



**HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

JANUARY 14, 2018

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

"Casting Nets"

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"Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see.""" John 1:45-46

Today is the 2nd Sunday in Epiphany. Epiphany is the season, following Christmastide, in which we are introduced to the light of the world. In Epiphany we hear of the calling of the disciples and we 'get to know Jesus' before the season of Lent.

We are glad to be led in worship today by J.O.Y. and our LOGOS choir.

Music as we prepare for worship is an instrumental selection by the O'neil Brothers with a familiar tune and theme, "Will You Come and Follow Me."

Our Service begins with a **WELCOME** to all who are gathered to worship together. We share news of our life together as a church in our service because what we do, outside of worship, is a very vital portion of our 'service to God'.

Our Call to worship reflects our theme for the day which is that God calls all people. All kinds of people to do all kinds of work in God's name.

Today's Hymn of Praise is one of the great hymns of our faith, "Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty." Joachim Neander was an important hymn writer for the German Reform church. This hymn was written at Dusseldorf, during a time in his life when he needed comfort. He learned to have close communion with God and nature. This hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 103:1-6 and Psalm 150. "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name."

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A Celebration of Worship

"ENTER WITH REVERENCE TO WORSHIP GOD"

MUSIC AND TIME OF PREPARATION

(Take this opportunity to pause for a moment and pray for God's presence among us today, our worship leaders, those who worship with you and for yourself.)

WELCOME AS WE GATHER & SHARING LIFE IN THE CHURCH

PRELUDE AND BRINGING THE LIGHT

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Young or old, slow or fast; tall or small, know-it-alls or eager learners:

Wonder of wonders! God has called each of us here.

Wrinkled, white-haired, stooped with age;

bright-eyed, smooth skinned, leapers of two steps at a time:

Wonder of wonders! Each of us is made in God's image.

Parents volunteering at school, kids playing tag;

workers stocking shelves, retirees planning a trip:

Wonder of wonder! God works through each of us.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Responsively)

It doesn't matter how far we go to run from you, God-who-calls-us:

**you reach out and touch us with healing in your hands,
and turn us around so we can follow you home.**

It doesn't matter how suspicious we are of you,

God-who-invites-us-to-follow:

**you remove our fears with your compassion;
you take away our doubts with complete acceptance
of who we are.**

It doesn't matter how often we ignore your words,

God-who-speaks-to-us:

**you whisper to us until our ears tingle with anticipation
and we listen with eager hope.**

Holy God who brings us into community with you,

**continue to call us by name, even as we pray in the name
of Jesus who teaches us to pray: "Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. 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."**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 482 "Praise Ye The Lord, the Almighty"

*If comfortable, please stand

***PASSING THE PEACE**

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(At this time you are invited to share a sign of peace:
a hug, a handshake, a kiss...)

***Choral Response:**

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

"SEEK FORGIVENESS AND FELLOWSHIP "

***CONFESSION AND PARDON (Responsively)**

We are people who live in times in which we need to recognize God in our midst. God is here. God calls us. Sometimes we hear and respond and at other times we fail to even act as if God is present. We need to hear and respond to God’s call to us. Let us pray:

Forgive us, God of night-whispered wisdom, when we let our love for family or friends or church or nation blind us to their faults - and ours. Forgive us when we fail to act on the truth we know, the knowledge we have, the possibility that is in us for change to the good. Give us the courage of Samuel that we might speak with a prophet’s wisdom. Give us the courage of Eli that we might call for the truth of your Word even when it condemns our own failures. Forgive us for the times we fail to seek your will or heed your call. Give us grace to be those who say, "Here I am" to the One who calls us.

**Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us!
Christ, Have Mercy Upon Us!
Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us!**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Like the eternal light shining in Samuel's night, so God's forgiveness lights our path forward. Know you are forgiven and freed to forgive others. Walk into a future shaped not by our failures, but by God's justice and mercy. Amen.

