



HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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JUNE 28, 2026 • THIRTEENTH 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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 28, 2026

10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A WORD OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God

Dietrich Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Lord, you are gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: You are good to all people,
with compassion for all of your creation.**

One: All your works give thanks to you, O Lord,

All: and all your faithful people bless you.

One: You are faithful in your words, O Lord,
and gracious in all your deeds.

**All: You uphold all who are falling
and raise up those who are bowed down.**

One: Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Lord, you showed us true humility by becoming one of us,

All: yet too often we practice pride.

One: You cried alongside your friends and for the city of Jerusalem,

**All: yet too often we rush past the pain of others
and are careless about our cities.**

One: You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out,

**All: yet too often we love those who are strong,
respected, or popular.**

One: You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,

All: yet too often we blend into or hide from our culture.

Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with your glory.

The prayer continues in a time of silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

***JOYFUL RESPONSE**

Glory to God

GTG 583



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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 29:1-7

Page 731

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 13:1-7

Page 162

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

SERMON

That "Presbyterian Rebellion"
Seeking the Common Good

Randy Harris

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

***HYMN 343**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith* (PCUSA)

God has reached out to those who suffer injustice
and defended the excluded, the poor, and the hungry.
The Lord is moving toward the time
when justice will roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The *Declaration of Faith* was written in the 1970s in what was then the “southern” Presbyterian Church. Following our 1983 reunion, it was approved and commended to churches for use in worship and education.

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

We are persuaded God is at work here and now
when people deal fairly with each other
and labor to change customs and structures
that enslave and oppress human beings.
We believe God sends us to work with others
to correct the growing disparity
between rich and poor nations,
to achieve fair legislation justly administered and enforced,
to make the operation of courts and penal institutions
more just and humane.
We are charged to root out prejudice and racism
from our hearts and institutions.
We are commissioned to stand with women and men
of all ages, races, and classes
as they struggle for dignity and respect
and the chance to exercise power for the common good.
We must not countenance in the church and its institutions
the inequities we seek to correct in the world.
We must be willing to make such amends as we can
for centuries of injustice which the church condoned. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pat Kirkman

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

We Walk by Faith

Karen Marrolli

We walk by faith and not by sight, no gracious words we hear from him who spoke as none e’er spoke, but we believe him near. We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; but in his presence we rejoice and cry, “my Lord and God!” Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you and seek where you are found. That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light, may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

*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 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

*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.

*POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in D Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

Christian worship
and service does
not end at the con-
clusion of the
Service for the
Lord's Day. The
Church is called to
follow its risen
Lord into the
world!

WORSHIP NOTES

Bless You!—Our prayers for one another. FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28, please pray for Dorothy Barrett; Kit Broadhurst; Kelly Greene and Emily O’Keefe; Alice and Jud Milam; Diana Smyrl; Amanda and Nick Sullivan. *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 who provide support and care for inmates through the *Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministry* program.

That “Presbyterian Rebellion” is once again our theme this Sunday. The phrase comes from England’s King George III, who used these words to describe the Revolutionary War, noting the leading role that many Presbyterians played in encouraging independence from England, and in shaping the life of the new nation.

CALENDAR

Sunday June 28

- 9:00 a.m. Present Word, Room 124
- 9:00 a.m. Deeper Dive, Room 126
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Lemonade in the Shade, Patio
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Lunch, Cugino Forno
- 4:00 p.m. Summer Documentary, *Shared Stories*, Ardmore Room

Monday June 29-July 2

Youth Service Week

Monday June 29

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday June 30

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

Wednesday July 1

- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
- 6:00 p.m. July Jubilee for All, Fellowship Hall

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. Highland has a safe and engaging Nursery for our youngest children (ages 0-5 years) on the first floor of the Education Building. We have a professional child care provider along with several volunteer Highland members who have all been trained with our Child and Youth Protection Policy. Age-appropriate toys, books and activities keep your child engaged as parents and grandparents attend the worship service. If you need help locating the Nursery, please ask a Greeter.

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.

**July Jubilee, Wednesday, July 1,
6:00–8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall:**

Join us for this celebration of community, history, and hope as all ages gather for the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence through meaningful action, reflection, and joy. Music, ice cream, special readings and creative projects await!

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 worship together. No prior choral experience is required, no robes are needed, and participation is flexible.

Summer Documentary Series: Today, June 28, 4:00 p.m., Ardmore Room. Together we will watch an episode from The Trevor Project's *Sharing Space* series focusing on conversion therapy. Valerie Glass, Director of Triad Restorative Justice, will lead the conversation following the film.



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



Service

Moore Food Pantry: For the month of July we are asking for donations of cereal.

Communion, Pasta Sauce and 5 Cents-A-Meal: Please note that for the month of July, we will be collecting our pasta sauce and loose change *on July 12*.

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

Youth Service Week All youth sign up today to serve mornings, June 29–July 2, with Highland's ministry partners.

Quest for the Best: Pizza continues today, June 28 at Cugino Forno in Clemmons.



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!