



HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A WORD OF WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION *One Great Hour of Sharing*

Jim Zu

PRELUDE *Trumpet Tune in A Major*

David N. Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: “Hosanna!” They shouted. “Save us!”

All: “Hosanna!” We’re shouting. “Save us!”

One: Savior, ride into our hearts again,

All: wash us with excitement and hope,

One: give us a reason to praise

All: and to shout again, “Hosanna! Hosanna!”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

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

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

ANTHEM *Sing Hosanna, Hosanna*
Children’s Choir

Cathy Skogen-Soldner

Sing Hosanna, Hosanna, sing Hosanna, sanna, sanna for Jesus is here.

Bringing love, love, love, love, love, la-la-la-la-la love.

Bringing life, life, life, life, life, la-la-la-la-la life.

Sing Hosanna, Hosanna, sing Hosanna, sanna, sanna for Jesus is here.

THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you.

We greet you with praise, then we abandon you in peril.

We welcome you with songs, then we forsake you in suffering.

Forgive us, by your steadfast love.

Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way,

and restore to us the joy of your salvation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -
le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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.

THE WORD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Page 565

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

ANTHEM

Hosanna to Our Savior King

Sondra Tucker

Children's Choir, Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir

Hosanna to our Savior King! Hosanna let us ever sing!
Hosanna now and ever more! Hosanna sing in this glad hour!

Blessed is he who comes from God! Blessed are we his way to trod.
Blessed shall be his reign of love. Blessed are those he came to save.

Christ whom we praise, came down to live in humble form like us,
to give gracious forgiveness for our sin, and died that we might live again.

Our God above has honored him, giving a name above all names,
that when we hear his name we sing praise and hosannas to our King!

Wave now on high your banners bright!
Wave now the palms in God's own sight!
Wave now your arms in joyous praise! Wave palms and sing, your voices raise!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 21:1-11 Page 23

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

SERMON *A Third Way* Debbie Layman

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*HYMN 373 *O Day of Peace* JERUSALEM

GTG = *Glory to God*
hymnal

*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.

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

OFFERTORY *O World, I Now Must Leave Thee* Johannes Brahms

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

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

One: Today we have hailed you as our champion.

**All: Tomorrow distractions will overtake us,
and our enthusiasm may fade.**

One: Help us keep our eyes on you this week:

All: on Monday, when you clear the temple of greed and deceit;

One: on Tuesday, when you challenge our comfort and ease;

All: on Wednesday, the last day before the world tilts;

One: on Thursday, when you wash your disciples' feet,
and promise us a new covenant of your very own self,
and are betrayed and arrested while you pray;

**All: on Friday, when you are examined, found guilty,
and executed, and plead with your last breath for
our forgiveness;**

One: on Saturday, when you lie dead in the tomb,
and it seems all is lost.

**All: The story is ancient, but the promises are fresh.
So keep our eyes on you this week,
and bring us back together on Sunday,
when we will see what God has done.**

One: Wherever you go, may you be kept in the love of God,
the mercy of Christ, and the power of the Spirit,
now and forevermore. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Litanies

Jehan Alain

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

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.

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 MARCH 29, please pray for Beth Barksdale, Laura Clay and Kip Barksdale; John and Shari Dallas; Morgan Harris; Tony, Margo, Ethan and Anna Kummer; Jim and Lucy Lancaster; Bob and Emelda Lawing; John and Lili Loftis; Mary Pace; Sarah, Alex and Will Pitcher; Margo Searls-Begy. *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

Sunday March 29

9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided),
Sanctuary

Monday March 30

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday March 31

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation,
Bagel Station

Wednesday April 1

11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
12:00 p.m. Lenten Study Group, Salem Room
6:00 p.m. Fling Meal, Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100
7:00 p.m. Holy Week Vespers, Ardmore Room

Thursday April 2

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study,
Ardmore Room
6:00 p.m. Congregational Care Committee,
Salem Room
7:00 p.m. Global Service Committee,
Salem Room

Friday April 3

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

April Fling Meal, April 1, 6:00 p.m., and Holy Week Vespers, 7:00 p.m.: We hope you will join us for our delicious meal and for our reflective Holy Week Vespers following. For the full menu and to sign up for the meal, please scan the QR code or look for a link in a weekly email.



Service

Moore Food Pantry: For the month of March, we are asking for donations of canned beans. Thank you!

March Madness Is Here: Bring your pasta sauce now through April 5 and vote for your favorite basketball team. Crisis Control will be our winner!

Meal Preparation for Community Care Clinic: Are you able to provide a meal for twenty medical volunteers on a future Monday? Contact Debbie, dlayman@highlandpres.org, if interested in learning more.



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.

Worship & Wonder

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



Youth

Youth Fellowship tonight! Middlers 4:00 p.m. and Senior Highs 5:00 p.m. for a fun, meaningful hour of games, connection, and real conversation.



Adults

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. *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study*, Room 127
- 9:30 a.m. *For When You Need Something to Believe In*, Ardmore Room

**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!

Holy Week at Highland

Holy Week Vespers

Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 p.m.,
Ardmore Room

Good Friday Tenebrae Service,

Friday, April 3, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Potluck Breakfast,

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

Easter Festival Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Nursery care will be provided during the service.

All are welcome!