Thanks Be To God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI (Hymn No. 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.”**

In our final ‘gathering act’ we **“Pass the Peace”** as an act of caring, welcome, and mutual love. Please remain standing as we sing “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”.

We practice Corporate **Confession.** in the Presbyterian and Reformed Tradition. We do not offer individual confession save for that which we offer in our silent prayers. We believe that we are a community of faith and as such share in the sins of all. We are “Called to Confession” as a reminder of our individual and communal sin. Our “Confession and Pardon” gives expression to our desire to know forgiveness. The “Kyrie Eleison” is a choral bridge between our prayers and the **“Assurance of Forgiveness”** which declares our forgiveness. Finally, we give praise to our triune God for the assurance that we are, by grace, forgiven.

Having confessed our sin and realized God's forgiveness, the church gathered is prepared to hear the Word of God read and proclaimed.

"The Proclamation of God's Word" is central in the life of the worshipping community.

(We use the 'common lectionary' which is a guide that assigns readings over a three-year cycle. God's people are given the opportunity to hear and read along in God's Word from the Bible).

The Anthem for the day is also an opportunity, through sacred music, to give reflection and interpretation to the spoken word..." Today's anthem is "They Cast Their Nets In Galilee" from a poem by Alexander Percy. It is about Jesus calling the disciples from their boats to 'follow him.' Please follow along with the words as you listen. You will hear them again soon.

In response to the Word read there is the 'preaching of the word for our living today'. This includes words for 'the young church' and all who gather.

Our Hymn of Response is "Lord, When I Came Into This Life." This hymn is in the 'ordination' section of our hymnal but it is broader than that. It is about answering the call of Jesus in our living. It begins, "Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name; today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim." Jesus calls his disciples, and us, by our names and says, "Follow Me."

"THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10

(OT: p.

247)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be To God!

ANTHEM

"They Cast Their Nets In Galilee"

*"They cast their nets in Galilee Just off the hills of brown
Such happy simple fisherfolk Before the Lord came down
Contented peaceful fishermen Before they ever knew
The peace of God That fill'd their hearts Brimful and broke them too.
Young John who trimmed the flapping sail, Homeless, in Patmos died.
Peter, who hauled the teeming net, Head-down was crucified.
The peace of God, it is no peace, But strife closed in the sod,
Yet, brothers, pray for but one thing- The marvelous peace of God."*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 1:43-51

(NT: p. 92)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Little Things"

Burrows

*1 Little drops of water, Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean And the beautiful land.
2 Little deeds of kindness, Little words of love,
Make our earth an Eden, Like the heavens above.
3 Little seeds of mercy Sown by youthful hands,
Grow to bless the nations Far in other lands.
4 Glory then for ever Be to God on high,
Beautiful and loving, To eternity. Amen.*

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

INTERLUDE

(In the 10 a.m. service, all children, ages 3 through 1st grade are invited to attend "Children's Church" after "A Time with the Young Church." Their leader will meet them in the back of the sanctuary. They may be picked up after worship in the Family Life Center, room #205.)

SERMON

"Casting Nets"

"SHARING OUR RESPONSE TO GOD"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 522 "Lord, When I Came Into This Life"**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical version)**

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (universal) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen."

BEING THE CHURCH IN MISSION, PRAYER AND GIVING

Discipleship and Moment for Mission As We Come to Prayer

*LITANY OF THANKS AND INTERCESSION

God of all races and nations, we praise you for all your faithful servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For apostles, martyrs, leaders, and saints, and for humble folk whose names were never in the news, but are recorded in your book of life,

We give you thanks, O God.

Especially this day we thank you for people who have been pioneers in calling for justice for all people, for their prophetic voices and courage in the face of the insistent evil of racism and nationalism. For this courage and conviction, for this passion for peace, and for this tireless quest of a nation that keeps faith with its promises,

We give you thanks, O God.

