

Christ Is Risen. He Is Risen Indeed!



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11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A WORD OF WELCOME

ENTRANCE OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE

Phoenix Processional

Dan Locklair

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: Sin and death shall reign no more.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: Let this place resound with joy.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

SPECIAL MUSIC *Christians, We Have Met to Worship*
Handbell Choir

Lloyd Larson

THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of everlasting life, despite the news of Easter,
we find it easy to continue in the ways of death.
You have announced your new creation,
but we put our hope in former things.
You have opened the door of the tomb,
but we close our hearts to our neighbors.
Forgive us, O God, and make us people of the resurrection,
a people whose lives proclaims the gift of your new life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The prayer continues in a time of silent confession.

As the congregation gathers, the sanctuary lighting will remain subdued, signifying the time before dawn on that first Easter. The Christ candle, which was carried from the Sanctuary on Good Friday, will be returned symbolizing the dawn of Easter. Please prepare in silence by reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11.

(* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, you are invited to rise in body or spirit.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

* JOYFUL RESPONSE

Festival Alleluia

JAMES CHEPPOIS

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The good news of God's forgiving love calls for our response of praise, and for words of peace and welcome to one another.

* 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.

Our song of "welcome" affirms our belief that the risen Christ breaks down the walls by which we may otherwise be separated.

THE WORD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Luke 24:1-12

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

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

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

SERMON

Because Christ Is Risen...

Randy Harris

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

* HYMN

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

Then praise we God the Father, and praise we Christ his Son,
with them the Holy Spirit, Eternal Three in one;
till all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
And honor, power, and glory ascribe to God alone!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** From *A Declaration of Faith*, PCUSA

**Jesus was dead and buried, but God raised him from the dead.
The risen Lord appeared to his followers.
They recognized him as their Master who had been crucified.
Before Jesus left them, he commissioned them
to proclaim to all people the good news of his victory over death,
and promised to be with them always.**

**We are certain that Jesus lives.
He lives as God with us, touching all of human life
with the presence of God.
He lives as one of us with God.
Because he shares our humanity
and has bound us to himself in love,
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.
We declare that Jesus is Lord.
His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers
that deform and destroy human life.
His lordship is hidden.
The world appears to be dominated by people and systems
that do not acknowledge his rule.
But his lordship is real.
It demands our loyalty and sets us free
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.
We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of 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

**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

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,
through a world that would receive us, where to sin our hearts are lured.
Ever in his footsteps treading, living here, yet home above,
full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Father's bidding,
faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead, I follow thee.

Let us also die with Jesus, by his cross he conquer'd death,
freed us from our souls' destruction, quickened us with life's new breath.
Let us mortify, while living, self and pride, and die to sin,
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to thee, there to dwell eternally.

Let us gladly live with Jesus, he is risen from the dead.
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry, Jesus, thou art now our head.
Living members of the body, where we shall be, thou wilt keep us constantly,
so dear Lord, come quickly, Jesus, here I live to thee, there to dwell eternally.
Let us ever walk with Jesus.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Hymn 245, stanza 4

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

“Jesus is Lord!” is the most ancient expression of faith in the Church, affirming the reign of the risen Christ in every sphere of life.

The joyful news of Easter calls for our generous response! Our giving is offered in a spirit of gratitude for God's blessings.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

All: Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Earth and heav'n in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Choir Only:

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

All: Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: Receive the good news:

All: Christ is risen from the dead.

One: Tell the good news:

All: the power of death shall no more oppress us.

One: Live the good news:

All: we are free to love as Christ has loved us.

One: May God who raised Jesus from the dead bless us

All: and raise us with Christ in glory. Amen!

*POSTLUDE

Toccata (from Symphony V)

Charles M. Widor

Christian worship
and service does
not end at the con-
clusion of the
Service for the
Lord's Day. The
mission of the
church remains the
same not only in
this Easter season,
but in every season:
we go forth to love
and serve our risen
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 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.



