



# HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**FEBRUARY 15, 2026 • TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

# TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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11:00 a.m.

As we light candles  
on the Retable,  
place the Bible at  
the Lectern, pour  
water in the Baptis-  
mal Font, and set  
the Communion  
Table, we are re-  
minded of the light  
of Christ, present  
in Word and  
Sacrament.

## THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

### A WORD OF WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

*Andante sostenuto*

Charles M. Widor

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God touches the world, and the world changes.

**All: God touches us, and we are transformed.**

One: In the brightness of day, in the deepest of night,

**All: on the mountain, in the valley, everywhere,**

One: in this time together, God is present and at work.

**All: Let us open our hearts and worship God!**

### PRAYER OF PRAISE

#### \*HYMN 619

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

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

## THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You know, O God, how often**

**we set our mind on human things instead of divine things.**

**You know the ways we try to force your Spirit**

**to fit our agenda, to manipulate your grace for our own ends.**

**You know that we are prone to thinking of our desires**

**long before we ever consider yours.**

**We confess these things to you, praying that saying them**

**out loud might make us aware of our own brokenness,**

**so that we can also be more aware of your ever-present grace.**

**Startle us with your truth and your love.**

**Set our minds and hearts on you, and lead us on your way.**

*The prayer continues in a time of silent confession.*

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

\* GLORIA PATRI

GTG 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

GTG = *Glory to God*  
hymnal

\* 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.

God's grace and forgiveness call for a response! We respond to this good news with song, and with words and gestures of welcome and peace.

## THE WORD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 24:12-18

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

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 17:1-9

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

SERMON

*Okay for Now*

Debbie Layman

## THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

\*HYMN 190

*Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

GENEVA

\*Affirmation of Faith

from *A Declaration of Faith* (PCUSA)

Jesus lived with a constant sense of God's presence.  
He put God's claim on his life above all else.  
He joined others in God's worship and praise.  
He drew strength from the Scriptures.  
He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.  
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives  
that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule.  
Christ teaches us to put obedience to God  
above the interests of self, family, race or nation;  
to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.

It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest,  
setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work,  
celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*Thou Art Holy*

Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

##### \*DOXOLOGY

GTG 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low. *Alleluia, alleluia!*  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

##### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

\* HYMN 543

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

GREEN TYLER

## \*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.**

\*POSTLUDE

*Westminster Carillon*

Louis Vierne

Christian worship and service does not end at the conclusion 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 neighbors as ourselves.

# 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's 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.

**Children, join us in the PrayGround!** This is a friendly space in the balcony for children of all ages to worship while enjoying quiet and engaging activities such as puzzles, storybooks, and coloring sheets. All are welcome!

**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](https://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

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***Bless You!***—Our prayers for one another. FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15, please pray for Karen Copeland; Thomas Dominick; Wendy Guerry; Jon, Laurie, Theo and Lewyn McKinney; Lynn and Marty McGowan; Dom, Elizabeth and Amelia Veconi; Steve, Dianne, Owen and Olivia Scarce; Sandy Simmons; Maggie Strickland and Sara Herter; Dick and Susie York.  
*The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

***Bless Our Neighbors!***—Our prayers for our community. FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, please pray for our neighbors who are transitioning into permanent housing and those who are helping them: GreeNest and Habitat for Humanity.

## CALENDAR

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### Sunday February 15

- 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided),  
Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. All Youth, Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Winter Forum, Ardmore Room

### Monday February 16

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 5:45 p.m. Long Range Planning, Ardmore Room
- 7:00 p.m. Matthew 25 Book Group, Salem Room

### Tuesday February 17

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Bagel Station
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Christian Education Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Faith & Film, The Sherwood

### Wednesday February 18

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB5
- 5:30 p.m. Highland Ukuleles, Room 126
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

### Thursday February 19

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Ardmore Room
- 4:00 p.m. Journeying Together in Faith, Chapel
- 5:45 p.m. Community Service Committee,  
Ardmore Room
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Young Adults

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.

# LIFE AT HIGHLAND

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## Churchwide

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**Highland's Winter Forum** Plan to join us this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the Ardmore Room as we welcome speaker John Huie.

**Joy Hohmann's Retirement Celebration and Congregational Lunch:** Join us February 22, following Worship as we celebrate Joy while also enjoying a wonderful meal together catered by Real Q. Reservations are required by Thursday.

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



## Service

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**Moore Food Pantry:** For the month of February, we are asking for donations of pasta. Thank you!

**Meal Preparation for Flourish:** We are looking for a couple of people to help provide a meal for 40 women and children on Monday, February 23 for Flourish, a program of The Shalom Project. Contact Debbie, [dlayman@highlandpres.org](mailto:dlayman@highlandpres.org), if able to help.

**Our Lady of Salem Women's Shelter at St. Timothy's:** Please prayerfully consider how you can help with a meal team, a hospitality check-in shift, or snack/to-go bags. Sign up with our QR code.



## Children

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**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.

## Worship & Wonder

Following the *Time for Young Disciples*, K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade children are invited to gather in Room 307 for Worship Education. Parents can pick up children following our worship service.

## Youth

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Join us today at 4:00 p.m. as we flip into Lent with our annual Pancake Palooza! We'll laugh, cook, eat, and spend time talking about how we want to enter into this Holy season together.

## Adults

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### Sunday Church School Offerings

- 9:30 a.m. *The Present Word*, Room 124
- 9:30 a.m. *The Lectionary Cafe*, Salem Room
- 9:30 a.m. *Parents Conversation and Coffee*, Room 126
- 9:30 a.m. *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangical America: Reclaiming the Good News of God's Grace*, Ardmore Room

### Beginning February 22:

- 9:30 a.m. *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study*, Ardmore Room

**Men's and Women's Retreats** offer time away for rest, reflection, and connection in the beauty of Montreat. Women's Retreat April 10-12 and Men's Retreat April 24-26. Sign up through the top QR code on this page.

### Coffee & Conversation,

**Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.**

Bagel Station, 129 Oakwood Drive

Join us for drop-in conversation with friends and Highland staff. All are welcome!