



HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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11:00 a.m.

*The pealing bell calls us to worship, reminding us to
quiet our hearts and minds as we prepare
for the worship of the living God.*

The Gathering of the People of God

A Word of Welcome

Moment for Mission *Nominating Committee* John Loftis

Prelude *All Things Bright and Beautiful* James M. Bates

Call to Worship

One: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

One: When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us;

All: our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.

Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 248 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

HYMN TO JOY

The Confession of the People of God

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Living God, despite the news of this Easter season,
we continue to look for the living among the dead.**

**You speak to us through your living Word,
but we refuse to listen.**

**You feed us with the bread of life,
but we hunger for other things.**

Forgive us; give us new life!

**Lead us to repent and to remember
the promise of our baptism:**

the promise of life in you that death cannot destroy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.

The prayer continues in a time of silent confession.

Assurance of God's Love

* All who are able please stand.

GTG = Glory to God

*Response

Festival Alleluia

James Chepponis



*A Time of Sharing God's Peace

The Word for the People of God

A Time for Young Disciples

Reception of New Members

One: My friends, you have been received into membership of this church by vote of its session. Do you promise to be active in your participation, generous in your support, faithful in your worship, and diligent in your search to understand God's purpose in your lives?

New Members: We do.

One: Do you, the members of this congregation, welcome these new friends? Do you promise to support them in their commitment by being active in your participation, generous in your support, faithful in your worship, and diligent in your search to understand God's purpose in your lives?

Congregation: We do.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

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

New Testament Lesson Luke 24:13-35

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Sermon

The Continuous Feast of Easter

Randy Harris

The Response of the People of God

*Affirmation of Faith adapted from *A Declaration of Faith* (PCUSA)

**In the history of God's interaction with us in the world,
God has often made material things channels through which
divine grace is understood and powerfully experienced.
We believe that at the Lord's supper, the community of believers
is renewed by the memory of Christ's life and death,
by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit,
and by the promise of his coming again.
Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread
and in the sharing of the cup,
his life poured out for ours.
We accept his promises and gifts
and depend on his life to sustain ours.
In turn we offer ourselves in thanksgiving
to the risen Lord who has conquered death.
So we celebrate his victory here and now
and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom.
Reunited around one loaf and cup,
we receive strength and courage
to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world. Amen.**

Our Gifts to God

Offertory *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* Johann Sebastian Bach

*Doxology *GTG 606*

*Prayer of Dedication

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

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Sharing the Bread and Cup

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.

Prayer after Communion

**God of grace, you renew us at your table
with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.**

**May this food strengthen us in love,
and help us to serve you in each other.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

The Sending Forth of the People of God

*Hymn 157

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Let the People Respond – Amen!

Dan Locklair

Worship Notes

We welcome to worship leadership Susan Bates, organist.

We welcome into membership today: Caitlin Carr; Leslie Craig; John Gunn and Zan Nelson Davis; Christopher Layman; Jan and Anna Morgan. Please greet them warmly!

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.

Today's bulletin cover was painted by Diane Plaisted.

Calendar

Sunday April 7

9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (nurseries provided), Sanctuary

Monday April 8

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
5:45 p.m. Stewardship Committee
7:00 p.m. Faith & Film, The Sherwood

Tuesday April 9

1:30 p.m. Moore Food Pantry, Curbside
6:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting, AB 4
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Ardmore Room

Wednesday April 10

10:30 a.m. Salemtowne Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Lamentations and Laughter, AB 5
6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Committee
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

Thursday April 11

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study,
Ardmore Room
7:30 p.m. Young Adults, Winston Salem
Public House

For more information about the events in this calendar, please pick up a copy of *Highlights*, the weekly newsletter, in the Narthex or Gallery Hall. Check www.highlandpres.org, for changes or cancellations.

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.

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. All volunteers are vaccinated and will be masked. **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 and still share in the livestreamed service.

Children & Worship is available for kindergartners and first graders. Following the Time for Young Disciples, they are invited to room 307 for a creative and interactive time to learn more about worship.

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.

***Bless You!*— Our prayers for one another. FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 7**, 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 Wright.
The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)