



HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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AUGUST 9, 2026 • NINETEENTH 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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 9, 2026

10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A WORD OF WELCOME

PRELUDE *Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir* (Old 100th) Johann Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are gathered in the presence of the Lord our God,

All: the creator of the heavens and the earth,

One: the beginning and the end,

All: the source of light, life, joy, and hope,

One: the fountain of all goodness, justice, and truth.

All: Let us worship the Living God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

***HYMN 33** *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

LLANFAIR

THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: If we have judged others on the basis of their possessions,

All: forgive us and help us to reflect the mind of Christ.

One: If we have treated people according to their status in society,

All: forgive us and help us to reflect the mind of Christ.

One: If we have made decisions based on skin color or nationality,

All: forgive us and help us to reflect the mind of Christ.

One: If we have overlooked the needs of our neighbors,

**All: forgive us and help us to reflect the mind of Christ,
we pray in Christ's name.**

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 32:22-31

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

SERMON

God Wrestling

Randy Harris

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

***HYMN 833**

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from A Declaration of Faith, PCUSA*

Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom.
Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom
and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms.
He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first.
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.

Like Christ, we may enjoy on our journey
all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.
No more than Christ are we spared
the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.
We are in the world, but not of the world.
Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people
do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,
but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.
Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:
to serve as he has served us;
to take up our cross,
risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;
to walk by faith, not by sight,
to hope for what we have not seen. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Clara Bryant-Prosterman

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.

The grace of God
calls for a response!

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Prière à Nore Dame* (from *Suite Gothique*)

Léon Boëllmann

*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 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

*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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. John Innes

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

We welcome Beth Martin as our guest organist today.

Bless You!—Our prayers for one another. FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, please pray for Susan Hammond; Peter Harrington; Cameron and Sue Kent; Gilmour and Nancy Lake; Nash and Penny Lindsey; Frank Neely; Jan Penick. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

Bless Our Neighbors!—Our prayers for our community. FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, please pray for our neighbors who provide justice for children through Action 4 Equity and Triad Restorative Justice.

CALENDAR

Sunday August 9

- 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

Monday August 10

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

Tuesday August 11

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Camel City Coffee
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Ardmore Room

Wednesday August 12

- 10:30 a.m. Caregiver Support Group, Ardmore Room
- 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.

Summer Documentary Series, August 16: Join us as we watch the PBS documentary, *Harvest of Dignity* at 4:00 p.m., Ardmore Room. This documentary focuses on the lives of migrant farm workers in North Carolina.

All Church Picnic, August 23, Join us for our annual picnic at Bolton Park, following Worship, 11:30 a.m. For more information, please see the August issue of Highlights.

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



Service

Collection boxes for the following Drives can be found in the Gallery Hallway. Thank you!

Moore Food Pantry: For the month of August, we are asking for donations of macaroni and cheese.

The Earth Care Committee is collecting used sneakers for GotSneakers. Learn more about this wonderful recycling program by visiting their website www.gotsneakers.com.

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.

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!

Faith & Film, Monday, August 10:

Join us at the Sherwood Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. as we discuss *Project Hail Mary* (2026).