

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, your creatures cry – creation groans – but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you!
All: And also with you!

†Gloria Patri #579 **Glory Be to the Father**

THE WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH Jen Jammer

NEW TESTAMENT Romans 8:18-25

ANTHEM For Where Love Is, There Is God arr. Wagner

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 28:10-19a

MESSAGE Family Reunion, week 6: Works in Progress
Rev. Chip Stapleton

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

All: 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.

RESPONSE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING SONG Spiritual Medley arr. Schram
(Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen/Steal Away)

†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

†SENDING #132 **Come, Great God of All the Nations**

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Festive Gloria Miller

†All who are able, please stand



~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

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

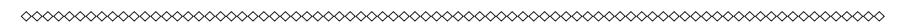
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| P.W. and Martha Jessup | Steve & Orion Gaynos          |
| June Marie Smith       | Madie Rae Locklear            |
| Doris & John English   | ("Grandma" to the Guy Family) |
| Violet McNeill         | Lib Yarborough                |
| Bill Owen              | Bill Johnson                  |
| Pattie Koonce          | Betty Graham                  |

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. Email [kellilu@gmail.com](mailto:kellilu@gmail.com)



**VOLUNTEER Opportunity. Run, don't walk...**

Summer heat already got you down? Want to be inside where it's cool and super fun and you get to give back to HPC and your fellow church members? Have we got the place for you! Volunteering at Highland Presbyterian's very own front desk. We have pens for you to doodle on scratch paper with, random treats for you to snack on, AND phones to answer (this one is when you use your gift for gab to answer questions and/or transfer the call/visitor to the proper staff member). Let Jen Jammer know you're up to the task! 989-447-3489



**Notes on Today's Music...**

The offertory today is a combination of songs called a medley. The piece "Spiritual Medley" by Ruth Elaine Schram combines "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" with "Steal Away" to create an effective meditation on these two songs of faith.

*"Nobody Knows the trouble I've seen, nobody knows but Jesus;  
Oh, nobody knows the trouble I've seen, glory hallelujah!"*

*"Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!  
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here..."*

"Steal Away" has become a standard Gospel song, and is found in many Protestant hymnals, including the 2013 Presbyterian Hymnal.



**POWER FORWARD**

Thank you to all who participated in the Summer Sock Drive for Power Forward Neighborhood Youth Group! Your donations will go a long way to help solve a basic need for our kids.

We appreciate your support!



WOODPECKERS GAME - SUNDAY, JULY 16  
Contact Chris if you'd like us to reserve you a seat! We have 8 tickets left!

CAROWINDS TRIP - Wednesday, August 2  
RSVP by Sunday, July 16  
Cost will be \$50 per person

NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE - July 21-26  
Pray for the Stapletons, and a few other members of our youth as they travel next week, for safe travels, and that God will use this time away to fill them up with love and joy, and energy for the work ahead.

~Christopher Jackson  
Director of Youth and Worship Ministries

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## Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina 2023 Fall Gathering

Saturday, August 19 at Highland Presbyterian Church  
Registration at 9:00am  
Plenary begins at 10:00am

**Guest Speaker:** Renea Henderson, Renea Henderson Ministries

### Workshops & Table Displays:

- \*Children's Hope Alliance \*Moderator, Treasurer, & Historians
- \*Horizons Bible Study \*Mission & Celebration Giving
- \*Young Life \*Human Trafficking
- \*Sewing Sisters \*Church World Services & More

We will be collecting Period Packs for Church World Service  
Providing Period Packs to help end period poverty is an easy way  
you can help share your love with others.

### Here is what we need:

- Re-sealable bags - Gallon size
- Hand sanitizer - 2oz bottles
- Bathroom trash bags - 4 Gallon size
- Tampons - Regular
- Tampons - Super Absorbancy
- Pads - Unscented, Long super ultra-thin
- Bath soap - 3oz bar or larger. No Ivory or Jergen's. Don't remove packaging
- Flushable wipes - Unscented, 42 count
- All items must be new

Please place your donations in the provided box located in the elevator  
lobby (behind the front desk) by Sunday, August 13th!

All women are invited,  
even if you do not participate in an organized PW circle!  
Refreshments and Door Prizes provided



## NCDOT PUBLIC MEETING

There will be a public meeting, Tuesday, July 18,  
5:00-7:00 concerning the results of a corridor  
study for Morganton Rd between west of Reilly  
Rd and Dobbin Ave. The meeting will be held in  
the HPC Fellowship Hall. Feel free to drop-in.

JULY 16, 2023  
11:00AM



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GATHERING MUSIC

## GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT

Come and Worship

Allen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**All: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to  
worship in spirit and in truth.**

One: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

**All: That we may share God's love and life,  
may we be renewed in the refreshing  
Spirit of the living Christ.**

One: The living Christ is with us.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #420

**God of Grace, and God of Glory**

CALL TO CONFESSION