

HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 1, 2026 • ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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.

All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026 11:00 a.m.

The Gathering of the People of God

Music for Meditation *Violin Concerto in A minor, BWV 1041* J.S. Bach
II. Andante
Ewa Gondek, violin

A Word of Welcome

Moment for Mission *Bearing Fruit That Lasts* Bragg and Eberle Families

Prelude *Eternal Reflection* Arvo Pärt

Call to Worship

One: We gather to worship God,
All: who loves beyond life or death.
One: With the cloud of witnesses, by the grace of Christ,
All: in the presence of the Spirit, let us worship God!

Prayer of Praise

(*) When this symbol precedes an element of the service, you are invited to rise in body or spirit.

***Hymn 1** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* Nicaea

The Confession of the People of God

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, forgive our indifference to your will.
You call us to speak, but we are often silent.
You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Guide us through the witness of faithful followers of Christ
so that we may bear faithful witness to your unfailing love,
poured out for us in Christ Jesus our Lord.
The prayer continues in a time of silent confession.

The good news of God's forgiving love calls for our response of praise, and for words of peace and welcome to one another.

Assurance of God's Love

***Response 583** *Glory to God* Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

***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.**

Our song of "welcome" affirms our belief that the risen Christ breaks down the walls by which we may otherwise be separated.

The Word for the People of God

A Time for Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 34:1–10 Page 508
One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson Matthew 5:1–12 Page 4
One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Becoming Saints* Randy Harris

The Response of the People of God

***Affirmation of Faith** from *A Brief Statement of Faith,* PCUSA

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**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.**

A Brief Statement of Faith was commissioned in 1983 to celebrate the reunion of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Our Gifts to God *(Including 5 Cents a Meal)*

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

Anthem *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* arr. Patti Drennan
Charley Shafer and Ewa Gondek, violin

Praise, my soul, the God of Heaven, to God's feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise our voices we will sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! With our voices we will sing.

Praise God for the grace and favor to our forebears in distress;
Praise God still the same as ever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in God's faithfulness.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in God's faithfulness.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, Blows the wind and it's gone;
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on, and on.

Angels in the height, adore Thee, ye behold God face to face,
Saints triumphant, bow before Thee, gathered in from every race;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace. Let us praise God.

***DOXOLOGY** *GTG* 607

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**

***LITANY OF SAINTS** *(please see insert)*

In preparation, please open a hymnal or a Bible to view the name of the person memorialized on the dedication bookplate in the front.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

***HYMN 730** *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* GRAND ISLE

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues ...

Holy, Holy, Holy *(sung by all)* *GTG* 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues ...

THE LORD'S PRAYER GTG p. 35

**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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

***HYMN 326** *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

One: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
All: let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.
One: Let us lead a life worthy of the calling
to which we have been called,
**All: with humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another in love,
making every effort to maintain
the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**
One: May the grace, mercy, and peace of the Triune God
be with us as we go.
All: Amen!

POSTLUDE *Ode to Joy* Improvised Duet

The congregation is invited to come forward to receive communion. Gluten- and nut-free bread is available at the station to the right of the Lectern.

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

Today's guest musicians are Charley Shafer and Ewa Gondek.

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Alex Pozniak, by his loving wife Judy and daughters Jeanne (Tim) Brooker, Christine Jolly, and Nancy Pozniak.

***Bless You!*—Our prayers for one another. For the week of November 1,** please pray for Bill, Sheila, Kylie and Sienna Lambert; Martha Neely; James, Gillian, and Caitlin Thomas; Darlene Williamson; Nancy Wolfe. *The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24)*

***Bless Our Neighbors!*–Our prayers for our community. For the month of November,** please pray for our neighbors experiencing food insecurity and for the agencies that assist them: Forsyth Backpack Program, Moore School Food Pantry, and Second Harvest Food Bank.

Calendar

Sunday November 1

9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. LGBTQ Film Discussion, Ardmore Room
5:00 p.m. High School Youth Dinner, Burke Street Pizza Robinhood
7:00 p.m. Mums Night Out, Home of Lyn and Steve Hux

Monday November 2

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
2:00 p.m. Monday Circle, Ardmore Room
7:00 p.m. Fellowship & Communication, Salem Room

Tuesday November 3

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Camel City Coffee
10:00 a.m. Tuesday Circle, Salem Room
5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee
6:00 p.m. Property Committee, Room 127
6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Committee

Wednesday November 4

11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Room 101
5:30 p.m. Highland Ukuleles, Room 126
6:00 p.m. Fling Meal, Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Room 100
7:00 p.m. Arts & Worship Committee, Room 300

Thursday November 6

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Ardmore Room
6:00 p.m. Congregational Care, Salem Room
7:00 p.m. Global Service, Salem Room
7:30 p.m. Young Adults Service Night, AB 1

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.

Children during worship: Join us at 11:00 a.m. 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.

