



HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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10:00 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

I Need Thee Every Hour

arr. Marshall McDonald

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

All: the earth is full of God's glory!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

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

*HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, triune God, you alone live in perfect relationship,
mutual and loving, ever seeking reconciliation and unity.

You have called us to live together in harmony,
yet we know too well the disruption of our relationships.

We tend toward selfishness and greed, anxiousness and resentment.

We have allowed sin to drive us apart
from one another and from you.

Forgive us and restore us.

Draw us close and bind us together in your mercy.

Give us new life in your Spirit so that we may serve you faithfully
and live as your beloved children.

The prayer continues in a time of silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

*JOYFUL RESPONSE

Festival Alleluia

JAMES CHEPPONIS

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

*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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 1:15-20

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

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SERMON

The Divine Dance of Love

Randy Harris

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*HYMN 5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith* (PCUSA)

God created all the worlds that are
and upholds and rules everything.
We affirm that the universe exists
by the power of God's Word and Spirit.
God has chosen to give it reality
out of the love we have come to know in Christ.
God still works through the processes
that shape and change the earth and the living things upon it.
We acknowledge God's care and control
in the regularity of the universe
as well as in apparently random happenings.
There is no event from which God is absent,
and God's ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving.
That purpose embraces our choices
and will surely be accomplished.

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

Perichoresis is the
Latin word used to
describe the "mu-
tual indwelling" of
the Triune God, a
way of affirming
that while God ex-
ists in three per-
sons, each person is
present in every
part of God's work.

The Creator works in all things
toward the new creation that is promised in Christ. 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

The grace of God
calls for a response!

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

ANTHEM *Up through Endless Ranks of Angels* arr. Michael Burkhardt

Up through endless ranks of angels, cries of triumph in his ears,
To his heavenly throne ascending, having vanquished all their fears.
Christ looks down upon his faithful, leaving them in happy tears.

Death destroying, proven equal to our need,
Now for us before the Father as our brother intercede;
Flesh that for our world was wounded, living for the wounded plead!

To our lives of wanton wandering, send your Spirit promised guide;
Through our lives of fear and failure, with your power and love abide.
Welcome us, as you were welcomed, to an endless Eastertide.

Alleluia, alleluia! Oh to breathe the Spirit's grace.
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh to see the Father's face!
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh to feel the Son's embrace!

*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 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: Let us devote ourselves to the teachings of the gospel,
to our prayers and our Christian fellowship day by day,

All: that we may find a glad and generous heart.

One: May the glory of God fill us with praise,
the love of Christ strengthen us in service,
and the power of the Holy Spirit fill us with peace.

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

Ode to Joy

arr. Lynne Latham

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 cellist Gustavo Antoniacomi.

Bless You!—Our prayers for one another. FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 31, please pray for Mitch, Tina, Will and Julia Batson; Mike, Becky and Aidyn Burke; Ben, Andrea, Evan and Grayson Morgan; Alex Neely; Turner, Sarah, Sophie and Isabelle Simpson. *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.

CALENDAR

Sunday May 31

- 9:00 a.m. The Present Word, Room 124
- 9:00 a.m. Deeper Dive: A Summer Series of Faith-Shaping Video Podcasts, Room 126
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Lemonade in the Shade, Patio
- 11:15 a.m. Spreading Sunshine Volunteer Training, Parlor
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Ministry Volunteer Brunch, Ardmore Room
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Lunch, Mellow Mushroom
- 3:00 p.m. New Member Class, Salem Room

Monday June 1

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee, Salem Room

Tuesday June 2

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Camel City Coffee
- 5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee
- 6:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee, Incendiary
- 6:00 p.m. Property Committee, Room 127

Wednesday June 3

- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
- 6:00 p.m. Dash Ballgame Carpool, Highland Parking Lot

Thursday June 4

- 6:00 p.m. Congregational Care Committee, Salem Room
- 7:00 p.m. Global Service Committee, Salem 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, 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.

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

Lemonade in the Shade: During the summer, following worship all are invited for fellowship and lemonade on the Narthex Patio. This is a wonderful, informal way to meet other Highlanders and greet visitors.

Spreading Summer Sunshine: Meet in the Parlor at 11:15 a.m. today for a brief training for a summer visitation program.

Join the Summer Choir! Beginning June 7 through July, meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the choir loft to rehearse easy-to-learn anthems and to sing hymns as we lead worship together. No prior choral experience is required, no robes are needed, and participation is flexible. Contact our Director of Music, Chris Gilliam if you're interested.

Highland's Annual Night Out at the Dash: June 3, 6:30 p.m.: Join us for this evening of great fellowship and possibly exciting baseball. Reserve your (\$12) tickets now.

Pride Festival Is Coming! Highland will have a booth and walk in the parade at Winston-Salem's Pride events this year. Plan to share in both by signing up with the QR code.

ArtRageous: Signups are coming soon! We have a full and fun set of offerings once again. Please mark the dates on your calendar: June 22-25.

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



Service

Moore Food Pantry: For the month of June we are asking for donations of oatmeal.

Diaper Drive through Father's Day! Our annual diaper drive, benefitting Shalom Project and Clemmons Food Pantry, runs through June 21. We accept opened and unopened packages as well as adult diapers and baby wipes.

Children

Sunday Mornings, 10:00 a.m.

Children, join us in the PrayGround! This is a friendly space in the balcony for children ages 5 and up to worship while enjoying quiet and engaging activities such as puzzles, storybooks, and coloring sheets.

Youth

Quest for the Best Pizza: Begins today, 12:00 p.m., at Mellow Mushroom. Youth are invited to meet following worship to taste our way across the city looking for the top slice.

Adults

Summer Sunday Church School Offerings:
9:00 a.m. *The Present Word*, Room 124
9:00 a.m. *Deeper Dive: A Summer Series of Faith-Shaping Video Podcasts*, Room 126

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

Camel City Coffee, 110 Oakwood Drive
Join us for drop-in conversation with friends and Highland staff. All are welcome!