



HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A WORD OF WELCOME

PRELUDE *Largo (from Concerto in D Minor)* Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: It is good to praise the Lord,

All: and make music to the Most High.

One: We will proclaim God's love in the morning,

All: and embrace God's faithfulness at night.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

***HYMN 645** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.**

You constantly call us, but we do not listen.

**You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.**

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

**God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
enable us to repent in spirit and in truth,
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness.**

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

The prayer continues in a time of silent confession.

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.

KYRIE

Kyrie Eleison



Musical notation for the Kyrie Eleison. It consists of three staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. The third staff includes a triplet of eighth notes.

During the season of Lent, we omit the singing of the Gloria Patri. The English translation of Kyrie Eleison is *Lord Have Mercy*.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

*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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 13:10-17

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 2:11-25

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

SERMON

Through the Waters:

Randy Harris

Don't Just Do Something, Stand There

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*HYMN 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH adapted from *A Declaration of Faith, PCUSA*

Jesus was what we are.

He grew up in a family and a society

troubled by the common problems of the world.

His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history.

He felt deeply the joy of friendship

and the hurt of being rejected.

Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger,
and was subject to suffering and death.

He was like us in every way except sin.

Jesus was what we should be.

He served God with complete trust and unwavering obedience.

He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love.

In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit,

Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him

from loving God with his whole being

and his neighbor as himself.

We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.

He exposes our failure to live as he lived.

He demonstrates the new humanity

God promises to give us through him. 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

Our Souls to Save

Walter Pelz

Chancel Choir

Lord Jesus, who, our souls to save, Didst rest and slumber in the grave,

Now grant is all in thee to rest, And here to live as seems thee best.

Give us the strength, the dauntless faith which thou hast purchased with

Thy death, and lead us to that glorious place where we shall see the Father's face.

O Lamb of God for sinners slain, we thank thee for that bitter pain, grant

That death for us may be our entrance into life with thee. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

GTG 606

GTG = *Glory to God*
hymnal

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 SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*** HYMN 69**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE (Hymn 70) *What Does the Lord Require of You?

MOON

The response will be sung in canon.

*All low voices will sing part I,
middle voices part II, and high voices part III.*

***POSTLUDE**

Allegro (from Concerto in A Minor) Johann Sebastian Bach

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 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.

We are now an Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)! We pledge in our *worship* and discipleship to celebrate God's grace and glory in creation. Our *education* strives to encourage and support each other in keeping and healing the creation. We seek to manage, maintain, and upgrade our *facilities* to respect and cherish all creation, and our *outreach* will encourage community involvement and public policy to protect and restore the earth.



WORSHIP NOTES

Bless You!—Our prayers for one another. FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 16, please pray Wendy Guerry; Jon, Laurie, Theo and Lewyn McKinney; Steve, Dianne, Owen and Olivia Searce; Sandy Simmons; Maggie Strickland and Sara Herter; Dick and Susie York. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

CALENDAR

Sunday March 16

- 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth, AB 3
- 5:00 p.m. Senior High Youth, AB 4

Monday March 17

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 5:45 p.m. Long Range Planning Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Matthew 25 Group, Salem Room
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Study Group

Tuesday March 18

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Panera Bread
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Christian Education Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Listening to Black Voices Group

Wednesday March 19

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
- 5:30 p.m. Highland Ukuleles, Room 126
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

Thursday March 20

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Ardmore Room
- 5:45 p.m. Community Service Committee, Ardmore Room
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Young Adults, West Salem Public House

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

Fellowship Lunch, Sunday, March 23

Join us after worship for fun fellowship and a tasty meal catered by Yamas Mediterranean Street Food. Reserve your spot today!

Wednesday, April 2, Fling Meal, we hope many of you will join us for a delicious meal prepared by Edna Mae Fisher and Marty Moore. They will be preparing pork tenderloin with an apple-cinnamon compote, fantastic side dishes and a vegetarian Indian lentil and chickpea stew.

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 here! We will receive your March Madness donations of pasta sauce now through April 6. You can vote for your favorite team by putting the sauce in their box 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

Middlers will gather at 4:00 p.m., AB3.

Seniors will gather at 5:00 p.m., AB 4.

Sign Up for summer trips now! Senior High Montreat Youth Conference will be June 8-14, and Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference is July 15-18.



Adults

Church School Offerings

Sunday Mornings, 9:30 a.m.

Hard & Holy Work, Ardmore Room

Lectionary Café, Salem Room

The Present Word, Room 124

Parents' Coffee & Conversation, Room 126

Monday Evenings, 7:00 p.m.

Hard & Holy Work, Zoom Only, Books are 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.

