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JULY 5, 2026 • FOURTEENTH 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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 5, 2026 10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A WORD OF WELCOME

PRELUDE *Fugue in D Minor* Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather not to praise a nation,
All: but to worship the God who calls nations into being.
One: We gather as people shaped by history, summoned by hope,
All: and entrusted with the work of justice and mercy.
One: We come with gratitude for what has been made right,
All: and honesty about what remains broken.
One: Let us worship the Holy One
**All: whose justice rolls on, whose mercy widens,
and whose truth sets people free.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* NATIONAL HYMN
(sing verses 1 and 2)

THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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.

**A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE
FOR A PEOPLE STILL BECOMING**

INTRODUCTION

LESSON ONE: THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:8

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

NARRATION AND CIVIC READING

HYMN 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies vv. 1-2

MATERNA

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with servanthood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

This reading is from *The Declaration of Independence*.

This reading is
from President Lin-
coln's *Gettysburg*
Address.

This reading is
from "The New Co-
lossus," inscribed
inside the pedestal
the Statue of
Liberty

This reading is
from an 1873
speech by Susan B.
Anthony

LESSON TWO: THE CIVIL WAR

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:14-16

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

NARRATION AND CIVIC READING

HYMN 354 *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (verse 1)*

BATTLE HYMN

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are
stored; he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift
word. God's truth is marching on.

Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah!

Glory, glory hallelujah! God's truth is marching on.

LESSON THREE: THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 58:6-9a

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

NARRATION AND CIVIC READING

HYMN 340 *This Is My Song (verse 1)*

FINLANDIA

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

LESSON FOUR: WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 3:26-28

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

NARRATION AND CIVIC READING

HYMN 761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service (verse 2)*

BEECHER

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.

LESSON FIVE: THE NATIONAL PARKS

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 24:1-2 Page 502

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

NARRATION AND CIVIC READING

HYMN 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 1, 3)* DIX

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

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

LESSON SIX: WORLD WAR II AND GLOBAL COOPERATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7-8 Page 616

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

NARRATION AND CIVIC READING

HYMN 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory (verse 4)* CWM RHONNDA

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

LESSON SEVEN: THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

SCRIPTURE READING Amos 5:21-24 Page 854

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

NARRATION AND CIVIC READING

HYMN 339 *Lift Every Voice and Sing (verse 1)* LIFT EVERY VOICE

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.

CONCLUSION

This reading is from the National Park Service Organic Act

This reading is from President Truman's remarks at following Germany's surrender in Europe, May 1945.

This reading is from Dr. King's I Have a Dream speech, August 1963.

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

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.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Declaration of Faith* (PCUSA)

Throughout its history the church has struggled to be faithful to God in political situations: under persecution, or as an established arm of the state, or in separation from it. God rules over both political and religious institutions. We must confuse neither with the kingdom of God.

We must not equate the Christian faith with any nation's way of life or with opposition to the ideologies of other nations. We hold Christians are to be law-abiding citizens unless the state commands them to disobey God, or claims authority that belongs only to God. We must not allow governments to impose Christian faith by legislation, nor should we demand undue advantages for the church. The church must be free to speak to civil authorities, neither claiming expert knowledge it does not have, nor remaining silent when God's Word is clear. 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

Be Thou My Vision
(see hymn 450 for anthem text)

SLANE
arr. Alice Parker

*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 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand
(sing verses 3 and 4)

NATIONAL HYMN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: Now, may the God who guides the course of history
bless us and keep us.

**All: May Christ, who calls us into lives of goodness and mercy,
give us courage for the work that lies ahead.**

One: And may the Holy Spirit, who breathes hope into weary hearts,
send us out in peace—to seek justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with our God.

All: Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Our Father, Who Art in Heaven

Felix Mendelssohn

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 JULY 5, please pray for Jamie and Joe Blankinship; Jim, Lisa and Lisette Gallaher; Don and Joanna Leonard; Kathy Morgan; Rachel Priddy. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

Bless Our Neighbors!—Our prayers for our community. FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, please pray for our neighbors who provide support and care for older adults through *Senior Services* and *The Shepherd's Center*

Today's Worship Service juxtaposes readings from scripture with formative texts and ideas from American history. While not replacing the worship of God with the worship of country, our hope is to help us explore our national story through eyes of faith, both with appreciation and with awareness of our shortcomings and opportunities for further progress. Our readers for this service are Grace Chao, Robert Davis, and Cameron Kent.

CALENDAR

Sunday July 5

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
11:15 a.m. Worship Committee, Parlor

Monday July 6

Office Closed, Holiday
4:00 p.m. Highland Ukuleles, Arbor Acres

Tuesday July 7

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Camel City Coffee
5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee
6:00 p.m. Property Committee, Room 127

Wednesday July 8

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

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.

Congregational Meeting: The Session has called two Congregational Meetings. The first, on July 12, will be to hear the report of the Nominating Committee regarding their recommendation for Deacons and Ruling Elders for the Class of 2029. The second, on July 19, we will take action on the Nominating Committee's recommendation. All active members are encouraged to attend.

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.

Moore Food Pantry School Supply Drive: Through August 2, we will be collecting school supplies for children of Moore Elementary. We are asking for donations of backpacks, composition books, colored pencils, pencils, erasers (pencil top and rectangular), colored two pocket folders, washable markers, glue sticks, crayons, hand sanitizer, scissors, headphones, and pencil pouches or pencil boxes. Thank you!

Forsyth Prison Ministry: Highland has a partnership with Forsyth Prison Ministry, and they need help stocking their hygiene

closet. Now through August 2, we are collecting full sized bars of soap, full sized stick deodorant, travel size toothpaste and travel size shampoo. Thank you for considering this ministry.

Communion, Pasta Sauce and 5 Cents-A-Meal: 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 Big Chill: July 18, join us as we defend our championship! The Shalom Project will be the true winner no matter what!

Quest for the Best Pizza: continues July 12 at Crust and Craft.

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!