EASTER LILIES

*The Sanctuary lilies have been given to the glory of the Risen Christ
and in memory and honor of Highland friends, family and loved ones as follows:*

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Her parents, Ed and Mary Lou Adams, and her siblings, Kathy and Max, by Melanie Adams

Her parents, Evelyn and Edward Civill, by Carolyn Birk

His parents, Gray and Nell Boles, by Bobby Boles

Her mother, Dulcie Bowers and his father, Fred Grant, by Susan and TR Bowers

Their parents, Bill and Ileene Ligon and John and Louise Clemmer, their siblings,

Jean Ligon, Brady, Stanley, and Richard Clemmer, by Phyllis and Rob Clemmer

His grandfather, Rev. William O. Nelson, by Zan and John Davis

Their friend, Craig Woosley, by Lauren and Adam Eberle

His mom, Nancy Gargis, by Neil Gargis

His parents, Bob and Heather Greene, by Rob Greene

His parents, Rev. and Mrs. W.P. Elder, by Loyd Elder

Her mother, Carolyn Johnson, by Joyce and Rich Griner

His brother, Jimmy Hall and his parents, Virginia and Harry Hall, and his stepfather,

Hayne Arthur, by Harry Hall and Mark Queen

His parents, Wilbur and Dorothy Hannah, by Bob Hannah

Her parents, Charles and Georgianna Hoffman, by Myra Hannah

Their niece, Collins Elizabeth Bunn, by Kyle, Kathleen, and Mitchell Hansen

All of her beloved fur babies, by Joy Hohmann

His wife, Carolyn Johnson, by Jon Johnson

Her twin brother and sister-in-law, David and Janet Alexander, by Pierce Johnson

His sisters, Shirley, Janine, and Joyce, by Pierce Johnson

Their friend, Carla Bryant, by Michael, Leslie, and Jeremiah Kamtman

Her grandmother, Myrtle Miller, by Leslie, Michael, and Jeremiah Kamtman

Her parents, Jane and Pat Kelly, by Perrin Kelly

Her father, Thomas Smith, by Dawn Nelson

His mother, Suzanne Otterbacher, by Glenn Otterbacher, Debbie, Aspen, and

Christopher Layman

Their beloved parents, by John and Katie Paterson

Her husband, John Penick, by Jan Penick

His parents, Radine and Earle Queen, his brother, Skip Queen, by Mark Queen and Harry Hall
His parents, Fred and Agnes Thornton, by Scott Thornton
His friends, Dr. Charles and Ginny Gunn, by Kent Reeves
His family, The Reeves, by Kent Reeves
Her mother, (who organized lily orders for her church for 50+ years) Jackie Williams,
by Molly Williams
Her parents, Jean S. and C. Walter Wilmoth, by Sharon Wilmoth
Her mother, Jan Wilson, by Patti Wilson Hull
Their friends, George and Mary Lib Gildersleeve, by Hugh and Caroline Wright

Given to the glory of God and in honor of:

Their friends on Highland's Worship Committee, by Kay and Ken Chalk
Their friend and pastor, Courtney Stevens, Highland's youth advisors and Highland's youth,
by Harry Hall and Mark Queen
Her friend and awesome church treasurer, Miles Abernethy, by Joy Hohmann
Their Highland Family, by John and Katie Paterson
The staff of Highland Presbyterian, by Elaine and Curtis Patterson
His mother, Nancy M. Reavis, by Stephan Reavis
Their friends in Highland's Choir, by Margaret and Ed Sehon
Their Highland Family, by Trudy and Powell Winstead
Their grandchildren, Elizabeth, Cora and Will, Jody, Hugh III, Liza and Cate,
by Hugh and Caroline Wright



Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Loving God and Serving our Neighbors as
a Grateful • Vibrant • Connected • Responsive People
through the *grace* of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the *love* of God, and the *fellowship* of the Holy Spirit

As a *grateful* people of God,
we prayerfully shape our common life
around corporate worship that is
refreshingly traditional,
musically alive,
deeply biblical and
joyfully intergenerational.