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

LGBTQ Film Discussion, today: We will gather at 4:00 p.m. and watch short videos made by the Presbyterian Church (USA) about welcome for our trans and non-binary siblings. Join us for a discussion as we seek to be a more welcoming church.

Fling Fellowship Meal, Wednesday, November 4, 6:00 p.m.: Sign up today using the QR code below for a delicious Thanksgiving-style meal!

Fall Stroll, Sunday, November 8, 2:00 p.m.: Salem Lake will be the location of our stroll. Meet in the church parking lot at 1:30 p.m. to carpool or 2:00 p.m. in the main Salem Lake Parking Lot as we celebrate fall.

Mission Fair and Congregational Luncheon, Sunday, November 15, following worship: We hope you will meet representatives from many community agencies which Highland supports and learn about ways you can support their work in our community. Plan to stay for lunch too! Watch for the sign up.

To sign up for any of Highland's opportunities 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 November, we are asking for donations of dried beans.

Children

Sunday Mornings, 9:30 a.m., Faith Formation for Children: Classes for children, 3 years old through 4th Grade, are located on the third floor of the Education Building.

Youth

Senior High Dinner, November 1, 5:00 p.m. Gather at Burke Street Pizza on Robinhood to share a meal, catch up, and connect.

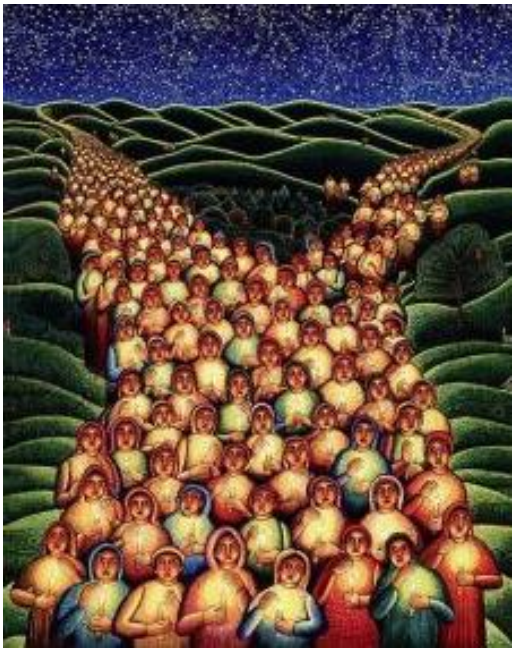
Young Adults

Service Night, November 5, 7:30 p.m. Join us at Highland as we assemble snack packs for Samaritan Ministries. We'll spend some time serving together and enjoying snacks and conversation.

Adults

Sunday Church School Offerings 9:30 a.m.:
The Present Word, Room 124
Lectionary Café, Salem Room
Parents' Coffee & Conversation, Room 126
Soul Food: Feasting on the Wisdom of Others, Room 127
On the Road to Empathy, Ardmore Room
Little Steps, Big Faith, Chapel

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!



Litany of Saints

In preparation, please open a hymnal or a Bible to view the name of the person memorialized on the dedication bookplate in the front.

One: God our Creator, we praise you for the saints; for saints who have gone before us; for saints who are in our midst; for the sainthood of all.

All: God of love, we thank you for the saints who have loved us;

One: For the families through whom we were created, the people who first loved us and taught us of your love;

All: For relatives and friends who responded to our needs; for relatives and friends who needed our love;

One: For matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets and priests; for disciples, apostles, leaders and servants;

All: For pastors and missionaries, deacons and elders; for teachers and healers, clerks and cooks.

One: God, to whom we come in faith, we thank you for the faith of the saints;

All: For Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Joseph; for Hannah and Elijah, Elizabeth and John;

One: For Augustine and Catherine of Siena, Mother Teresa and Sojourner Truth;

All: For Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox and John Witherspoon;

One: For pastors of Highland: George Staples, Gene Kirkman, Ben Kirkland, Malcolm Anderton, and Jim Banbury;

All: For those memorialized in our hymnals and Bibles whose names we speak.

In unison, please speak the name of the person memorialized in the hymnal or Bible before you.

One: For those dear to us in our families, or in this church family whose memory we continue to treasure.

In unison, please speak the name of the person.

One: God, who has gathered us as saints, we remember the saints who have gone before us this past year:

Bruce Ayres
Rob Clemmer
Carol Eickmeyer
Libby Graves
Fran Hawkins
Pierce Johnson
Pam Pepper
Kent Reeves
Gary Simes
Buddy Sink
Peggy Tyson
Margot Wharton
Jim Womble

One: We remember with gratitude these loved ones who, having given their witness, now abide in your care.

All: And we commit ourselves to build on their gifts of faith, so that future saints might rejoice in the foundation you have prepared for them through our service. Amen.

The image on this insert is *Festival of Lights*, by John August Swanson

The cover of today's bulletin is *The Communion of Saints, for All the Saints,* by Irene Thomas.