



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

PRELUDE

Prelude Modale

Jean Langlais

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: It is by grace that we are who we are:

All: people who are called by Jesus, yet fearful to follow.

One: It is by God's grace that we can become followers:

All: people who are fearful, yet gifted with courage beyond wonder.

One: It is with God's grace that we become who we might be:

All: people who step out in faith, sharing the good news generously!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN 31

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

MONKLAND

(*) 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

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

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 Isaiah 6:1-8

Page 635

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 5:1-11

Page 62

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

SERMON

The Risk of Discipleship

Randy Harris

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

***HYMN 432**

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from *A Declaration of Faith*, PCUSA

Christ calls us to be disciples.

In forming his people and sending them into the world

Jesus called individuals to be disciples.

They were to share the joy of his companionship,
to understand and obey his teachings,
and to follow him in life and death.

We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.

Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ
is God's undeserved gift to each of us.

A Declaration of Faith is a summary of Christian faith that was written in the 1970s. While it does not have confessional status, it has been commended by the church for use in worship and study.

“Jesus is Lord!” is the most ancient affirmation of faith in the Church.

It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

**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 Caroline Mendenhall

**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

The text for today's anthem is inspired by Micah 6:6-8

ANTHEM

What Does the Lord Require
Chancel Choir

Eric Nelson

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear while crime and cruelty grow?
Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life fulfill God's law so high?
Let Christ endue our will with grace.

*DOXOLOGY

GTG 609

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

**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 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: Life is short, and we do not have too much time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.

All: So let us be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

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

**All: May we strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak,
help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord,
and rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

One: May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God,
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

All: Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Minor

Maurice Duruflé

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.

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's 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 9, please pray for David and Lisa Alley; Mark, Amy, Milo and Luke Archambault; Hank and Betty Barnum; Kim, Jesse, Sierra, Zora and Corinne Fontenot; Dave and Cathy McCall; Natalie Sevin, Anh, Willoughby and Annika Rose Nghiem; Royce, Annette and Henry Thompson; Catherine Upchurch; Jim, Jordan and Theo Xu. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

CALENDAR

Sunday February 9

- 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Souper-Bowl Luncheon & Celebration of Debbie Layman's 20th Anniversary, Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Women's Book Group, Parlor

Monday February 10

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

Tuesday February 11

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Panera Bread
- 1:30 p.m. Moore School Food Pantry, Curbside

Wednesday February 12

- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
- 5:15 p.m. Highland Ukuleles, Room 126
- 6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

Thursday February 13

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Ardmore Room
- 11:30 a.m. Caring Friends

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

Souper-Bowl Sunday Offering and Meal, 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 today, 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 plan 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

Youth are excited to host and prepare our annual Souper-Bowl offering and lunch today.



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 a drop-in conversation with friends and Highland staff. All are welcome!

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