For nameless multitudes who suffered and are suffering the tortures of slavery and the tyranny of oppression, who are assaulted with the vile nature of one person's hate for another; and for the nameless multitudes today whose lives are stunted and cut short by economic and social structures of brutality.

We grieve and promise to work for justice, O God.

And for children, women, and men of every race and age who are denied education, health care, jobs, housing, and hope in our land,

We grieve and promise to work for justice, O God.

We pray for those who are separated in our world, Lord, by race, politics, poverty, greed, and oppressive systems.

We grieve and promise to work for justice, O God.

At the same time, Lamb of God, we thank you for our own preservation and relative peace. For the way you touch our living and reach out in love and aid to those who are ill, saddened, confused, lost, and alone.

We Give You Thanks, O God.

In the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, **Amen.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Hymn No. 592)

"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."

We, as God's own people, called to serve God have so very much for which to be thankful. We are blessed in a way to which most of the people of the world cannot relate. With our blessings, we are called by God to follow not simply the idea of Jesus, but the ideal of Jesus. Following Christ means sublimating our agenda for Christ's agenda which is the love and well being of all of God's people. When in our minds, hearts, or actions we acquiesce to the thinking of the world we fail to be true disciples of Jesus. Jesus calls us to follow him and not the winds that would foment isolationism.

In our prayers, we ask for God's presence with and intervention for those we list each week on the back of the bulletin. We have many who are in ongoing situations of treatment, others who are saddened by loss, and still others who face uncertain futures. We keep these in our prayers today and every day.

Finally, we pray for ourselves that God will keep us ever faithful to the one who comes to us as 'Lamb of God' to take away our sins and promise us eternal life.

Our Hymn of Parting is by Carol Winfrey Gillette, "O Lord, You Called Disciples" places us in line with those called by Christ to follow him then and now. We'll sing vss. 1-3 and then vs. 4 for our Choral Response.

The 'Benediction' offers the final 'good words' said over God's people as they continue to worship in their living day by day.

We hope this Service of Worship has given you an opportunity to express your thanks and praise to God, to hear God's Word, to offer something of yourself, and to be challenged to go into the world refreshed and renewed as our 'service' continues in the world.

Please join J.O.Y. in the Dining Hall after worship for a time of fellowship.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Go with dreams filling your head, and courage surging through your soul. Go to live out the unity we seek. Go to live the equality we share. Go in the power of the Spirit of God.

We go as those who are called.

Keep firm in the hope God has set before us, that we and all God's children shall be free, and the whole earth will live to praise God's name.

All: We go as those who make dreams become reality in Christ's name. Amen.

***HYMN OF PARTING "O Lord, You Called Disciples"**

(LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6 D ("The Day of Resurrection"))

**O Lord, you called disciples, proclaiming, "Come and see!"
And so an invitation began your ministry.**

**Then Andrew called his brother, and Peter came to you;
More men and women followed, and little children, too.**

**You met a busy woman out in the noon-day sun.
You shared God's love, you listened; you told all she had done.
She called her friends and neighbors and brought them face to face
With you, the living water, the bearer of God's grace.**

**O Christ, your invitation has reached from year to year!
Through some who heard you calling, a church was founded here.
As faithful people served you so many years ago,
They soon invited others; your church began to grow.**

**God, by your Holy Spirit, now send us in your name
To serve the lost and outcast, the poor for whom you came.
Through gifts of hope and healing, through loving ministry,
May we reach out, inviting the world to "Come and see!"**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "May the God of Hope"**

**"May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new, Faithful when we hear Christ's call."**

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***If comfortable, please stand**

HIGHLANDS' HIGHLIGHTS
This Week at Highlands
Week of January 14 – January 20, 2018



This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today:	9:00 a.m. Sunday School	Worship Service – Joy Sunday
	10:00 a.m.	Office Closed
Monday:		Quilting and Sewing Group
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.	Wellness (Yoga at 10 and Adult Logos at 11)
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m.	Logos is celebrating 25 years at HUPC
	4:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	7:15 p.m.	Packing for Micah's Backpack
Thursday:	5:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Annual Chili Cook-Off
Saturday:	6:00 p.m.	

