



# 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

Prelude                      *Come, God, Creator, Holy Spirit*                      Johann S. Bach

Call to Worship (from John 15)

One: Jesus said, "This is my commandment: Love one another."

**All: We come to worship the God who is love,  
that we may learn to love one another.**

One: Jesus said, "No longer do I call you servants;  
but now I call you friends."

**All: Let us worship the living God  
whose friends we are in Christ!**

Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 240                      *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*                      ALLELUIA NO. 1

## The Confession of the People of God

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O God of love, you have commanded us to abide in your love.  
We confess our failure to love you, to love our neighbor,  
and even our failure to love ourselves.  
Forgive us. Enable us to see each other,  
and ourselves, as your beloved children.  
Help us abide in, and be nourished by, your abundant love  
so we may bear good fruit in a world that is starving  
for love, justice, and mercy.**

*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  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

\*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

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 98 Page 551  
One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson Acts 10:44–48 Page 130  
One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *The Wide Welcome of God's Love* Randy Harris

### **The Response of the People of God**

\*Affirmation of Faith *The Nicene Creed* GTG p. 34

Our Gifts to God (*Including 5 Cents A Meal*)

Anthem *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Dan Forrest  
Chancel Choir

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

\*Doxology GTG 606

\*Prayer of Dedication

## The Communion of the People of God

Invitation to the Lord's Table

\*Hymn 505      *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*      THE FEAST IS READY

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 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

**Eternal God, you come into our ordinary lives**

**and set a holy table among us,**

**filling our plates with the bread of life**

**and our cups with salvation.**

**Send us out now with tender hearts,**

**that we may bear witness in our ordinary everyday world  
to the promise of your never-ending love. Amen.**

## The Sending Forth of the People of God

\*Hymn 177

*I Will Come to You*

YOU ARE MINE

\*Charge and Benediction

One: May the love of God enfold us.

**All: May the grace of God uphold us.**

One: May the power of God set us free

**All: that we may love and serve all God's people.**

One: Now to God, who by the means of the power working in us  
is able to do so much more than we can ask or even think,  
to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus  
for all times, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen!**

\*Postlude

*Because He Lives*

William J. Gaither

## Worship Notes

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**We welcome to worship leadership** Susan Bates, organist.

**This morning** we will receive our pasta sauce offering for Crisis Control and Five Cents a Meal Offering for our Salem Presbytery hunger relief ministries.

**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.

# Welcome to Highland

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**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](http://pcusa.org/matthew25).

**Bless You!— Our prayers for one another.** **FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 5**, please pray for Tom Arcury and Sara Quandt; Andy, Lindsey, Claire and Anna Hayek; Richard and Janice Howerton; Peter, Kim and Matthew Minford; John Vladyka and Carolyn Sellars; Molly Williams and Carla Romere. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

# Calendar

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## **Sunday May 5**

- 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (nurseries provided), Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Worship Committee, Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. LGBTQ Book Group, Salem Room

## **Monday May 6**

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 12:00 p.m. Circle Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle, Ardmore Room
- 7:00 p.m. Fellowship & Communications Committee, Salem Room

## **Tuesday May 7**

- 10:30 a.m. Morning Circle, Salem Room
- 5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee

- 5:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee, TBA
- 6:00 p.m. Property Committee

## **Wednesday May 8**

- 10:30 a.m. Salemtowne Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations and Laughter, AB 5
- 4:30 p.m. Dessert Drop Off, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

## **Thursday May 9**

- 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](http://www.highlandpres.org), for changes or cancellations.