



HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A WORD OF WELCOME

PRELUDE *Christ, the Only Hope of the World* Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Great is the Lord:

All: exalted among the nations.

One: Mighty is the Lord:

All: ruler of heaven and earth.

One: Holy is the Lord:

All: beyond our understanding.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION

THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and gracious God,

we bow before your unending compassion,

the measure of our falling short.

We have not loved as you command.

We have not spoken truly.

**We have not cared for creation, including ourselves,
according to your will.**

What we intend, we have not pursued;

what we mean to avoid, we embrace.

**Help us to know the mind of Christ,
that in all thoughts, words, and deeds,**

our lives might come to honor you.

The prayer continues in a time of silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

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.

*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.

THE WORD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

ANTHEM

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
Children's Choir

James T. Bartlett

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 34:29-35

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 9:28-43

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

SERMON

Learning to Listen to Jesus

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,

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

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.
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 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* arr. Healey Willan
Chancel Choir

Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light;
Sun of Righteousness, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see;
till thy inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

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 COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*HYMN 500

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST. FLAVIAN

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 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*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 F Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

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.

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 MARCH 2, please pray John and Cissie Anderson; Dave, Katherine, Anna Jane, Wilson and Henry Campbell; Neil, Amanda, Jesse and Mary Kate Gargis; John Halverson and Heidi Hart; Gordon and Annie Jenkins; Bill and Lottie Kay; Jim and Ann Middleton; Bill Oliver; Margot Wharton.
The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)

CALENDAR

Sunday March 2

- 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Winter Forum, Fellowship Hall

Monday March 3

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

Tuesday March 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 March 5

- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
- 5:15 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal, Room 101
- 5:15 p.m. Highland Ukuleles, Room 126
- 6:00 p.m. Fling Meal, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

Thursday March 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 and Footnote Book Swap

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 Forum, Today, 4:00 p.m. *Lessons on Life and Leadership from a Humble Sunday School Teacher*, Hannah King, Assistant Dean of Development at Wake Forest University School of Divinity will discuss her work with and lessons learned from President Jimmy Carter over 13 years regarding living a meaningful life and faithful leadership.

March 5, Fling Meal, please join us at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our meal will be prepared by the Andrus Team and will be a Chipotle-style taco bar with shredded chicken, ground beef, beans, and many traditional taco toppings to choose from.

Ash Wednesday Service, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome for this time of worship, including the imposition of ashes for those who desire.

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 March, we are asking for donations of canned beans.

March Madness Pasta Sauce Drive

Our annual friendly pasta sauce rivalry is just around the corner! We will receive your March Madness donations of pasta sauce between March 16 and April 6. You can vote for your favorite team by putting the sauce in

their box which will be located in the Gallery Hall. Crisis Control will be the winner!



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.

A Hidden Wholeness, Ardmore Room

The Present Word, Room 124

Parents' Coffee & Conversation, Room 126

Our Lenten Book Discussion Groups, *Hard & Holy Work*, will begin gathering on March 9. You can join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Ardmore Room or via Zoom on Monday nights at 7:00. Books will soon be available in the Gallery Hall for \$15.

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.

