



# HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**OCTOBER 20, 2024 • TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 20, 2024

11:00 a.m.

As we light candles  
on the Retable,  
place the Bible at  
the Lectern, pour  
water in the Baptis-  
mal Font, and set  
the Communion  
Table, we are re-  
minded of the light  
of Christ, present  
in Word and  
Sacrament.

## THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

### A WORD OF WELCOME

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** *From Generation to Generation* Dave Campbell

**PRELUDE** *Canon in B-flat Major* Alexandre Guilmant

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**One:** We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart;  
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**All:** We will be glad and exult in you;  
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

### PRAYER OF PRAISE

**\*HYMN 331** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* NATIONAL HYMN

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Psalm of Praise* Jason W. Krug  
Handbell Choir

(\*) When this  
symbol precedes an  
element of the  
service, you are  
invited to rise  
in body or spirit.

## THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God,  
for the times we have followed the path of the wicked,  
stood in solidarity with those who were wrong,  
or sat quietly and allowed sin to happen, forgive us.  
Give us the vision and courage to embrace  
the new life you offer us in Christ, that we may share  
in your redeeming work in this world that you so dearly love.

*The prayer continues in a time of silent confession.*

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

**\*GLORIA PATRI** GTG 581

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.

GTG = *Glory to God*  
hymnal

\*A TIME OF SHARING GOD'S PEACE

\*RESPONSE 301

*All Are Welcome*

TWO OAKS

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

God's grace and forgiveness call for a response! We respond to this good news with song, and with words and gestures of welcome and peace.

## THE WORD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Claire Elaine Eberle  
Cora Katherine Eberle

PRESENTATION

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

GTG p.35

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of Heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed is one of the oldest creeds of the Church. Begun in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century, it achieved its final form by the 8<sup>th</sup> Century.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

## WELCOME

One: Claire and Cora have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made them members of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: **With joy and thanksgiving  
we welcome you into Christ's church  
to share with us in his ministry,  
for we are all one in Christ.**

\*Hymn 484      *Out of Deep, Unordered Water*      RUSTINGTON  
**Water on the human forehead, birthmark of the love of God,  
Is the sign of death and rising; through the seas there runs a road.  
There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver: There is water in the font.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON    Deuteronomy 26:1-11      Page 180  
One: The Word of the Lord.      All: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON    Hebrews 11:29-12:2      Page 226  
One: The Word of the Lord.      All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON      *The Church in the River of Time:*      Randy Harris  
What Should the Church Do with Its Past?

## THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

\*HYMN 52      *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land*      GO DOWN MOSES

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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.**

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD

As those who have been claimed and set free by God's grace in Christ, we respond with gratitude, offering our lives, our spiritual gifts, and our material goods.

✠ *The Book of  
Common Worship,  
PCUSA*

ANTHEM

*What God Ordains Is Always Good*

Chris Gilliam

Hannah Murrow, Choral Scholar soloist, Chancel Choir

What God ordains is always good; his will is just and holy.  
I will be still whate'er he does, and follow where he leads me.  
My God indeed in ev'ry need knows well how he will shield me.  
To him, then, I will yield me, to him then I will yield me.

What God ordains is always good; he is my Friend and Father,  
He suffers naught to do me harm though many storms may gather.  
Now I may know both joy and woe; someday I shall see clearly  
That he has loved me dearly, that he has loved me dearly.

What God ordains is always good; he never will deceive me.  
He leads me in his righteous way, and never will he leave me.  
I take, content, what he has sent; his hand that sends me sadness  
Will turn my tears to gladness, will turn my tears to gladness.

What God ordains is always good; this truth remains unshaken.  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken.  
I fear no harm, for with his arm he shall embrace and shield me;  
So to my God, to God I yield me; so to my God I yield me.

\*DOXOLOGY

GTG 609

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**  
**Praise God, all creatures high and low.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Praise God, in Jesus fully known:**  
**Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

\* HYMN 619

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Fanfare*

William Mathias

Christian worship and service does not end at the conclusion of the Service for the Lord's Day; we go forth to love and serve the Lord in daily living. In so doing, we seek to fulfill our chief end: to glorify and enjoy God forever.

## WELCOME TO HIGHLAND

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**We extend a warm welcome** to all who come to this sanctuary today. May you find in this place and among the people gathered here grace and peace from the living Christ who has promised to be present with us.

To learn more about Highland, scan the QR code with your phone.



**If you are visiting with us today**, please include your contact information on the Visitor Card that you can find in the pew rack. You may place the card in the offering plate when it is passed. If you are a college or graduate school student, add your school name to the card as well.

