



HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A WORD OF WELCOME

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.

PRELUDE

Nun ruhen alle Wälder arr. Jacques van Oortmerssen
(All the Woods are Sleeping)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

All: **The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God.

All: **Let *all* the peoples praise you!**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

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

*HYMN 234

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, in the light of your glory
we see the wrong we have done, the suffering we have caused,
the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied.
Forgive us of our sin, wash us in your mercy,
and renew us with your grace,
so that we may follow your way
and bear witness to the good news
of your steadfast love for this world and its people.

The prayer continues in a time of silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

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

*JOYFUL RESPONSE

Festival Alleluia

JAMES CHEPPONIS

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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 67

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 21–22 (*selected verses*)

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

SERMON

All’s Well That Ends Well

Randy Harris

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*HYMN 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith* (PCUSA)

The people of God have often misused God's promises
as excuses for doing nothing about present evils.
But in Christ the new world has already broken in
and the old can no longer be tolerated.

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.
But hope plunges us into the struggle
for victories over evil that are possible now
in the world, the church, and our individual lives.
Hope gives us courage and energy
to contend against all opposition,
however invincible it may seem,
for the new world and the new humanity
that are surely coming.

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

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

Emma Link

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

The City of God

Dwight Gustafson

Anthem text
adapted from
Psalm 46.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear though the earth be removed,
and the mountains be cast into the midst of the sea.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where
the most high dwells. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved.
God shall help her at break of morning. The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come behold the works of the Lord, be still and know that I am God,
I will be exalted in all the earth. The streams make glad the city of God.

*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

The grace of God
calls for a response!
Our giving is offered
in a spirit of
gratitude for God's
blessings.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

* HYMN 373

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: Life is short, and we do not have too much time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.

All: So let us be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

One: Let us go out into the world in peace, have courage,
hold onto what is good, and return no one evil for evil.

**All: May we strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak,
help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord,
and rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

One: May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God,
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

All: Amen.

*RESPONSE (Hymn 750) *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil* GOODNESS IS STRONGER

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.

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*POSTLUDE

Toccata on Gaudeamus Pariter

arr. James Biery

Christian worship
and service does
not end at the
conclusion of the
Service for the
Lord's Day. The
Church is called to
follow its risen
Lord into the
world!

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome our guest organist today, Susan Foster.

Our worship banners, crafted from hand-cut paper, follow the Gospel readings from the lectionary for the Easter season, guiding us through the moments and days after the tomb is found empty. 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, Courtney Montoya, Margo Searls-Begy, and Carol Tash.

***Bless You!*—Our prayers for one another.** FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 25, please pray for Lauren Bain and David Harris; Kyle, Daphne, Cecilia and Lucy Davis; Ethie Edwards; Bruce and Carol Healy; Dawn, Kenneth, Audrey and Reece Nelson; Mark and Barbara Whitley. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

CALENDAR

Sunday May 25

9:00 a.m. Present Word, Room 124

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Lemonade in the Shade, Patio

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

Monday May 26

Office Closed, Memorial Day

Wednesday May 28

11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB

5:30 p.m. Highland Ukuleles, Room 126

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

Tuesday May 27

9:00 a.m. Dessert Drop-Off for Ashley
Elementary, Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor

Thursday May 29

7:30 p.m. Young Adults, Service Project and
Vespers

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.

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.

LIFE AT HIGHLAND



Churchwide

Lemonade in the Shade: During the summer, following ~~Worship~~, ~~worship~~ all are invited for fellowship and refreshing lemonade on the ~~church patio~~. Narthex Patio. This is a wonderful, informal way to meet other Highlanders and greet visitors.

Night Out at the Ballpark: Sign up now to reserve your ticket(s) for Highland's annual trip to the ballpark on Thursday, June 12 to watch the Winston-Salem Dash baseball game. Tickets are \$12, and it will be a fun night for all ages. We hope you will join us and bring a friend!

Highland Presence at Pride Festival:

Highland will have a table at the Winston-Salem Pride Festival on Saturday, June 14. Sign up with the QR code to make your Pride t-shirt on Sundays June 1 or 8. (Bring your own light-colored, cotton shirt!)

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 by providing a food pantry for students and their families. For the month of June, we are asking for donations of cereal and tuna.

Diaper Drive and Toy Collection, Now until Father's Day, we will receive your gifts of diapers and baby wipes for The Shalom Project and Clemmons Food Pantry. In addition, this year we are collecting specific toys for a "play therapy" room at CareNet. Sign up today with the QR code above.



Children

Sunday Morning Childcare, 9:45 a.m.

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Youth

Senior High Montreat Youth Conference will be June 8-14, and Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference is July 15-18.



Adults

Sunday Church School Summer Offering

9:00 a.m., *The Present Word*, Room 124

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.

