

# Christ Is Risen. He Is Risen Indeed!



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APRIL 5, 2026 • EASTER

As the congregation gathers, the sanctuary lighting will remain subdued, signifying the time before dawn on that first Easter. The Christ candle, which was carried from the Sanctuary on Good Friday, will be returned symbolizing the dawn of Easter. Please prepare in silence by reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11.

# EASTER

APRIL 5, 2026

11:00 a.m.

## THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

### A WORD OF WELCOME

### ENTRANCE OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

**PRELUDE**                      *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*                      arr. Robert Hobby  
Organ and Highland Brass

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:  
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Sin and death shall reign no more.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Let this place resound with joy.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### PRAYER OF PRAISE

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232**   *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*                      arr. Terre Johnson

## THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of everlasting life, despite the news of Easter,  
we find it easy to continue in the ways of death.

You have announced your new creation,  
but we put our hope in former things.

You have opened the door of the tomb,  
but we close our hearts to our neighbors.

Forgive us, O God, and make us people of the resurrection,  
a people whose lives proclaims the gift of your new life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

(\* 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 congregation is invited to sing this portion of the response.*



\* 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

Isaiah 25:6-9

Page 652

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 20:1-18

Page 114

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*Unexpected*

Randy Harris

## THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

\*HYMN 238

*Thine Is the Glory*

arr. Robert Hobby

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

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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith*, PCUSA

Jesus was dead and buried, but God raised him from the dead.  
The risen Lord appeared to his followers.  
They recognized him as their Master who had been crucified.  
Before Jesus left them, he commissioned them  
to proclaim to all people the good news of his victory over death,  
and promised to be with them always.

We are certain that Jesus lives.  
He lives as God with us, touching all of human life  
with the presence of God.

He lives as one of us with God.  
Because he shares our humanity  
and has bound us to himself in love,  
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers  
that deform and destroy human life.

His lordship is hidden.

The world appears to be dominated by people and systems  
that do not acknowledge his rule.

But his lordship is real.

It demands our loyalty and sets us free  
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.

We maintain that ultimate sovereignty  
now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.

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

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

*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing*  
Chancel Choir

Malcolm Archer

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

The Lord of life is risen for aye; bring flow'rs of song to strew his way:  
let all the world rejoice and say: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Praise we in songs of victory, that love, that life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

\*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 SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

\*HYMN 268

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

arr. Jeremy Bankson

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: Receive the good news:

**All: Christ is risen from the dead.**

One: Tell the good news:

**All: the power of death shall no more oppress us.**

One: Live the good news:

**All: we are free to love as Christ has loved us.**

One: May God who raised Jesus from the dead bless us

**All: and raise us with Christ in glory. Amen!**

\*POSTLUDE

*Toccata*

Charles M. Widor

The joyful news of Easter calls for our generous response! Our giving is offered in a spirit of gratitude for God's blessings.

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 not only in this Easter season, but in every season: we go forth to love and serve our risen 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 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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**Our worship banners** follow the Gospel readings from the lectionary for the Easter season, guiding us through the moments and days after the tomb is found empty. The Easter lilies boldly proclaim God's love for the world and the promise of new creation. Raised to resurrected life, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples again and again through simple, human acts—breaking bread, sharing a meal of fish, offering the touch of his hands. 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 Highland's Arts and Worship group.

***Bless You!*—Our prayers for one another.** FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5, please pray for John and Susan Corey; John and Katie Paterson; Jeff, Sharon and Lucas Payne; Phil and Nancy Payne; Mike, Summer, Connor, Hannah, Andrew and Rachel Riley; Sue and Philippe Sevin; Randy and Debbie Shields; Kevin and Robin Spainhour. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

***Bless Our Neighbors!*—Our prayers for our community.** FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, please pray for our neighbors who provide justice for those in need: Family Services and The Children's Law Center.

**We welcome to worship leadership this morning** Hannah Markun, Ninon Kirchman (trumpets); Hannah Kittleson (horn); Jared Gilbert (trombone); Will Gray Beach (tuba).

## CALENDAR

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### Sunday April 5

9:30 a.m. Potluck Breakfast, Fellowship Hall  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary

### Monday April 6

Office Closed  
2:00 p.m. Monday Women's Circle, Ardmore Room  
7:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee, Salem Room

### Tuesday April 7

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor  
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Camel City Coffee  
10:00 a.m. Tuesday Circle, Salem Room

5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee  
5:30 p.m. Property Committee, Room 127  
6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry

### Wednesday April 8

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

### Thursday April 9

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Ardmore Room  
7:30 p.m. Young Adults, Little Richard's

### Friday April 12–April 14

Highland Women's Retreat, Montreat

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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**April Congregational Meal, April 19, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall:** We hope you will join us for our monthly catered fellowship luncheon. Watch for a link in a weekly email.

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 April, we are asking for donations of canned fruit. Thank you!

**March Madness:** Today is the last day of our pasta sauce challenge. We are excited to count it all up and announce the 'winner' soon! Crisis Control will be our REAL winner!

**Meal Preparation for Flourish:** We are looking for a couple of people to help provide a meal for 40 women and children on Monday, April 13, for Flourish, a program of The Shalom Project. Contact Debbie, dlayman@highlandpres.org, if able to help.



## 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 Room 307 for Worship Education. Parents can pick up following our worship.

## Youth

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**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:

**Classes will resume on April 12. For more information about our two new church school offerings, see page 9 of the April issue of Highlights.**

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. *Walking Home Well: End of Life Questions, Conversations, and Preparations*, Highland's Chapel

9:30 a.m. *Envisioning a World Without Christian Nationalism*, Ardmore Room

### Coffee & Conversation, Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Camel City Coffee, 110 Oakwood Drive  
Join us for drop-in conversation with friends and Highland staff. We are back to our warm-weather location at Camel City. All are welcome!

## EASTER LILIES

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*The Sanctuary lilies have been given to the glory of the Risen Christ  
and in memory and honor of Highland friends, family and loved ones as follows:*

***Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:***

His parents, Blanche and Ralph Burroughs Sr., by Ralph and Susan Burroughs

Her parents, Betty Lou and Arthur Steere, by Susan and Ralph Burroughs

Their dear friend, Libby Graves, by Susan and Ralph Burroughs

Their parents, Bill and Ileene Ligon and John and Louise Clemmer, their siblings, Jean Ligon,  
Brady, Stanley, and Richard Clemmer, by Phyllis and Rob Clemmer

Her loving husband, Rob Clemmer, by Phyllis Clemmer

Their parents and grandparents, Martha and Ben Griffin, Lestha and John Doyle Sr.,  
by Ellen, John, Ruth and Erin Doyle

His wife and their mother, June Grogan, by Rick Grogan and daughters

His parents, Troy and Sue Grogan, by Rick Grogan

His parents, Wilbur and Dorothy Hannah, by Bob and Myra Hannah

Her parents, Charles and Georgianna Hoffman, by Myra and Bob Hannah

Their niece, Collins Elizabeth Bunn, by Kyle, Kathleen, and Mitchell Hansen

Her sister, Kathleen Einstman, by Susan and Henry Heidtmann

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