



HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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JUNE 14, 2026 • ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 14, 2026

10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A WORD OF WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION

ArtRaegous

Lola Culler

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty Creator Johann Gottfried Walther

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us to go forth from our places of comfort
into a future yet to be revealed.

**All: Though hesitant, we place one foot in front of the other,
trusting God with the unknown.**

One: Following in the steps of Abraham and Sarah,
with saints of every age we remember:

All: God names us, blesses us, and sends us.

One: Come, let us worship.

**All: Come, let us worship the God
who is faithful throughout the generations.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, you call us to follow in trust,
but we cling to what is familiar.

You speak promises larger than we can imagine,
but we settle for what feels comfortable.

You give us a name and a calling,
but we forget who we are
and whom we are called to love.

Forgive us for the ways we resist your leading,
ignore the wonder of your creation,
and choose comfort over faithfulness.

Give us courage to trust you with the unknown,
to follow where you lead, and to live as people
shaped by your promise.

The prayer continues in a time of silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

*JOYFUL RESPONSE

Glory to God

GTG 583

Two staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. Asterisks are placed above the first and third measures of each staff.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*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

Amelia Rose Veconi

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 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.

THE BAPTISM

WELCOME

One: Amelia 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.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

One: My friends, you have been received into membership of this church by vote of its session. Do you promise to be active in your participation, generous in your support, faithful in your worship, and diligent in your search to understand God's purpose in your lives?

New Members: We do.

One: Do you, the members of this congregation, welcome these new friends? Do you promise to support them in their commitment by being active in your participation, generous in your support, faithful in your worship, and diligent in your search to understand God's purpose in your lives?

Congregation: We do.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 8

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4a

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Called into Wonder

Courtney Stevens

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

SABBATICAL COMMISSIONING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Emma Link

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

What Does the Lord Require

arr. Eric Nelson

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear while crime and cruelty grow?
Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life fulfill God's law so high?
Let Christ endure our will with grace.

*DOXOLOGY

GTG 608

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*HYMN 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

The grace of God calls for a 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 Church is called to follow its risen Lord into the world!

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome by baptism Amelia Rose Veconi, daughter of Dominic and Elizabeth Veconi.

We welcome into church membership Kimble Forrister and Calli Patterson, RD Fortner; Bev and Ken Ivey; Steve and Margie Rippey. Please welcome them warmly!

Today we commission Debbie Layman for her summer sabbatical. We look forward to her return in September!

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Pierce Johnson, by his wife Nancy Johnson and family.

Bless You!—Our prayers for one another. **FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14**, please pray for Hayes, Elizabeth, Pierce and Olivia Henderson; Jay, Erica, Anna and Emily Jordan; Bryan, Leanne and Jackson Link; Elaine and Curtis Patterson. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

Bless Our Neighbors!—Our prayers for our community. **FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE**, please pray for our neighbors providing support and care for inmates through the *Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministry*.

CALENDAR

Sunday June 14

- 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. New Members Gathering, Parlor
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Lunch, Burke Street Pizza
- 3:00 p.m. IAF Carpool, Highland Parking Lot

Monday June 15

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Matthew 25 Book Group, Salem Room

Tuesday June 16

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Camel City Coffee

Wednesday June 17

- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
- 5:30 p.m. Highland Ukuleles, Room 126
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

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.

Join the Summer Choir! 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.

Join Highland in Supporting Our Community: Today at 3:00 p.m. Highland is carpooling to the founding assembly of the Forsyth IAF which is a new nonpartisan network of civic and faith organizations which has spent the past two years building relationships and working together on shared community priorities: housing, mental health, and education.

ArtRageous: Signups are here! We have a full set of offerings once again and have added two more since last week. Please mark the dates on your calendar: June 22–25. You can sign up through the link in our weekly email or by visiting Highland's website.

Summer Documentary, June 28: At 4:00 p.m. we will gather in the Ardmore Room to watch and discuss an episode from The Trevor Project's *Sharing Space* series which focuses on conversion therapy of LGBTQ young people. All are welcome.

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: Youth, meet us at noon today at Burke Street Pizza at their Burke Street location.

📖 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!