



LENT

HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A WORD OF WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION *One Great Hour of Sharing* Janny Gauss

PRELUDE *Agnus Dei* Margaret V. Sandresky

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our God is majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor,
and worthy of our highest praise.

All: **Who is like the Lord?**

One: Our God blew back the waters, prepared a path through the sea,
and appeared as a pillar of fire to light the pilgrim way.

All: **Who is like the Lord?**

One: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

All: **Let us sing to the Lord who triumphs gloriously!**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN 297

In Christ Called to Baptize

ST.DENIO

THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we are quick to ask for grace
when we have fallen short,
for patience when we have stubbornly turned away from you.
Why are we slow to show the same mercy to others?
We keep track of wrongs and cling to old hurts,
rather than offering the forgiveness that can lead to freedom.
We strive to be more faithful, Lord; we want to be more loving.
So, we ask once more for forgiveness, patience and grace.
Transform us, we pray. Pour out your mercy upon us,
until it flows forth from us through acts of love.

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

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 14:10-18

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

SECOND LESSON

Exodus 14:19-31

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

SERMON

Through the Waters:
The God Who Makes a Way

Randy Harris

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*HYMN 52

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

GO DOWN MOSES

The Apostles' Creed (2nd-8th C.) was first used as an affirmation at the time of baptism.

The early Christians saw in the waters of baptism a way for the church to remember God's liberating work in the Exodus. One of baptism's symbols is that of passing from bondage in sin to freedom in Christ.

The grace of God calls for a response!

Our giving is offered in a spirit of gratitude for God's blessings.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Derek Hayes

Chancel Choir

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb
of spring. Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

*DOXOLOGY

GTG 606

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.

GTG = Glory to God
hymnal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

* HYMN 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Part I (low voices): What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?

Part II (middle voices): Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

Part III (high voices): To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God.

*The response will be sung in canon.
Low voices will sing their part first;
as they repeat their part, they will be joined by the middle voices;
finally the high voices will join as we sing through a third time.*

*Once all voices have been added,
we will sing through the canon together an additional two times.
The organ will lead.*

*POSTLUDE *Passacaglia in C 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 30, please pray for John and Evan Bain; Annie Cahoon; Linda, Davis and Addison Collins; Henry and Debbie Lafferty; Andy, Laura, Josie and Ellie Rose Scott; Katie and Frank Vasquez; Glenn and Becki West; Hugh and Caroline Wright. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

CALENDAR

Sunday March 30

- 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Advocacy Workshop, AB 4
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Yoga, AB 4
- 5:00 p.m. Senior High Youth, AB 4

Monday March 31

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Study Group

Tuesday April 1

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Camel City Coffee
- 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Circle, Salem Room
- 5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee
- 6:00 p.m. Property Committee, Room 127
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Committee

Wednesday April 2

- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
- 6:00 p.m. Fling Meal, Fellowship Hall

6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

7:00 p.m. The Power of Storytelling, Ardmore Room

Thursday April 3

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

Saturday April 5

- 8:30 a.m. Highland Clean Up Day
- 11:15 a.m. Highland Ukuleles, Room 126

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

Wednesday, April 2, Fling Meal & Program

We hope many of you will join us for a homemade mid-week fellowship meal. At 7:00 p.m. all are invited to share in a discussion, *The Power of Storytelling*, led by Richard Howerton. Reserve your spot today!

Easter Lilies – If you would like to place a lily in the Sanctuary in honor/memory of a loved one for Easter Sunday, please fill out and submit a form before April 6. Forms may be found in Highlights, the Gallery Hallway, or by scanning the QR code below.

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 April, we are asking for donations of canned fruit (not in syrup).

March Madness Pasta Sauce Drive

Our annual friendly pasta sauce rivalry has one more week. You can vote for your favorite team by putting pasta 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

Youth Fellowship will gather at 12:30 p.m. in the Youth Room for an Advocacy Workshop, and at 4:00 p.m. all Youth will gather for Yoga.

Senior Highs gather at 5:00 p.m. to finalize planning for Youth Sunday.

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

Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

Camel City Coffee, 110 Oakwood Drive

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.

