



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 *Nominating Committee* Scott Templeton

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE
(See hymn 450 for text)

Spencer Ayscue; Sienna Lambert; Caroline Mendenhall; Helen Wegner

CALL TO WORSHIP Cate Marler Barksdale

One: Come, all who hunger and thirst,
for the Lord provides abundantly for God's people.

All: We come trusting in the One who meets our every need.

One: When the path is uncertain and fear takes hold,

All: We will trust in the Lord.

One: Just as God fed the Israelites in the wilderness,
God provides for us today.

All: With gratitude, let us worship and praise God who is faithful.

PRAYER OF PRAISE Helen Wegner

*HYMN 3 *Womb of Life and Source of Being* EBENEZER

THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION Jacob Patton

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, it seems we cannot decide:
we struggle to choose between your call to serve others or
our own selfish desire to serve ourselves, and yet, we are not satisfied.
We refuse to keep your commandments and heed your instructions.
You hear our complaining and with grace, embrace us.
You hear our cries of hunger and provide us with food.
You hear our suffering and set us free.
You see us lost and reach out again and again providing a way home to you.
Forgive us, saving God. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of
grace. Instead of being complainers, may we carry compassion
to the hurting. Instead of pouting, may we be partners with Christ,
bringing the kingdom of God here and now.

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

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -
 le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

Helen Wegner

*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 Jacob Patton and Maddie Grace Wagoner

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sam Michel

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:2-12

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Sienna Lambert

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

SECOND LESSON

Exodus 16:13-30

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

SERMON

Faith: Now More Than Ever

Clara Bryant-Prosterman

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

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

GTG = *Glory to God*
hymnal

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

GTG, p. 34
Sienna Lambert

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.

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*) Cate Marler Barksdale

OFFERTORY

Bless the Lord

written by Myrin and Matt Redman

Spencer Ayscue; Sienna Lambert; Caroline Mendenhall; Helen Wegner

*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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Cate Marler Barksdale

The grace of God
calls for a response!

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

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*HYMN 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

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 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Clara Bryant-Prosterman & Sienna Lambert

*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

O Christ, Surround Me Richard Bruxwoort Colligan

Spencer Ayscue; Sienna Lambert; Caroline Mendenhall; Helen Wegner

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.

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

Today's worship materials were prepared and written by our Highland Senior High Youth. We are thankful for their creativity and leadership in worship this morning.

The bulletin cover was created by Maddie Grace Wagoner in response to our study of the Exodus text for the day and our church school study of the sermon on the mount at Jesus and the last supper with his disciples. Their art connects both Old and New Testament stories God providing bread to nourish God's people.

Our special music is led by youth members Caroline Mendenhall (guitar), vocalists Sienna Lambert and Helen Wegner. Spencer Ayscue accompanies on mandolin.

Bless You!—Our prayers for one another. FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 6, please pray for Spencer and Megan Ayscue; Randy, Carol Ann and Morgan Harris; Pierce and Nancy Johnson; Michael, Leslie and Jeremiah Kamtman; Pat and Jess Kirkman; Andrew, Lori, Charlotte Grace and Amelia Murray; Skip, London, Allen and Banks Pickett; Leslie Sizemore; Johnnie Taylor. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

CALENDAR

Sunday April 6

- 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

Monday April 7

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. Monday Circle, Ardmore Room
- 7:00 p.m. Faith & Film, The Sherwood
- 7:00 p.m. Fellowship & Communications Committee, Salem Room
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Book Group

Tuesday April 8

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Camel City
- 1:30 p.m. Moore Food Pantry, Curbside

- 5:45 p.m. Diaconate Meeting, Ardmore Room
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Ardmore Room

Wednesday April 9

- 10:30 a.m. Salemtowne Bible Study
- 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 April 10

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Ardmore Room
- 11:30 a.m. Caring Friends
- 7:30 p.m. Young Adults, Footnote

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

Spring Stroll, April 13, 2:00 p.m. We hope you will join us at 2:00 p.m. as we plan to stroll the Stuart & Emma Thomas Memorial Trail on the grounds of the Crossnore Children's Home on Reynolda Road.

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.

March Madness Pasta Sauce Drive

Today is the final day for our March Madness donations of pasta sauce. We are grateful for your donations through this season. Crisis Control is the winner!

Hygiene Kit Collection

Beginning on April 13, we will be collecting items for hygiene kits to help replenish the warehouses of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Church World Service. Sign up to donate specific items today by scanning the QR code above.



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

Sexuality Retreat for youth and parents concludes next Sunday, April 13. Register now for a session for your family.

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

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.



Holy Week at Highland

Good Friday Tenebrae Service,

Friday, April 18, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Easter morning, we will share a special potluck breakfast in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:45 a.m. in lieu of Sunday school.

Easter worship service will be at 11:00 a.m. Nursery care will be provided during the service.

All are welcome!