"WELCOME ONE ANOTHER, AS CHRIST WELCOMES US!"

HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU! We are so glad that you are here and worshipping with us this morning. We are privileged to have you with us and would invite you to a time of Fellowship in our Dining Hall after worship. Please do us a favor by signing the Friendship Register and mark appropriate boxes. There are also visitor cards in the pew racks. **FIRST TIME VISITORS – WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU!** Thanks!

MEMBERSHIP AT HIGHLANDS is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives and who wish to join in the worship and ministry of this church. The pastor or any member of the Session would be more than happy to discuss this with you.

A NURSERY IS PROVIDED IN THE FAMILY LIFE building for those who wish to have their children cared for during worship. Parents receive a 'silent pager' for peace of mind and will be paged in case of any need. Highlands takes great care in caring for your children.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH FOR AGES 3 THROUGH 1ST grade is in the Family Life building after "A Time with the Young Church," except on Communion Sundays. A nursery is provided for infants through two years of age in the Family Life Center. Worship folders for young Highlands' worshipers can be found at the usher's stand. PARENTS please help your children with their worship experience. **WE LOVE OUR CHILDREN AT HIGHLANDS** and want to keep them safe! Please help us with this goal by ensuring that **all children are supervised by an adult while on the playground at all times.**

DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEARING ASSISTANCE AT THE USHER'S STAND.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST HAS WELCOMED YOU! Today is J.O.Y. Sunday and we welcome our youth and children as they share the leadership of today's worship with us. Today is the 2nd Sunday of Epiphany and in the church year we have entered the period of time when we consider Jesus' calling to us to follow and become his disciples. The challenge for us this day and always is to both hear AND respond to Christ's call.

WELLNESS IN ON WEDNESDAYS: Our program begins with seated yoga at 10:00 a.m. and Adult LOGOS follows around 11:00 am. Seated yoga can easily be adapted to anyone's physical interest and we are looking forward to John Smith's usual presentation making Bible study amusing and informative.

WE'RE CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF LOGOS AT HUPC!! We're back this Wednesday, January 10th. We're having a great time at logos – learning a little and laughing a lot; children of all ages are welcome to come and join us! The theme for this week is "A Whale of a Tale" and you are invited to bring "fish" food to donate.

THANKS! Once again the people of HUPC have responded to Christ's call. We have reached and also surpassed our goal of sponsoring 30 children in Haiti this year. It's a good thing because there are some new children who have recently arrived. Once again, thanks, for providing food, clothing, medical care, shelter, schooling and a better life for these children. On behalf of Grace of Mercy Outreach Ministries, Inc. and the children in Haiti – THANKS AND GOD BLESS HUPC!

FAMILY PROMISE: Our guests will be returning to Highlands February 4 - 11, and sign up for volunteers begins today. Please consider helping two to three homeless families by volunteering to be a day, evening or overnight host. Volunteers are also needed for meal preparation and laundry. To sign up to volunteer, or just get more information, stop by the Family Promise board in the Dining Hall after worship today. A board with food and other items needed for the week will also be at the table. Thanks!

HEY HIGHLANDS?! HOW WAS THAT CUP OF COFFEE? How about that brownie? Oh, you has some fruit and a cookie too? Your Fellowship Committee and friends loves providing but could use some help. How about a contribution that's financial or from your oven? Want to help, speak to your Sunday morning servers. And most of all, say, **"THANKS!!"**

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME CHILI? The annual HUPC Chili cook-off is Saturday, January 20th. Join us! Enter a pot of Chili! Bring soup or salad to share! Our excellent Fellowship Committee will provide the rest! Let's hope it will be a pep rally for the JAGS!! Join us for a fellowship supper on the 20th at 6 p.m.

OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

THE THOUGHTFUL CHRISTIAN CLASS will study "Visiting Someone in the Hospital" on Jan. 14, 2018. We will study "The history of Religion and Politics in America" on Jan. 21, 2018. Please join us for this interesting and informative class.

MICAH'S BACKPACK will be packing weekend food for 86 children on Thursday's at 5:30 PM in Harris Hall. Everyone is welcome...We have volunteers from many churches and organizations and all ages...from 4 years old to Great Grandparents! The Micah's "Food of the Month/Fill a Tummy Club" selection for January is Chef Boy-R-Dee Pasta in the 15-ounces can or 7.5-ounces microwaveable bowl. Thanks for your help and support.

HIGHLAND'S BABY SHOWER: In December, your donations of 20 blankets and 42 outfits became much appreciated gifts for 20 newborns here in Jacksonville. Your love and care for these precious babies is a blessing to their families and friends. Many thanks from your Highlands Mission Committee – for more information contact Susan Lee at 887-4661

THERE ARE STILL SOME OPEN DATES on the flower calendar for 2018. Please take a moment to look over the chart in the dining hall and see if you would like to provide flowers for the communion table for any of the remaining dates. Thanks!

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES: ACS needs the following items: toothpaste, powdered milk, canned milk, canned pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat, canned tomatoes, canned potatoes, peanut butter, jelly- HUPC's specialty, and toilet tissue. Five jars of jelly were collected this week. Every grocery order going out of ACS has a jar of HUPC jelly. **Don't forget your jelly next Sunday!**

UPDATE FROM YOUR MISSION COMMITTEE. We need 15 more 16 X 26-inch hand towels, and especially fingernail clippers with out files or tweezers in order to have another "batch" of kits ready to go. Thanks for your help!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED LOVE AND SUPPORT FOR THE CHILDREN OF HAITI. Please make sure your payments are marked **"HAITI CHILDREN"** to ensure the money goes into the right account.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND TODAY'S SERVICE –

SPECIAL AND ONGOING PRAYERS: PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

IN THE HOSPITAL THIS WEEK: Marilyn Reed has come home after a 10 days stay at Baptist Beaches.

OUR FRIENDS IN CARE FACILITIES: *At Brookdale Southside:* (9601 Southbrook Dr., Jax, FL 32256); *Hank Green (N-122); At Clare Bridge:* Louise Keen; *At the Atrium (9960 Atrium Way, 32225):* Boyd and Doreen Harris (#528) , Doris Ruby (#219), *Others:* Fay Sweeney (# E10 A) at Cypress Village, 4600 Middleton Park Circle East , Jacksonville, FL 32224).

AT HOME: Kit Fink, Don Hall, Jo and Hoagy Carmichael, Nancy Hoot, Kinzey Reeves, Patty Strader, Marilyn Reed, JoAn Ewing, Bruce and Annette Marley, Gwen Brown, Barbara Ash and Carolyn Starkweather.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Debbie Douget's dad, Don Seay, Justin Marley (Bruce and Annette's grandson), Kenneth Moon (Barbara's son), Lenwood Lee (Dr. Dave's father), Ashley Parsons (DCE at Orange Park PC), Ed Mallard.

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PRAYER BEARS: Prayer Bears and Caring Critters are available in the Fellowship Hall after each service.

MEMBER CARE: Bev Connell is our **Prayer Ministry Coordinator**. Bev's number is **(904) 868-9659**. Her email address is bevconn2016@gmail.com. Please contact Bev with your prayer request. As always, prayer requests can be made as well by calling the church office, completing the gray slips in the church pews, using the church website (hupcjax.org under "Contact Us") or by notifying your Shepherd.

FAMILIES WE ARE PRAYING FOR THIS WEEK: The Doug McCullough Family, Wally and Nancy McCoullough and Albertine McDaniel.

OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS MORNING ARE: Greeters: Vic and Betty Stewart. Children's Church Leader: David Bauerlein.

THE FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE are given to the glory of God by Tom and Debbie Douget.