



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.

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

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A WORD OF WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION *From Generation to Generation* Joyce Griner

PRELUDE *Jesus Still Lead On* Margaret Sandresky

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 612**

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We know your commandments, O God,
against murder and stealing and bearing false witness and more.
But knowing is not enough.

Too often we fail to follow you, or love you,
with all our hearts, our minds, our strength.

We refrain from giving our whole selves to you.

Forgive our lukewarm commitment
and our desire to focus on material things
instead of on your will for us.

We ask this in the name of our Teacher, Jesus Christ,
who gave his whole life for the sake of the gospel.

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 90:12-17

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 10:17-31

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

SERMON

When Our Stuff Gets the Best of Us

Randy Harris

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith*, PCUSA

Jesus put God's claim on his life above all else.
He joined others in God's worship and praise.
He drew strength from the Scriptures.
He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
personal lives that are centered in God
and open to God's reality and rule.

Christ teaches us to put obedience to God
above the interests of self, family, race or nation;
to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.
Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements
in serving and helping our neighbor,
to treat our neighbor's needs as our own,
to care passionately for the other's good,
to share what we have.

It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity,
avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival.
Life in God's presence issues in life for others,
for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see,
we cannot love God whom we do not see. Amen.

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

ANTHEM

O Love
Chancel Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

*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!

The word “doxology” means “words of glory.” And so the Doxology is an expression of praise and thanksgiving for the glory of God.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

* HYMN 697

Take My Life

HENDON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: Let us go out into the world in peace:
have courage; hold on to what is good;
and return no one evil for evil.

**All: May we help the suffering; honor all people;
love and serve the Lord,
while rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

One: May the blessing of the Triune God of grace
be upon us, and remain with us forever.

All: Amen.

Christian worship and service does not end at the conclusion of the Service for the Lord's Day. The mission of the church remains the same in this and every season: we go forth to love and serve the Lord, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

*POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Bless You!—Our prayers for one another. FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10, please pray for Josh, Liz and Parker Bragg; Mike and Sally Brown; Shelly and Tyler Cobb; Barbara Kunkle; Sarah Plaisted; Scott Thornton and Loyd Elder; Daniel Weber. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

CALENDAR

Sunday November 10

- 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Officer Preparation Class, Ardmore Room
- 3:00 p.m. Solace Gathering, Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. LGBTQ Film Discussion, Ardmore Room

Monday November 11

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 5:45 p.m. Stewardship Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Faith & Film, The Sherwood

Tuesday November 12

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Camel City Coffee
- 1:30 p.m. Moore Food Pantry, Curbside
- 5:30 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal, Room 101
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Ardmore Room

Wednesday November 13

- 10:30 a.m. Salemtowne Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
- 5:30 p.m. Highland Ukuleles, Room 127
- 6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

Thursday November 14

- 11:30 a.m. Caring Friends
- 7:30 p.m. Young Adults, Home of Liz and Josh Bragg

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

**Solace Gathering, Today, 3:00 p.m.,
Sanctuary**

A time for personal reflection and gathering our hearts together in comfort and prayer.

LGBTQ Film Discussion, Today, 4:00 p.m.

We will gather in the Activity Building to watch together the film *Will & Harper* and will follow with conversation.

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 and are almost full.** If you plan to attend, please reserve your spot and meal choice 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

Youth Lunch at Moe's

Meet at the restaurant for lunch, 12:30 p.m. through 1:30 p.m.

Senior High Youth Retreat departs for a weekend at Lake Norman this Friday through Sunday morning.



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!

Young Adult Service Event, November 14

Pack ready-to-eat bags for the Shalom Project at the home of Liz and Josh Bragg.

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

