



HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A WORD OF WELCOME

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.

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre (Lovely)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bless the Lord, O people! Let us raise our voices in song!

All: **Let the sound of praise ring out for all that God has done.**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO.1

THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and turn them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

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

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

*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

FIRST LESSON

John 14:15-21

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

SECOND LESSON

Acts 17:16-34

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

SERMON

The Risen Christ Among the Idols

Randy Harris

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

*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;

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.

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 Elizabeth Veconi

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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
over and around us lies; over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light: sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n: flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise, our hymn of praise.

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 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 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*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.

*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

Laudation

Gilbert H. Martin

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!

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome to worship leadership Tori Patton, from our Confirmation Class.

Bless You!—Our prayers for one another. FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, please pray for Esther Buzzard; Sarah, David, Oliver and Henry Chandler; Alison, Jeff, Will and Ben Gardner; Curt and Pat Hege; Emily, Carter and Rosalie Richey; Mike Serosky; Don and Linda Thorup.

The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)

Bless Our Neighbors!—Our prayers for our community. FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, please pray for our neighbors who provide mental healthcare and counseling for those in need: CareNet Counseling, Mental Health Association, and Trinity Center.

Summer Worship Schedule: Beginning on May 24 and running through Labor Day, worship will be at 10:00 a.m. The Present Word Sunday School Class continues throughout the summer, meeting at 9:00 a.m. More information about a summer elective class is coming soon!

CALENDAR

Sunday May 10

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

Monday May 11

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

Tuesday May 12

- 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

Wednesday May 13

- 10:30 a.m. Salemtowne Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
- 5:30 p.m. Highland Ukuleles, Room 126
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Room 100

Thursday May 14

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

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.



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 age 5 and up 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.



LIFE AT HIGHLAND

Churchwide

May Congregational Meal, May 17, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall: We hope you will join us for our monthly catered fellowship luncheon. Mama Zoe Michaels will be catering this meal and are offering two entrée options: marinated chicken strips or a red, white & blue salad platter. Scan the QR code below to sign up!

Highland's Annual Night Out at the Dash!
June 3, 6:30 p.m.: We hope all of you will sign up to join us for this evening of great fellowship and possibly exciting baseball. Reserve your (\$12) tickets now.



New Photo Directories! Last chance to schedule your portrait session. Tuesday, May 12 is the last day to have your picture

taken. Each household will receive a free 8x10 picture as well as a new directory.

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



Service

Moore Food Pantry: For the month of May we are asking for donations of rice. Thanks!

Hygiene Kit Collection: Sign up today, using the QR code above, to donate items for hygiene kits. Items are needed by Tuesday, May 12. Help us reach our goal of 250!

Diaper Drive Begins Today! Our annual diaper drive, benefitting Shalom Project and Clemmons Food Pantry, will run now through June 21. We accept opened and unopened packages as well as adult diapers and baby wipes.

Children

Sunday Mornings, 9:30 a.m., through May 17
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

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

Sunday Church School Offerings through May 17:

- 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!