

HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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APRIL 13, 2025 • PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

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.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

APRIL 13, 2025

11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A WORD OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune in A

David N. Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

One: We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good,

All: **And your steadfast love endures forever!**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

ANTHEM

Hosanna!

Cathy Skogen-Soldner

Youth and Children's Choirs

Hosanna sing Hosanna! Hosanna, Hosanna!

Hosanna sing Hosanna! Hosanna, Hosanna!

Sing Praise to Jesus, who gives us hope.

Hope, hope, hope, hope, hope Hosanna hope.

Hosanna sing Hosanna! Hosanna, Hosanna!

Hosanna sing Hosanna! Hosanna, Hosanna!

Sing Praise to Jesus, who gives us joy.

Joy, joy, joy, joy, joy Hosanna joy.

Hosanna sing Hosanna! Hosanna, Hosanna!

Hosanna sing Hosanna! Hosanna, Hosanna!

Sing Praise to Jesus, who gives us peace.

Peace, peace, peace, peace, peace Hosanna peace.

Hosanna sing Hosanna! Hosanna, Hosanna!

Hosanna sing Hosanna! Hosanna, Hosanna!

Sing Praise to Jesus, who gives us love.

Love, love, love, love, love Hosanna love.

THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

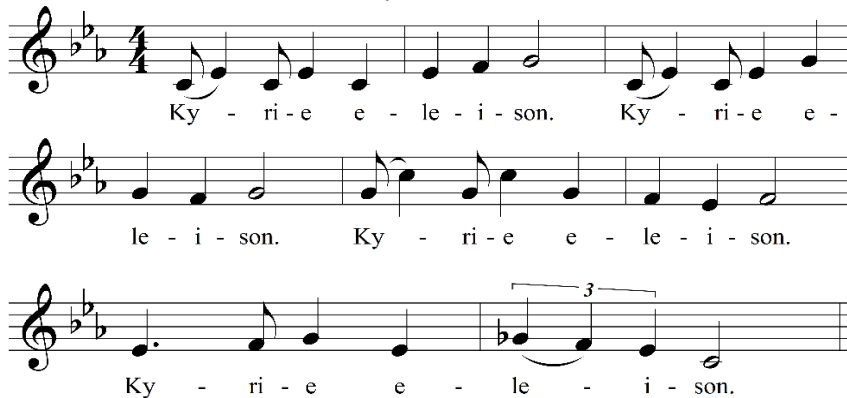
UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of heaven and earth, you have come to us in Jesus Christ.
Even though we profess to follow him,
we confess how easy it is for us to deny him in our times of trial.
For brief faith that fades in trouble,
for enthusiasms that fizzle out,
for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, O God, and give us such trust in your power that,
in every city and in every place,
we may live for your justice and tell of your loving-kindness.
Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world,
but only in the Prince of Peace.
In Jesus' name we pray.

The prayer continues in a time of silent confession.

KYRIE

Kyrie Eleison



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.

Membership in the
Church of Jesus
Christ is a joy and a
privilege. It is also a
commitment to par-
ticipate in Christ's
mission.
A faithful member
bears witness to
God's love and
grace and promises
to be involved re-
sponsibly in the
ministry of Christ's
Church.
-PCUSA *Book of*
Order

GTG = *Glory to God*
hymnal

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

FIRST LESSON	Luke 19:28-40	Page 83
One: The Word of the Lord.	All: Thanks be to God.	
SECOND LESSON	Luke 23:13-25	Page 88
One: The Word of the Lord.	All: Thanks be to God.	
SERMON	<i>Disruptive, Incessant, Tenacious Love</i>	Randy Harris

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*HYMN 209	<i>My Song Is Love Unknown</i>	LOVE UNKNOWN
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	GTG p.35
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Cheryl Walker

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

Hosanna to the King
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

Hosanna to the King of Kings, hosanna to the Lord of Lords,
Hosanna to the Great I Am who reigns forever more.

If you will feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty,
And welcome any stranger, then you may call him Lord.

O brother if you keep silent, o sister if you keep silent,
O brother if you keep silent, the rocks and stones will cry out.

*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

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

* HYMN 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

*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

Litanies

Jehan Alain

God calls for a re-
sponse! Our giving
is offered in a spirit
of gratitude for
God’s blessings.

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 in this and
every season: we go
forth to love and
serve the Lord, and
to love our neigh-
bors 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.



WORSHIP NOTES

Bless You!—Our prayers for one another. FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13, please pray for Beth Barksdale, Laura Clay and Kip Barksdale; John and Shari Dallas; Tony, Margo, Ethan and Anna Kummer; Jim and Lucy Lancaster; Bob and Emelda Lawing; John and Lili Loftis; Mary Pace; Sarah, Alex and Wil Pitcher; Margo Searls-Begy. *The Lord bless you and keep you.* (Numbers 6:24)

We welcome into membership Karen Copeland, John Dimling, Mary Kay Eberle, Greg Hall, Charlie and Sandy Scott, Linda Schroeder, Elizabeth Vance, and Dominic and Elizabeth Veconi. Please welcome them warmly!

Today's bulletin cover was drawn by Fred Price, Jr.

CALENDAR

Sunday April 13

- 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. New Member Reception, Parlor
- 12:15 p.m. Middle School Youth, AB5
- 2:00 p.m. Spring Stroll, Crossnore Children's Home Grounds
- 5:00 p.m. Senior High Youth, AB5

Monday April 14

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 5:45 p.m. Stewardship Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Study Group

Tuesday April 15

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Camel City Coffee
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Christian Education Committee

Wednesday April 16

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
- 6:00 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal, Room 101
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

Thursday April 17

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Ardmore Room
- 6:00 p.m. Community Service Committee, Ardmore Room
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Young Adults, Radar Brewing

Friday April 18

- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary

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

Today, April 13, Spring Stroll

We hope you will join us at 2:00 p.m. as we stroll the Stuart & Emma Thomas Memorial Trail, 1215 Reynolda Road. If you would like to carpool, meet in Highland's parking lot at 1:40 p.m.

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.



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 and families are participating in a **Faith & Sexuality Retreat** today. Please note the calendar for specific times.

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.



Holy Week at Highland

Good Friday Tenebrae Service,

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

Easter Potluck Breakfast,

Fellowship Hall, 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Easter Festival of Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Nursery care will be provided during the service.

All are welcome!