**Large-print Bibles**, bulletins, and hearing aids are available. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

**A Loop Assisted Hearing System** is in place in Highland's Sanctuary. You can access this service by switching your hearing aid's T-coil to "On" and adjusting the volume control if needed; you may also request a headset from an usher.

**Childcare is available** during the worship service. Children up to age five are welcome in Room 112 located on the first floor near the Chapel. All volunteers are vaccinated and will be masked. **During worship** we also offer a room for Children & Parents, Room 216, which is a friendly space near the Sanctuary where parents can tend to the needs of their child and still share in the livestreamed service.

**We offer online ways to give** in addition to our traditional giving in the offering plate. To give via smart phone, you may text the word *highland* to 73256 or scan the QR code. We are thankful for your generous sharing!



**We are a Matthew 25 Congregation** of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to engage actively in the world around us, helping our faith come alive. As a Matthew 25 congregation we pledge to work on *building congregational vitality*, *dismantling structural racism*, and *eradicating systemic poverty*. Learn more at [pcusa.org/matthew25](http://pcusa.org/matthew25).

**The banners in the Chancel** are part of our celebration of Highland's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Our Arts in Worship Team will continue to enhance them through the Fall.

## WORSHIP NOTES

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**Today's bulletin cover** image is a Sankofa bird, a symbol from the Akan people of West Africa. The bird is moving forward, but looking backward with an egg in its mouth, symbolizing that movement into the future is helped significantly by remembering the past from which we have come.

**Our guest organist** today is Edwin Walker.

***Bless You!***—Our prayers for one another. FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20, please pray for Anna Hux; Sam and Susan Kirkman; Debbie Layman, Glenn Otterbacher, Aspen and Christopher Layman; Susan and Murray Linker; David Neely; Anna West and Cameron Messick; John Woodmansee. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

## CALENDAR

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### Sunday October 20

9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages

11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch, Fellowship Hall

2:00 p.m. CROP Walk, Corpening Plaza

5:00 p.m. Pop Art ArtRageous Costume Making, Ardmore Room

### Monday October 21

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor

5:30 p.m. Long Range Planning Committee

### Tuesday October 22

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Camel City Coffee

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Salem Room

1:30 p.m. Moore Food Pantry, Curbside

### Wednesday October 23

11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

### Thursday October 24

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Ardmore Room

4:00 p.m. Membership Committee, Ardmore Room

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

7:30 p.m. Young Adults, West Salem Public House

For more information about the events in this calendar, please pick up a copy of *Highlights*, the church newsletter, in the Narthex or Gallery Hall.  
Check [www.highlandpres.org](http://www.highlandpres.org), for changes or cancellations.

# LIFE AT HIGHLAND

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## Churchwide

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### 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt Project

#### Leaf Signing Opportunity after Worship

Highland members of all ages are encouraged to sign a fabric leaf that will become part of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary quilt.

#### Fellowship Meal, Today

#### Following Worship, Fellowship Hall

#### Contemplative Worship, October 27

All are invited for a 5:00 p.m. reflective time of worship in the Chapel next Sunday.



## Service

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### CROP Walk, Today, 2:00 p.m.

Meet at Corpening Plaza for our community CROP Walk, which raises funds to support hungry neighbors near and far. This year, 75% of the funds raised will be used in Western North Carolina to help those affected by Hurricane Helene. Bring cold-weather gear to donate!



## Adults

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### Church School Offerings

#### Sunday Mornings, 9:30 a.m.

*Embracing the Divine Flow*, Room 127

*Big Questions of Faith & Life*, Ardmore Room

*The Present Word*, Room 124

*The Lectionary Café*, Salem Room

*Parents' Conversation*, Room 126

#### Pop Art ArtRageous, Today, 5:00 p.m.

If you would like to help with creating new

costumes for our children, join us this evening in the Ardmore Room to share ideas, look at patterns, pick one and go.

### Coffee & Conversation

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Camel City Coffee, 110 Oakwood Dr.

Join us for drop-in conversation with friends and Highland staff. All are welcome!

## ☺ Youth

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**Youth Fellowship**, Join us and many Highlanders and friends for the **CROP Walk, 2:00 p.m.** We will gather at Corpening Plaza and walk together.



## Children

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### Sunday Mornings, 9:30 a.m.

Children ages 2 through 4th grade are invited to *God's Good Neighborhood*, the third floor of our Education Building, for exciting new faith formation experiences and choir.

### Fourth Friday Night Fun

October 25, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Bring your children and their friends for this fun evening together playing games and so much more while their parents enjoy time away to run errands, grab dinner, or hang out offsite and get to know other parents.

Scan this QR code for more information in our current *Highlights* newsletter.

