



HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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*

Elaine Minton, Emma Link, Summer Riley

PRELUDE

Choral

Joseph Jongen

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: who made heaven and earth.

One: O praise the Lord with me!

All: Let us exalt God's name together!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN 361

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

(*) 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

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,

and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:

Cleanse us from all our offenses,

and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,

that with reverent and humble hearts

we may draw near to you,

confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,

and finding in you our refuge and strength;

through Jesus Christ your Son we pray.

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

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 8:18-30

Page 158

One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Page 736

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 Future?

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*HYMN 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith* (PCUSA)

The people of God have often misused God's promises
as excuses for doing nothing about present evils.
But in Christ the new world has already broken in
and the old can no longer be tolerated.
We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.
But hope plunges us into the struggle
for victories over evil that are possible now

While not part of our *Book of Confessions*, *A Declaration of Faith* is widely used in worship and educational ministries of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

“Jesus is Lord!” is the most central confession of the Church, an affirmation that has given the church hope and courage for its ministry through the ages.

Gratitude for the gifts of God’s grace, mercy, and love is at the heart of the Christian faith—a central affirmation of the Protestant Reformation. Such gratitude is the primary motivation for our giving, which is done in a spirit of joy and generosity!

in the world, the church, and our individual lives.
Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.
Jesus is Lord!
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Diana Smyrl

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

ANTHEM *Like A River Glorious* Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir

Like a river glorious is God’s perfect peace,
Over all victorious, in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day,
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

*Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.*

Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.

***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 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

The hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* was composed by Martin Luther, a leader of the Protestant Reformation in the 16th Century.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: May the God of hope be with us as we go forth,

**All: filling us with wisdom and courage
for the living of these days.**

One: And may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us as we go.

All: Amen!

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in B Minor

Eugene Gigout

WELCOME TO HIGHLAND

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.

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's bulletin cover includes images of the banners that correspond to the creeds and confessions in the *Book of Confessions*, Part I of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The documents date from the 2nd Century to the 20th Century, bearing witness to the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church through the ages. Many of the documents date to the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 16th-17th Centuries.

Bless You!—Our prayers for one another. FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27, please pray for Lora and Todd Buchwalter; Ross Broadway and Zac Campbell; Ken and Kay Chalk; Bob Eberle and Marty Lambeth; Molly Henning; Emma Link; Jean Loftis; Olivier Sevin; Courtney Stevens, David and Austin Montoya; John Thomas. *The Lord bless you and keep you.* (Numbers 6:24)

CALENDAR

Sunday October 27

- 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Officer Preparation, Ardmore Room
- 3:45 p.m. Earth Care Team, Salem Room
- 4:00 p.m. Dolorosa Gathering, Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, Chapel

Monday October 28

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Poverty Book Group, Salem Room

Tuesday October 29

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Camel City Coffee
- 5:30 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal, Room 101

Wednesday October 30

- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
- 5:30 p.m. Highland Ukuleles, Room 127
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

Thursday October 31

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

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, for changes or cancellations.

LIFE AT HIGHLAND



Churchwide

Contemplative Worship, Today, October 27

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

Fling Fellowship Meal, November 6

We hope many of you will sign up for our Wednesday Night Fling Meal featuring a Taco Bar! Watch your emails for sign up information.

75th Anniversary Meal, November 17

We hope each of you will join us as we celebrate Highland's 75th Anniversary with a special catered fellowship meal, catered by Milner's. **Reservations will close on November 12**, so please reserve your meal choice(s) ASAP.



Service

Pillow Collection for GreeNest

Help us reach our goal of 75 new standard size pillows by next Sunday.

Backpack Packing & Fall Clean-up Day,

November 2, 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Join us as we pack 75 cases of food for the Forsyth Backpack Program to share with Ashley Elementary. We will also have **our annual clean-up day** with tasks for all skill levels and ages.

To sign up for meals, service work, and more, scan this QR code.



Children

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.



Youth

Family Sabbath Pick up your resource to practice rest together. This month we considering practices that help relax our anxiousness when at rest.



Adults

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

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!

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

