here and so is the time for giving thanks to God for the many blessings we enjoy, not the least of which is His Son, Jesus Christ who came so that we might have life and have it abundantly. My prayer is that 2010 will bring to you and to our church family much happiness and opportunity. Let us resolve together to be strong in our worship, our service, our giving and our own personal witness so that Christ can be made known and His message of love and forgiveness and grace be visible among us.

to say that as we move into the new year we want to complete our Stewardship Campaign, Reaching The Goal For Christ, as soon as possible so that the Session can adopt an operating budget for 2010. If you have not returned your pledge for this year, please do so as soon as possible. We are grateful for your giving and your pledges ensure that we can move forward with the assurance of strong financial support.

to remind you that on Sunday, January 10th there will be a congregational meeting immediately following the 11:00 worship to conduct several matters of business. Please make every effort to attend. Also to remind you that immediately following that worship service there will be a luncheon reception for Chip, Traci, Charlie and Jack Stapleton, thanking them for their ministry among us and wishing them God's speed as they move to their new work in Easton, MA. We are going to miss them here at Highland but the Lord has great plans for them in their ministry. For all of us these are days that require our faithfulness while we live with gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy.

Let us keep one another in prayer and in this new year let us pray for peace in our hearts and in the world.

Your pastor and friend,



Congregational Meeting

There will be a called meeting of the congregation on Sunday, January 10, 2010 for the purpose of:

Hearing and acting upon a request from the Rev. Chip Stapleton that the pastoral relationship between himself and Highland be dissolved effective January 10 so that he may accept the call to The Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Easton, MA.

To hear a recommendation from the Session through the Personnel Committee regarding an Associate Minister Search Committee and business related to the election of such a committee, to begin the search process for an Associate Minister.

To hear and act upon a request from the Session through its Finance Committee regarding the amortization of existing debt.



6 million health screenings since 1993

Highland Presbyterian Church - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Stroke/Carotid Artery; Heart Rhythm; Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm;

Peripheral Arterial Disease; Osteoporosis Screenings

\$139-\$149 - Pre-registration is required

More information in upcoming publications

Calling all Youth and Parents!!!!!!

On Sunday, January 10th we will gather for a Fabulous Farewell Party for Chip. The party will be from 5:30-7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We are asking each family to bring a covered dish to share as well as any fond memories of Chip you would like to share. We hope to see all youth and parents on the 10th of January at 5:30.

There will also be a brief parent meeting at the end of the party to discuss the spring schedule and sign ups will be ready for our youth dinners.

A letter has been sent out with more details concerning the event.

2010 - A New Year & A New You!



The class will meet on Wednesday, January 6th and Wednesday, January 13th, both at 6:00pm.

John Velandra will be conducting a two-week class to help design a practical and healthy living plan to get you started in the right direction for the new year. The class will cover tips and pointers in exercise, nutrition and other areas that you will be able to immediately apply to your life and see success.

You must register with John *prior* to the class. Please call him at (910) 309-8809 or email him at john@designsinfitness.net.

Mon., Jan., 4
9:00am PW Concil MTg - Leighton McKeithen
5:30pm Webelos - Son Valley
7:00pm Highland Men's Choir
7:00pm Volley Ball
Tues., Jan., 5
1:00pm Bridge
5:30pm Personnel Mtg - Conference Rm
Weds., Jan., 6
3:45pm Catechism
5:00pm Junior Bells
5:00pm Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00pm FaithWeavers
6:30pm Chancel Choir
Thur., Jan., 7
12:00pm Food Pantry
1:00pm Computer 101 Class
4:30pm Children's Chimes
5:30pm 2nd Mile Leadership
6:30pm 2nd Mile Rehearsal
7:00pm Volley Ball
Fri., Jan., 8
Sat., Jan., 9
Sun., Jan., 10
8:45am Worship Service-Chapel
8:45am 2nd Mile Service - Fellowship Hall
9:45am Sunday School
10:30pm Session Mtg - Session Rm
11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am Installation of new officers
12:00pm Stapleton Reception
4:30pm Youth Bells
5:00pm Youth Chorale
6:00pm Highland Ringers



Wednesday Night Dinner

Wednesday, January 6th,
Dinner Menu

Beef Tips, Rice, Green Beans,
Glazed Carrots, Bread,
Salad Bar, Beverage, Dessert

Children's Menu
Pizza

Please call the front desk at
485-2147 by noon on Tuesday,
January 5th to make your
reservations. or go online
www.hpchurch.org.

Making Disciples for Jesus Christ

Worship and news of
our church family
Highland Presbyterian Church
January 3, 2010



Happy New Year

As we begin the New Year 2010 in our church family let us enter the year expectantly and with prayers for our ministry and for one another. Let us resolve to be God's light in the world, reflecting the love of Christ in all that we do. Let us give thanks for our blessings and resolve to be a blessing to others. May the good Lord bless and keep you. May He make His face to shine upon you. And, may He give to you His peace throughout the year.

New Year With The Lord

A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences
New adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things
The things of this past year
The Lord will do new things in us
Much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us
As we put our trust in Him
And He will guide our every step
By His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts
We find we'll be able to do
If we look for the opportunities
We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back
But rise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace
- M.S.Lowndes

