



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* John Loftis

PRELUDE *O! Paradise* Malcolm Williamson

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might be to our God forever and ever.

All: Amen!

One: O taste and see that the Lord is good;

All: happy are those who take refuge in God.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

***HYMN 1** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* NICAEA

ANTHEM *I Love You, Lord* Laurie Klein

Children's Choir

See Hymn #627 for the text of this anthem

(*) 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 every age
you have raised up women and men to live and die in faith.
Forgive our indifference to your will.
You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent.
You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Guide us through the witness of faithful followers of Christ
so that, living with courage and love,
we may inherit the kingdom promised in Jesus Christ,
and reign with him forever.

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Page 508

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 7:9-17

Page 249

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

SERMON

The Church in the River of Time:

Randy Harris

The Church in the Present Moment, Surrounded by Saints

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

LITANY OF SAINTS

See Bulletin Insert

OUR GIFTS TO GOD (*INCLUDING 5 CENTS A MEAL*)

ANTHEM

When I Get to Heaven I Will Sing

James Clemmens

Chancel Choir

Oh, when I get to heaven I will sing! Oh, when I get to heaven and see the glory there, Oh, when I get to heaven I will sing!

In the New Testament, the word "saint" is used to describe members of the Church. Its meaning is rooted in the word "holy," so saints are those who are being made holy by God—which is all of us!

Oh, when I meet my Savior I will sing! Oh, when I meet my Savior
and see my heavenly home, Oh, when I get to heaven I will sing!

I will sing hallelujah!

I will raise the golden trumpet when I'm there. I will raise the golden
trumpet to praise the Lord on high, I will raise the golden trumpet
when I'm there.

I will join the heavenly chorus when I'm there. I will join the heavenly
chorus and glorify my Lord, I will join the heavenly chorus when I'm there.

Oh, when I get to heaven, I'll be free. Oh, when I get to heaven, there will
be no suffering there. Oh, when I get to heaven I'll be free. *Refrain*

***DOXOLOGY**

GTG 606

**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. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

***HYMN 730**

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues ...

Holy, Holy, Holy (*sung by all*) Hymn 552

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues ...

In the Reformed tradition, we understand that the Church is lifted into Christ's presence during the Lord's Supper. Christ's presence is real, even though it is a spiritual presence. Our meal also anticipates the heavenly banquet we will share with all the saints when God's reconciling work is finished at last.

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*The congregation is invited to come
forward to receive communion. Gluten- and nut-free bread
is available at the station to the
right of the Lectern.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

* HYMN 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Sonata III

Felix Mendelssohn

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

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.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's bulletin cover is *Communion of Saints*, by Ira Thomas.

***Bless You!*—Our prayers for one another.** FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3, please pray for Carolyn and Michael Birk; Emily Bowers; Michael Eberle; Pam and Fred Kahl; Judy Noll; Doug Turner. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

CALENDAR

Sunday November 3

- 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Worship Committee, Parlor
- 1:15 p.m. Walking Tour with City with Dwellings

Monday November 4

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. Circle Meeting, Ardmore Room
- 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee, Salem Room
- 7:00 p.m. *Parenting the Teen Years* Book Group

Tuesday November 5

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Camel City Coffee
- 10:00 a.m. Circle Meeting, Ardmore Room
- 5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee
- 5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Room 101
- 6:30p.m. Children's Ministry Committee

Wednesday November 6

- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
- 5:15 p.m. Highland Ukuleles, Room 126
- 6:00 p.m. Fling Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

Thursday November 7

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Ardmore Room
- 6:00 p.m. Congregational Care Committee, Salem Room
- 7:00 p.m. Global Service Committee, Salem Room
- 7:30 p.m. Young Adults, Little Richards

Friday November 8–November 9

Middle School Youth Retreat

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

Fling Fellowship Meal, November 6

We hope many of you will sign up for our Wednesday Night Fling Meal featuring a Taco Bar! Sign up today with the QR code below.

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.

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



Service

Gingerbread House for Ashley Elementary

Help us reach our goal of 50 gingerbread houses (2.2 pounds, E-Z Build). Sign up to donate with the QR code above.



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

City with Dwellings: Walk with Us Meet 1:15 p.m. at 502 North Broad Street with pickup at 3:00 p.m. Wear walking shoes as we hear from and walk the sites of our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

Parenting the Teen Years Monthly Zoom group meets at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 4. Reach out to Courtney for the link.



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.

