



HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 2, 2025 • FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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FEBRUARY 2, 2025

11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A WORD OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

In God Is Joy

Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is love.

All: Those who abide in love abide in God,

One: and God abides in them.

All: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, we admit to you and to each other
that we have not always lived lives of love.

We have lost patience and been rude.

We have been irritable and insisted on our own way.

We have even let love end.

Forgive us and heal us, dear God,

through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate.

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.

As we light candles
on the Retable,
place the Bible at
the Lectern, pour
water in the
Baptismal Font,
and set the
Communion Table,
we are reminded of
the presence of
Christ in Word
and Sacrament.

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

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.

THE WORD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Hosea 11:1-9

Page 842

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Page 175

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SERMON

The Impossible Possibility of Love

Randy Harris

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed*

GTG, p. 34

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

The Nicene Creed, dated to the 4th Century C.E., is the most universally affirmed creed in the Church.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY

On Eagle's Wings

arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life
say to the Lord my refuge, my rock in whom I trust.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you
no fear: under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by, flies by
day; though thousands fly about you, near you it shall not come.

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
on their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

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 COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*HYMN 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

The congregation is
invited to come
forward to receive
communion.

Gluten- and nut-
free bread is availa-
ble at the station to
the right of the
Lectern.

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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 ...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GTG p. 35

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

* HYMN 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*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 for 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. During worship we also offer a room for Children & Parents, Room 216, which is a friendly childcare space near the Sanctuary where parents can tend to the needs of their child.

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.

WORSHIP NOTES

Bless You!—Our prayers for one another. FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2, please pray Jonathan Black and Peter Kinton; Jason Bragg, Kelley Gondring, Audrey and Alice Bragg; Ann Dixon Coppage and Jeff Coppage; Cathy and Craig Richardson and Ben and Sarah Dupont; Jane Suitt; Carol Tash; Jason, Joanna, Bodhi and Luke Whitler. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

CALENDAR

Sunday February 2

- 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
- 2:00 p.m. Winter Walk, Reynolda Gardens

Monday February 3

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

Tuesday February 4

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Panera Bread
- 10:00 a.m. Circle Meeting, Ardmore Room
- 5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee
- 6:00 p.m. Property Committee, Room 127
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Committee

Wednesday February 5

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

Thursday February 6

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

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

Winter Walk, February 2, 2:00 p.m.

Join your Highland friends for a winter walk this afternoon. We will meet at 2:00 p.m. at Reynolda Gardens for our walk then warm up together at Dough-Joe's. Our future walk will be on March 9.

Souper-Bowl Sunday Offering and Meal, February 9, Highland's Youth are excited for this yearly offering of both monetary donations and canned food items that will support City with Dwellings, Samaritan Ministries, and Moore School Food Pantry. Following worship, our Youth will host a chili and grilled cheese sandwich meal for all. During this time, we will also celebrate Debbie Layman's 20th anniversary at Highland. Please make plans to join us!

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



Service

Moore School Food Pantry, Highland and Temple Emmanuel support Moore Elementary School by providing a food pantry for students and their families. For the month of February, we are asking for donations of pasta.

Meal Preparation for Flourish Program, Flourish, a program of The Shalom Project, provides women in poverty a one-year training focusing on financial self-sufficiency and holistic wellness.

We are looking for meal providers for about 30 women and children for two dates in March. Contact Debbie, dlayman@highlandpres.org, if interested.



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

Join us for Youth Fellowship today, Middle School, 4:00 p.m.; High School at 5:00 p.m.



Adults

Church School Offerings

Sunday Mornings, 9:30 a.m.

The Life and Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
Ardmore Room

The Present Word, Room 124

Parents' Conversation, Room 126

Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

Panera Bread, 2209 Cloverdale Avenue.

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.

