

**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)  
Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Third Sunday of Advent - Color, Violet  
Christmas Special Offering**

**The Chimes** **10:30AM**

*The bell has struck its one, two, three; be still is what it says to me.  
For this is God's most Holy Day and we are here to learn His way.*

**Prelude & Choir Processional** *Christmas Night* **Jean Raines**

**Welcome & Announcements** **Rev. Paul Seal**

**\*Hymn of Worship** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* **pg. 148**

**\*Call to Worship** **Luke 2: 25-32** **Judy Carter**

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**L:** Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

**P:** **It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.**

**L:** Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

**P:** **"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace.**

**L:** For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people,

**U:** **a light of revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."**

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**\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer** **(full text p. 775-left)**  
**"...forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us..."**

**\*Gloria Patri:** **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.**

**Reader** **"Joy"** **Terry Russell**  
**Candle Lighter** *One Candle is Lit (3rd verse)* **Buddy Russell**  
**pg. 128**

**Congregational Hymn** *Away in a Manger* **pg. 147**

**Choir Selection** *How Great Our Joy*

**Scripture Reading** **Matt. 4: 12-17** **Elder, Judy Smith**

**Silent Meditation** **Rev. Paul Seal**

**Pastoral Prayer - Today we pray especially for PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BELLA VISTA that together we will boldly proclaim your Good News in Jesus Christ.**

**Hymn of Communion** *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face* **pg. 416**

**Introduction to Communion** **Rev. Paul Seal**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table and Prayer:** We observe open Communion every Sunday. All are invited to partake with us. You need not be a member of this congregation nor of this denomination. Please partake of the bread as it is passed, then hold the cup so we all may partake together.

**Offertory** *The Hark Medley* **Debra Hall**

**\*Doxology** **pg. 46**

**\*Prayer of Dedication** **Rev. Paul Seal**

**Special Music Selection** *The Birthday of a King* **Bob Raines**

**Sermon** **"Beyond the Cradle"** **Rev. Paul Seal**

**\*Invitation Hymn** *The First Noel* **pg. 151**

**\*Benediction** **Rev. Paul Seal**

**\*Benediction Chorus** *"Because He Lives"* **Back of Hymnal**

**Mission Statement:**

*We the people of Highland Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Bella Vista, Arkansas proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Our mission is to witness to the forgiving love of Jesus Christ to all persons by our words and deeds. We welcome any person who desires to join with us as we respond together to God's leading in our lives. We will seek every opportunity to glorify and serve our Risen Lord.*



*A Church  
for  
Today  
The Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)*

If you are visiting with us, *please sign our Guest Book.*  
You are always most welcome. Preschool & Nursery  
available during Worship, upon request.

*Worship Service may be listened to on our Web Site  
www.HighlandChristianChurchBV.org*

**Current Prayer List**

Don Slade	Herb Thomas
Chuck Doane	Bob Koehn
Linda McLeemore	Kim Oxley
Francis Peniston	Johnny Scott
Diana Neemeyer	Troy Hogan
Doug Newman	Nina Rhymmer
Lucile Cathcart	Alex Zelahy
Connie Pennington	Forrest Strickler
Jan Bryant	Amy Scott
Ray Eagan	Gary & Kathy Heinz
Helen Favre	Butch Newby

**EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK**

**Sun., Dec. 17th**    **No Fellowship Meal**  
**Wed., Dec. 20th**    **4-5pm Choir**  
**Sun., Dec. 24th**    **Elders Meeting cancelled**  
                                  **6pm Christmas Eve Service**  
**Mon., Dec. 25th**    **Merry Christmas**  
                                  (office closed)

*Today after Service: (all Diaconate  
please meet in the North Wing - short  
meeting.)*

**NURSING HOME REMINDER - please visit  
Don Slade - Ashley Rehab - Rogers**

*Reminder: There are still **quite a few**  
**Calendars** left, if you're looking for a last  
minute Christmas gift. Cost is \$6.00 and you  
may leave the money with Phyllis in the  
office, or Betty Shearer.*



<b>Offering 12/10/2017</b>	<b>Bank Balances</b>
<b>General - \$3,071.00</b>	<b>November</b>
<b>Memorial - \$</b>	<b>General \$ 9,305.31</b>
<b>Special Purpose - \$</b>	<b>Memorial \$ 4,035.21</b>
<b>Bible Study 34</b>	<b>Special Purpose \$ 8,019.52</b>
<b>Worship 91</b>	

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

<b>Don Kerr</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Les &amp; Janiece Bland</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Deborah Seal</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Nancy Sherbondy</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Robert McIntire</b>	<b>21</b>

**Members Serving Next Week, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

<b>Elder</b>	<b>Judy Smith</b>
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	<b>Bill Keller</b>
<b>Diaconate:</b>	<b>Gary &amp; Mary Brown, Lon &amp; Carolyn Weigel</b>
<b>Communion Preparation:</b>	<b>Carolyn Weigel</b>
<b>Acolyte:</b>	<b>Wilson LaPorte</b>
<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>Betty Pierce</b>
<b>Steward:</b>	<b>Dorene Tolle</b>
<b>Flowers:</b>	<b>Advent—Poinsettias</b>
<b>Refreshments:</b>	<b>Bill &amp; Vivian Keller</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Ron LaPorte</b>