

We are a multiracial, pro-LGBTQ, economically diverse, member-led Atlanta church devoted to radical inclusivity, thoughtful spirituality, and caring community.

Recognizing that we are all “one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28) we affirm our equality in the family of God and in this congregation regardless of social status, education, race, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, mental ability, physical ability, position, or any other distinction. You can learn more about us at www.churchatponceandhighland.org.

We are an independent, member-led community that relies on offerings.



Our finance committee manages a lean budget that is 100% transparent and approved by church members annually.

Offerings may be made via the QR code to the left, at churchatponceandhighland.org, in the offertory boxes in the sanctuary, or **(new!)** via card in-person at the donation terminal. Please consider a recurring monthly gift!

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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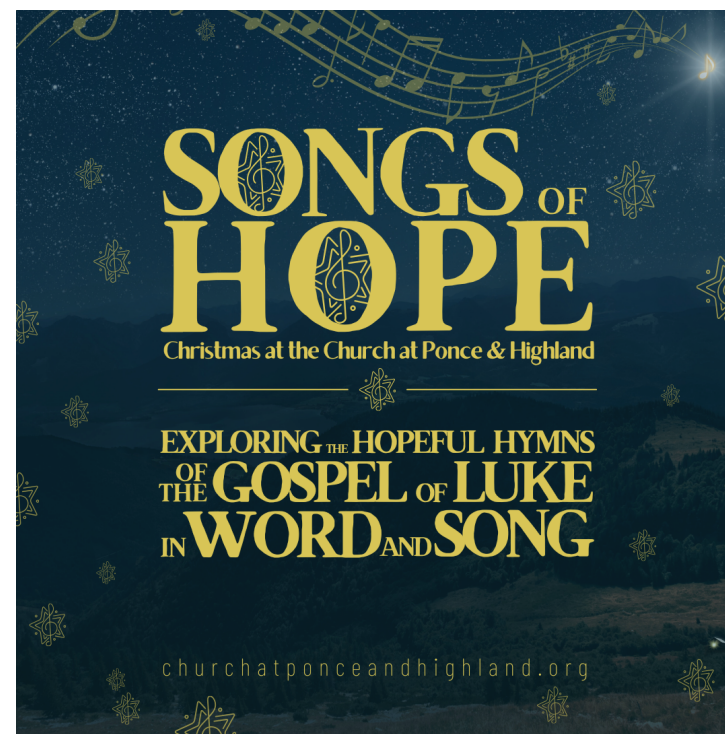
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Order of Worship

December 22, 2024



Advent 4: Love

The Church at Ponce & Highland

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404-874-5721

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Prelude Leisa Smith

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Peace The Scott Family

*Opening Hymn, Number 89 All
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Call to Worship Colin Holtz

One: Listen -- all creation rejoices, can you hear it?

Many: **The music of love and compassion flows from Life itself.**

One: Listen -- the wilderness and desert break out in song, can you hear it?

Many: **It's been so long since we've heard a melody of praise.**

One: Listen -- the crocus blooms with joyful singing, the very mountains join in the refrain. Can you hear it?

Many: **We join our voices in hope, worshipping our God who brings forth a new song in the world.**

All: *Amen.*

Chiming of the Hour

A moment to breathe and reset

*Hymn of Peace, Insert 105 All
"People, Look East"

Children's Time Colleen DeGraff Holtz

God loves your kids' wiggles and squeals. Children are welcome to stay in the sanctuary or join Sunday school at this time.

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-19

*Hymn of Affirmation, Number 101 All
"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer (*printed on back*) Colin Holtz

Music for Meditation Sam Rascle
"The Song of Simeon" arr. Stephan Casurella

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:25-35

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Mimi Walker

*Hymn of Response, Number 78 All
"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Announcements Colin Holtz

Offertory Prayer Lora Hawk

*Doxology (*printed on back*) All

*Benediction Mimi Walker

**Postlude Leisa Smith