



# HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**JUNE 8, 2025 • PENTECOST SUNDAY**

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

JUNE 8, 2025

10:00 a.m.

## THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

### A WORD OF WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION      *Pentecost Offering*      Maggie Collins

PRELUDE      *Come, God, Creator, Holy Spirit*      Maurice Duruflé

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Spirit of the living God, visit us again this day of Pentecost.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

One: On rushing winds that sweep away barriers,

**All: come, Holy Spirit, come.**

One: With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

**All: come, Holy Spirit, come.**

One: With speech that unites the babel of our tongues,

**All: come, Holy Spirit, come.**

One: With love that surpasses all boundaries  
and power to make weakness strong,

**All: come, Holy Spirit, come.**

### PRAYER OF PRAISE

\*HYMN 280      *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER

## THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, you give us the gift of your Spirit,  
but we confess that we have not known how to use it.  
You send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid.  
You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions.  
You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.  
Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again.  
Shake our hearts. Set our souls on fire with your love.  
Send us out into the world rejoicing in your power.  
We ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love.  
*The prayer continues in a time of silent confession.*

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.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

\*JOYFUL RESPONSE                      *Festival Alleluia*

JAMES CHEPPONIS

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

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

\*A TIME OF SHARING GOD’S PEACE

\*RESPONSE 301                      *All Are Welcome*

TWO OAKS

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

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ’s mission.  
A faithful member bears witness to God’s love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ’s Church.  
–PCUSA *Book of Order*

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                      Genesis 11:1–9

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON                      Acts 2:1–12

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

SERMON

*Come, Holy Disruption*

Courtney Montoya

# THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

\*HYMN 291

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

SPIRIT

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silences,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Penny Russ

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,

## ANTHEM

arr. John Helgen

Hymn 245, stanza 4

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

## THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

\*HYMN 287

NJOO KWETU, RHO MWEMA

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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!

\***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

## Finale

Maurice Duruflé

## WORSHIP NOTES

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**The Pentecost art installation** fills the sanctuary with movement and color, using flowing streamers and a central dove to evoke the tongues of fire that descended on the disciples. This visual reminder of the Holy Spirit's presence invites us to imagine the rush of wind and the power of God's Spirit poured out on all people. The image on the bulletin cover, *Pentecost*, is by John August Swanson.

**The rose on the lectern today** is in celebration of the birth of Ellie Fair Stott, daughter of Kate Elliott Stott and John Stott.

**We welcome into membership** Kate, Matt and Teddy Brandon; Betty and Jay Dominick; Thomas Dominick; Rita Ennis; Annie, Austin and Charles Foster; Henry Jr. and Susan Heidtmann; and Bob Holmes. Please welcome them warmly!

***Bless You!—Our prayers for one another.*** **FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 8**, please pray for Chad, Brittany and Maxwell Archer; Jerry and Leslie Greene; Henry, Julie and Christina Heidtmann; Stephan Reavis; Kent Reeves; Dillon Robertson; Cathy Shaffner; Don and Linda Thorup. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

## CALENDAR

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### Sunday June 8

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  
11:00 a.m. T-Shirt Logo Printing, Patio  
12:00 p.m. Youth Quest for the Best, Five Guys

### Sunday June 8–June 14

Senior High Youth, Montreat Conference

### Monday June 9

5:45 p.m. Stewardship Committee  
7:00 p.m. Faith & Film, The Sherwood

### Tuesday June 10

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Camel City Coffee  
1:30 p.m. Moore Food Pantry, Curbside  
5:45 p.m. Diaconate Meeting, Ardmore Room  
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Ardmore Room

### Wednesday June 11

10:30 a.m. Salemtowne Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB  
5:30 p.m. Highland Ukuleles, Room 126

### Thursday June 12

6:30 p.m. Highland W-S Dash Baseball Outing

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

# 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.

**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](http://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

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## Churchwide

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

**Night Out at the Ballpark: Last Chance to** Sign up with the QR code below 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.

**Highland Presence at Pride Festival:** Highland will have a table at the Winston-Salem Pride Festival on Saturday, June 14. All are invited after worship to make posters for the parade. Also, if you brought a shirt for the logo press, join us on the Patio.

**To sign up** for service work and more, scan this QR code.



## Service

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**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

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### **Sunday Morning Childcare, 9:45 a.m.**

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## Youth

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### **Quest for the Best: French Fries**

Our summer youth tasting challenge kicks off *this Sunday* at noon at Five Guys on Hanes Mall Blvd! We'll gather through the summer at a different spot to sample and rate fries in our quest to find the very best in town. Bring your appetite, your taste buds, and your friends—it's going to be a delicious summer adventure!

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



## Adults

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### **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.

