



## *HIGHLAND* PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**MARCH 8, 2026 • THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

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11:00 a.m.

## THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

### A WORD OF WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

*Agnus Dei*

Margaret Sandresky

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us sing to the Lord!

All: **Let us make a joyful noise  
to the rock of our salvation!**

One: Let us worship and bow down;

All: **let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

One: The hour is coming and is now here.

All: **In spirit and truth, let us worship God.**

### PRAYER OF PRAISE

#### \*HYMN 839

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

ASSURANCE

## THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know who we are.

You know everything we have done.

We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.

We commit ourselves to things that will never last.

We worship things that will never bring salvation.

Still, you offer us gifts of living water and eternal life.

Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water,

so that we may never thirst again.

*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.

## KYRIE

### *Kyrie Eleison*



Musical notation for the Kyrie Eleison. It consists of three staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. The third staff includes a triplet of eighth notes.

During the season of Lent, we omit the singing of the Gloria Patri. Kyrie Eleison means "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.

## THE WORD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ellie Fair Stott

#### PRESENTATION

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

GTG p.35

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of Heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE BAPTISM

### WELCOME

One: Ellie has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

\*HYMN 484                      *Out of Deep, Unordered Water*                      RUSTINGTON  
Water on the human forehead, birthmark of the love of God,  
Is the sign of death and rising; through the seas there runs a road.  
There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver: There is water in the font.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON                      Exodus 17:1-7                      Page 64

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON                      John 4:5-42                      Page 94

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

SERMON                      *Living Water*                      Randy Harris

## THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

\*HYMN 177                      *I Will Come to You*                      YOU ARE MINE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Forrest Truitt

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.

GTG = Glory to God  
hymnal

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

ANTHEM

*God So Loved the World*

Bob Chilcott

Chancel Choir with Haley Chapman, soloist

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.  
(John 3:16)

\*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 65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

\*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

*Dorian Fugue*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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 neigh-  
bors 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 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](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.



# WORSHIP NOTES

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We welcome by baptism Ellie Fair Stott, daughter of Kate and John Stott.

***Bless You!***—Our prayers for one another. FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8, please pray for Forrest and Virginia Truitt; Margaret Pike, David Werle, Katie and Gracen Pike-Werle; Maggie Strickland and Sara Herter; Wendy, Olive, Charlie and Caroline Wagoner; Hugh and Caroline Wright. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

***Bless Our Neighbors!***—Our prayers for our community. FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, please pray for our neighbors who provide loving and creative support for those with diverse capabilities: ABC of NC; iCan House; Riverwood Therapeutic Riding Center.

## CALENDAR

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### **Sunday March 8**

9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided),  
Sanctuary  
12:30 p.m. LGBTQ Team, Salem Room  
2:00 p.m. Winter Walk, Old Salem

### **Monday March 9**

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor  
5:45 p.m. Stewardship Committee  
7:00 p.m. Faith & Film, The Sherwood

### **Tuesday March 10**

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation,  
Bagel Station  
1:30 p.m. Moore Food Pantry, Curbside

### **Wednesday March 11**

10:30 a.m. Salem Towne Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5  
12:00 p.m. Lenten Study Group, Salem Room  
5:30 p.m. Highland Ukuleles, Room 126  
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

### **Thursday March 12**

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study,  
Ardmore Room

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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**Winter Walk, today at 2:00 p.m.:** Join us at Lot 63 (614 S. Main Street) for our walk around Old Salem; bring a friend and your dog is welcome too! Following our walk, we will enjoy fellowship at Lot 63.

**Mark your calendars for Spring Cleanup Day, March 21, 9:00 a.m.–noon.** We will have a variety of tasks suitable for all. We will gather for refreshments before we begin and hope that many of you will join us as we spruce up Highland's campus.

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 March, we are asking for donations of canned beans. Thank you!

**March Madness Just Around the Corner!:** Bring your pasta sauce March 15 through April 5 and vote for your favorite basketball team. Crisis Control will be our winner!



## 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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**Senior High Youth** will gather next Sunday, March 15 at 12:30 p.m. in the Youth Room to finalize planning for Youth Sunday.

**Middle School Youth** will gather next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

**Sign Up for summer trips now!** Senior High Montreat Youth Conference will be June 7-13, and Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference is July 14-17.



## Adults

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**Sunday Church School Offerings**

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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. *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study*, Room 127

9:30 a.m. *For When You Need Something to Believe In*, Ardmore Room

**Wednesdays Now–March 25**

12:00 p.m. *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study*, Salem Room and via Zoom

**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 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!