

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth from our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH Jen Jammer

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

ANTHEM Order My Steps arr. Schrader

GOSPEL READING Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

MESSAGE Good Enough, week 4: The Source of the Problem
Rev. Chip Stapleton

RESPONSE

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace arr. Keyser

†DOXOLOGY #592

**“Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above Ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”**

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

†HYMN #392 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

†BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Blessing for Becoming Real

†POSTLUDE I Will Sing of My Redeemer arr. Rhodes

†*All who are able, please stand*



Worship Leaders

Rev. Chip Stapleton, Senior Minister
Pam Langston, Dir. of Music Ministries
Jen Jammer, Dir. of Children's Ministry
Chris Jackson, Dir. of Youth Ministry

Lenten Service and Lunch Thursdays

12:15pm - Chapel

Please join us for a short Lenten service of prayer, song, and devotion followed by a delightful lunch of soup and sandwich (\$5) in the side-dining room.
March 31 and April 7.

Notes on Music for today...

Prelude: "The Old Rugged Cross" was written in 1912 by evangelist George Bennard and it speaks of the writer's adoration of Christ and His sacrifice. Loved for its lilting melody and words of personal trust, it remains one the most cherished hymns of the Christian faith.

Offertory: Lent is a wilderness journey. The psalmist describes a "valley of the shadow of death" in Psalm 23. "We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace" is our offertory mediation this Sunday. Although it's commonly played for memorial services it is also meaningful during this season of self examination. The original author is unknown, and it is set to a tune, composer also unknown, called PEACEFUL VALLEY. Many choral settings of this spiritual have been published - the most popular by Moses Hogan. Arranger Joseph Joubert created an interesting harmonization for congregational use. The organ arrangement for Sunday is by Jeanette Keyser.
~Pam

Eggs and Candy - keep 'em coming!

EGGS. We need eggs, lots and lots of plastic Easter eggs. And candy (individually wrapped), lots and lots of candy to fill the eggs for our community Easter Eggstravaganza on April 10th and for our own Easter Egg Hunt on April 17th.

Please drop the eggs (preferably already filled with candy, but no worries, we can take care of it)/and or candy by Jen's office, the front desk, or Kelli's office anytime by Monday, April 4th. Thank you all so much!

~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

We ask that you keep our home-bound in your thoughts and prayers.

P.W. and Martha Jessup	Norman Blakely
Jean Robinson	Steve & Orion Gaynos
Lisa Hitt	Madie Rae Locklear
(daughter of Gayle McDonald)	("Grandma" to the Guy Family)
Charlotte Ingram	Lib Yarborough
June Marie Smith	Bill Johnson
Gayle McDonald	

Please let us know if you have concerns that you think the church should know about. Please limit to close-extended family. We will put their names (and relation to you if you desire) in the email update. The names will be removed after a few weeks unless requested otherwise. Thank you.

Kelli Lujan 401-0928 or email kellilu@gmail.com

Announcements for March 27 - April 2, 2022

A note from your Pastor...

Hello Highlanders,

This week, as we continue to journey through Lent together, we have been finalizing details for our special worship services during Holy Week. I am really excited about all that we have planned for that week. As such, I wanted to take a moment now to share with you a little 'preview' of those services, and hopefully nudge you to make joining us for some or all of them a priority. The services that take place during Holy week are some of the most powerful, and unique in our faith tradition. They are also some of my personal favorites!

The Sunday before Easter is unique in our church calendar because it is one day with two very different focus points. That day is both Palm Sunday - a time to mark the joyous, triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem usually marked with sung 'hosanna's and waving palm branches', and it is also Passion Sunday - where, in the last Sunday before Easter, we mark and remember Christ's passion or sacrifice of love for all of us.

The two ideas can make for a strange combination - one joyous, one decidedly heavier - but both are critical parts of our journey to the empty tomb at Easter. We can't fully appreciate the passion and sacrifice of Jesus if we don't mark the king's welcome that he received upon entering Jerusalem, just days before his arrest and crucifixion. Likewise, we won't be able to fully experience the joy of Easter morning without walking through the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

This year, as we attempt to weave both of these themes together, we will do so by borrowing a page from the Christmas season. So, at both our services on April 10th, we will have Palm and Passion Sunday version of a 'lessons and carols' service. The traditional lessons and carols service weaves beloved songs together with the story of Christ's birth. Our service that day will marry together the account of Jesus' passion - beginning with his triumphant entry - from the gospel of Matthew, with powerful songs and hymns reflective of the season. We hope you will join us. On Maundy Thursday, we will have special service where we will remember the events that took place in the upper room with Jesus and his disciples. This service, held in the fellowship hall at 6:00pm, will include footwashing and communion and will engage us in the powerful events of that night.

