



HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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AUGUST 16, 2026 • TWENTIETH 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.

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AUGUST 16, 2026

10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A WORD OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Dan Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God gathers us in the midst of lives still unfolding.

All: We come with hopes and fears, dreams and questions.

One: We come carrying stories of joy and struggle, belonging and brokenness.

All: God still calls us together in grace.

One: Trusting in the God who journeys with us,

All: we open our hearts to grace already at work among us.

One: Come, let us worship the God who holds our stories in love.

All: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

you know the stories we carry

and the ways we become tangled in them.

We confess the envy we nurture,

the comparisons that diminish others,

the hurts we allow to harden into resentment,

and the ways we protect ourselves at another's expense.

We envy the blessings of others,

and quietly resent their dreams.

We harden our hearts to the sufferings of our brothers and sisters,

too often tending to our own comfort

while injustice holds others captive.

Lord, search our hearts.

Free us from the patterns that wound us and those around us.

to witness among peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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.

OFFERTORY

Consecration

John Ness Beck

Haley Chapman, soloist

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments
and my days; let them flow in endless praise, let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet
and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let
them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect
and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart it is
thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself,
and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

***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 295**

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

***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**

Trumpet Voluntary in D Major

John Stanley

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 Reid Gilliam as our guest organist today.

Bless You!—Our prayers for one another. FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, please pray for Bob and Pam Collette; Sandi and Greg Hall, Will and Lila Rankin; Marshall and Caitlin Harris; Lindsay Hunt. *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 16

- 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
- 1:15 p.m. Earth Care Committee, Salem Room
- 4:00 p.m. Harvest of Dignity, Summer Documentary, Ardmore Room

Monday August 17

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

Tuesday August 18

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

Wednesday August 19

- 10:30 a.m. Caregiver Support Group, Ardmore Room
- 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. 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, Today, 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. Please RSVP through the link in Highland's weekly email. Wear your comfy (weather appropriate) clothes to worship next week!

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!