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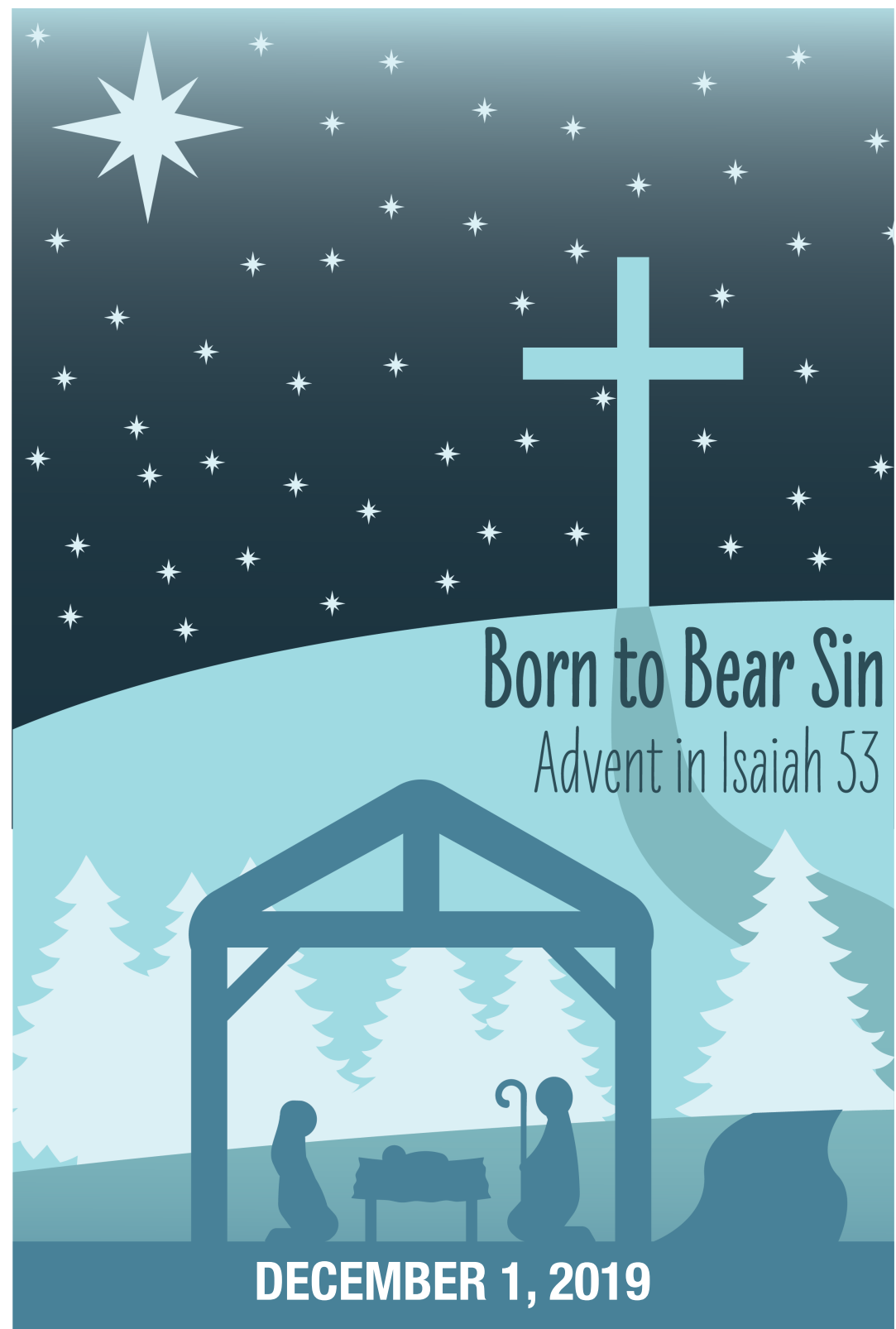
Highland Lakes

Family Focused Dinner
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2nd Sunday • 3pm
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welcome

our purpose

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our purpose is to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. Our ministry vision is to love God with all that we are, and love others as much as we love ourselves.

As you worship with us today, you'll notice how often we reference the gospel of Jesus Christ. We don't have it all figured out, but we know that God saves sinners through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Please join us as we exalt God by singing about his greatness and as we seek to know more about him from the Bible.

the gospel

You will hear us talk about the gospel a lot. Actually it is the center of everything we do here at Highlands.

1. **God** - the only all-knowing, all-powerful King and Creator of all things. He created us to enjoy and glorify him forever. [Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:18-32]
2. **Sin** - Yet, we rejected God, and established ourselves as gods of our lives, separating ourselves from Him, and becoming objects of His wrath. In so doing we also unleashed sin, sickness, death and evil. [Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:12-14]
3. **Christ** - In God's unparalleled mercy and grace, He already had a plan to reconcile us to Himself. The entire Old Testament points to the coming of the Messiah - revealed in the New Testament as Jesus Christ. [John 1; Ephesians 2:4-7; Romans 3:21-26]
4. **Response** - None of this is effective for us unless we respond in two ways: repent/turn from our self control and sin [Mark 1:15], and believe in the gospel [John 3:16-18]. We are then given new life in Christ, forgiven, justified, adopted into God's family, and we persevere in the faith. [1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 24:13; Ephesians 4:1]

kingdom kids

We encourage you to worship as a family, however we provide nursery care [infants - 2.5 yrs] if desired. Kids will be dismissed downstairs before the sermon. Please see one of our security team at the check-in desk by the coffee table for more info.

Explorers	Newborn - 2.5 yrs
Discoverers	2.5 yrs - 3 yrs
Adventurers	Pre-K [4yrs] and Kindergarten
Navigators	Grades 1-5

We are always looking for help in Kingdom Kids. See Alyssa Myhren today to find out how you can help!

calendar

- Men's Bible Study - Wednesdays 6:30am at Sussex Sit n Chat Diner
- Mom's Meet Up - Wednesday, December 4th, 10am-1pm at Wilsons. See Taylor for more info.
- Corporate Prayer - moved to NEXT SUNDAY, December 8th, 6pm
- Ladies Christmas Brunch - Saturday, December 14th
- Christmas Eve Services - 4:00pm and 5:30pm
- Member Meeting - Sunday, January 27th, 2020 - 5pm

finances

General Offering - Oct '19	\$20,824.14
Designated Gifts - Oct '19	\$213.50
YTD General Offering thru Oct '19	\$213,679.35
YTD Budget	\$226,164.84

worship guide

December 1, 2019

Our passage today is from Isaiah 53:1-3. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, the Lord's Table, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

[Romans 10:14–17 ESV]

PRAY/CONSIDER/DISCUSS

- Think about the prophecies of the Messiah who would come to redeem His own. How does that encourage you in your faith today?
- Consider the faithfulness of God, despite our unfaithfulness and Israel's. Where do you need to be more faithful in your life?
- Read Romans 10:14-17 - who can you share the good news of Christ with? How should you react to being rejected?
- Where have you been sinned against and didn't react well? What is our motivation and example? [see 1 Peter 2:22-23]
- What should our redemption foster in our hearts and lives?

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All Creatures of Our God and King | Because He Lives | O Fount of Love | God With Us | Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

sermon notes

December 1, 2019

ISAIAH 53:1-3

The Humble Messiah

1. Can You Believe This? [53:1; John 12:36-38; Romans 10:14-17]

God offers redemption in the Messiah.

2. The Suffering and Rejected Servant [53:2-3; 11:1; Galatians 4:4; John 1:11]

Jesus responded to rejection with humility.

Big Idea: The humble Servant came to offer redemption to the humble.