Finally, we will have a Good Friday Tenebrae at 7:00pm in the Chapel. Tenebrae means shadows, and this dramatic service of music and readings is intermixed a darkening of the sanctuary and a reflection on Christ's loving sacrifice for us.

I hope you will plan now to join us at these special services during Holy Week.

Sharing God's Love

~Chip

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

MISSION DAY/SPRING GATHERING

Save the Date. The PW Mission Day combined with our Spring Gathering is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2022. The Mission Day will start at 10 AM in the side dining room of the Fellowship Hall. The Spring gathering will commence with a luncheon and awarding of PW Honorary Life Membership and the installation of new PW officers. Cost for the luncheon is \$8. Sign-up sheets are at the front desk. Mission Day donation boxes are outside the elevator at the front desk.



Wednesday, March 30

Menu: *Baked Ziti, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar, Dessert*

Make your reservations now! Call 401-0928

You may also email Kelli with your reservations - kellilu@gmail.com

YOUTH

Beginning April 3- SOCKED

Torment your neighbors & friends! Help raise money to support our ASP team! Over the next 3 weeks we'll be collecting old socks and shoes that you don't mind being ruined to help us put on this very FUN-draiser.

Youth Group this Sunday, 6:00pm

This week, we're going to talk about how to respond when things fall apart, with the help of our Giant Jenga game. Next Sunday we're having a cookout, and we'll kick off our SOCKED Fundraiser. Locations TBD

HPC Session Highlights

March 22, 2022

*Approved the sacrament of communion for the June 4, 2022, Central Community of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina meeting at Highland.

*Approved Youth Sunday and Confirmation Sunday to be held on May 15 at 10:00 in the sanctuary as a unified Sunday.

*Received the following update on the Highland Learning Center from Ginny Breece, board chair: have 4 new staff members; have 102 children enrolled; every teacher has a tablet; director is working on summer program for school age kids; work on the playground begins April 28; construction has begun on updating the learning center workroom; have received 3 quotes for cameras to be put in every classroom; tuition for children will go up on April 1 that is comparable to other centers in the area.

*Elected Judy Capps and Will Haithcock as commissioners to the June 4, 2022, Central Community Gathering at Highland Presbyterian Church.

*Elected Joelle Hutaff and Tom Lee as commissioners to the October 8, 2022, Full Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Sanford, NC.

*Approved the recommendation from the Personnel Committee and the Finance Committee to adjust a staff member's salary to bring it more in line with the job the person is performing.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

Join us for our Easter EGGstravaganza on Sunday, April 10th 3pm-5pm in the circle drive. We'll have games, crafts, egg hunt, fellowship, and fun! The whole community is invited to this church-wide event!

We are looking for volunteers to help make this event even more special! 1-2 people to be "floaters" from one game or craft to another to make sure supplies are in order. Being in the middle of it all not your jam? We also need a few people to stick around/come back to help clean up after. Call or email Keely at secretary@hpchurch.org to let her know how you'd like to help. Thank you! (One last thing, if you want to help but cannot be here on April 10th, we would love to put you to work filling plastic eggs with candy prior to the event).

LILIES

Each year the Highland Family is given the opportunity to express their love and appreciation of loved ones by purchasing a lily in their honor or in their memory. If you would like to do so, please fill out a form (can be found at front desk) and submit your payment by Monday, April 11, 2022. The cost is \$10 for each lily purchased in honor or memory of a person or family. Thank you!

(Please mail cash/check with "Lilies" in the memo line or drop in an offering box on Sunday morning; OR go to hpchurch.org/give and pay online-select "Other" as the fund & type "Lilies" in the memo line)



MARCH 27, 2022

11:00am

HIGHLAND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

The Old Rugged Cross

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Like a loving Father, God offers us freedom to choose our own path.

All: In God's freedom, we are a new creation.

One: Like a merciful Mother, God offers us compassion when we lose our way.

All: In God's mercy, we are a new creation.

One: Like a forgiving Parent, God welcomes us home with open arms.

All: In God's embrace, we are a new creation.

One: Come! Let us worship the one who makes all things new.

All: For we are reconciled to God, a new creation in Christ.

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #461

God Is Here!

CALL TO CONFESSION