As a *vibrant* community of faith,
we are a diverse priesthood of believers
where inquisitive children, lively youth,
and faithfully searching adults
come together as we thoughtfully
consider scripture, tradition,
and what it means to live as God's people
engaging pressing issues of our day.

As a *connected* fellowship of believers,
we reach out enthusiastically with love and care.
Rejoicing in times of celebration,
bearing one another's burdens in times of struggle,
we share in the wondrous workings
of God's grace in our lives.

As a *responsive* household of faith,
we are sent forth to bear witness
to God's reconciling reign
in our community and our world.
Joining with Christ in his work of love,
peace and justice,
we seek to overcome the barriers that divide us,
particularly the challenges of racism and poverty.
Inspired by the Spirit, we share God's good gifts
with generous and energetic commitment.

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WORSHIP NOTES

Our worship banners follow the Gospel readings from the lectionary for the Easter season, guiding us through the moments and days after the tomb is found empty. The Easter lilies boldly proclaim God's love for the world and the promise of new creation. Raised to resurrected life, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples again and again through simple, human acts—breaking bread, sharing a meal of fish, offering the touch of his hands. These stories remind us that we, too, are bearers of the Gospel, revealing Christ's presence through our own everyday acts of grace and love. Artists include members of the Arts and Worship group: Jamie Blankinship, Clara Bryant-Prosterman, Ralph Burroughs, Lola Culler, Wendy Guerry, Elaine Minton, Margo Searls-Begy, Courtney Stevens, and Carol Tash.

***Bless You!*—Our prayers for one another.** FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20, please pray for John and Susan Corey; John and Katie Paterson; Nancy and Phil Payne; Mike, Summer, Connor, Hannah, Andrew and Rachel Riley; Sue and Philippe Sevin; Randy and Debbie Shields; Kevin and Robin Spainhour; Alex and Emily Taylor. *The Lord bless you and keep you.* (Numbers 6:24)

We welcome to worship leadership this morning Ian Rood and David McPhail (trumpets); Amanda Friedman (horn); Jared Gilbert (trombone); Will Gray Beach (tuba); and Ricardo Hinojosa (timpani).

CALENDAR

Sunday April 20

9:30 a.m. Potluck Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary

Monday April 21

Office Closed
7:00 p.m. Matthew 25 Book Group, Salem Room

Tuesday April 22

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Camel City Coffee
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Salem Room

1:30 p.m. Moore Food Pantry, Curbside

Wednesday April 23

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

Thursday April 24

4:00 p.m. Membership Committee, Ardmore Room
7:30 p.m. Young Adults, Little Richard's

Friday April 25–April 27

Highland Men's Retreat, Montreat

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

Potluck Breakfast, all are invited today to enjoy our annual Easter Potluck Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. As a reminder, we will resume church school classes on April 27.

Created in Love, a special four-week Sunday morning education offering begins April 27. Join us as we explore gender, sexuality, and Christian faith through scripture, personal stories, and thoughtful dialogue with Highland ministers and community guests. All are welcome as we listen, learn, and grow together in love and understanding.

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).

Hygiene Kit Collection

We are 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.

Earth Care Sunday, April 27

As a newly designated Earth Care Congregation of the PC(USA), we will celebrate Earth Care Sunday next week. Join us as we lift up the wonder of God's earth!



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 will celebrate the end of the youth year Sunday, April 27. Middlers need to sign-up for an afternoon at the jump park, and senior highs will gather for dinner celebrating our senior graduates at the home of Mark Queen and Harry Hall.

Sign Up for summer trips by May 1! 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.

Beginning April 27

Created in Love, Ardmore Room

Lectionary Café, Salem Room

The Present Word, Room 124

Parents' Coffee & Conversation, Room 126

Coffee & Conversation

Tuesdays, 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.

