

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteous and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of our salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
All: And also with you.

THE WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH Jen Jammer

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 58:1-9a

ANTHEM Oh Jesus, I Have Promised Carter

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:13-20

MESSAGE

Citizen of Heaven, week 4: Kingdom Spices & Acceptable Fasts
Rev. Chip Stapleton

†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.

RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Be Thou My Vision arr. Boyd

†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 #423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
(verses 1-4)

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Lead Me, Lord arr. Kimball
(Handbell quartet)

†All who are able, please stand

~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

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

P.W. and Martha Jessup Steve & Orion Gaynos
Jean Robinson Madie Rae Locklear
Lisa Hitt ("Grandma" to the Guy Family)
(daughter of Gayle McDonald) Lib Yarborough
Charlotte Ingram Bill Johnson
June Marie Smith Betty Graham
Doris & John English Hope Campbell
Violet McNeill Mike Byerly (SIL to Shirley Olund)
Randy Gainer Bill Owen

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. Kelli 910-401-0928 or kellilu@gmail.com

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

YOUTH INFORMATION

SENIOR RETREAT - March 24-26

Cost: \$200 (but don't let that stop you) - Calling all High School Seniors
Join Us for a weekend of service, reflection, and fun! Contact Chris to
reserve your spot no later than this Sunday! (January 29)

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP - 6pm every Sunday

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Appalachia Service Project Interest Meeting
TONIGHT - February 5 5:00pm

Old pro who doesn't want to imagine a year without ASP?
Excited to go for the first time? On the fence?
It's time for THE experience...
This year we plan to serve at ASP the week of June 18-24.
Join us at a meeting tonight to find out more!

Notes on Today's Music...

Introit: "Hear My Words" is an opening prayer for choir & soloist. Tenor Warren Way will sing the final descant. With the morning light O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice arise. And expectant I will bring prayers as morning sacrifice.

Opening Hymn: "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" was published in 1623. The tune, LASST UNS ERFREUEN (1623), is in our hymnal as "All Creatures of Our God and King" so it will hopefully seem familiar. May we lift our voices together joyfully with these verses of praise that are new to us as a congregation.

Anthem: John Bode (1816-1874) has given the church one of its most during hymns of Christian discipleship. "O Jesus, I Have Promised" has been arranged for choir using this alternate tune. The anthem builds to the last verse when low voices sing the melody and high voices have a secondary melody.

Offertory: "Be Thou My Vision" is from an 8th century Irish poem. It is a prayer that God would be the first we seek after, and continually refocus the direction of our life. This arrangement is a keyboard duet, so part one is played on our Roland digital piano in playback mode, and part two is played on the Steinway grand.

Closing Hymn: Isaac Watts is the author of both our opening and closing hymns. "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" is a declaration of assurance of our home in the Kingdom of God. On the fourth verse, sopranos, tenors, and flute will add a soaring descant above the congregation and organ.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL
Wednesday, February 8th, 2023

Menu: Chicken Parmesan, Linguine with Sauce,
Salad Bar, Dessert

Make your reservations now! Call 401-0928 or kellilu@gmail.com



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MISSION DAY**  
Monday, February 27th - 9:30am - Fellowship Hall - Light refreshments

The following items are needed to help the Presbyterian Women have a successful Mission Day. Please place donations in the baskets found in the lobby outside the elevator. Thank you for your generosity.

**Circle 3** - Will be making fleece blankets

**Circle 4 - Stanton House and Circle 5 - Urban Ministry**  
Hygiene Kits: \*Wash cloths \*Antibacterial Soap \*Emery Boards \*Shampoo (travel size) \*Kleenex (travel size) \*Band-aids \*Toothbrushes \*Toothpaste (travel size) \*Laundry Det. PODS (6 in zip-lock) \*Socks \*Granola Bars

**Circle 6 - Veteran's Administration**

\*Reading Glasses - any strength but must be all plastic (no metal frames)  
\*Body Wash (full and travel size) \*Chapstick \*Deodorant \*Shaving Cream \*Lotion (full and travel size) \*Razors (double and triple bladed)  
\*Toothbrushes (individually wrapped) \*Toothpaste (full and travel sized)

**Circle 8 - Operation In As Much**

\*Powdered Laundry Detergent (measure out in 1/2 cups into zip-lock bags)  
Cleaning Supplies: \*Windex \*Magic Erasers \*Bucket \*Gloves \*55 Gallon Trash Bags \*Paper Towels \*Any other kind of cleaning supply  
Non-perishable Brown Bag Lunches: \*Fruit Cups \*Plastic Spoons \*Pop Top Can Foods \*Granola Bars \*Chips \*Cheese/cracker packs \*Packaged Sweets  
\*Water Bottles \*Brown Paper Bags  
Copy Paper

**Presbyterian Women's Honorary Lifetime Membership**

*Please consider nominating someone deserving of an Honorary Lifetime Membership. Nomination forms can be found at the front desk. The deadline for nominations is February 24.*



**THANK YOU!**

The Highland Learning Center would like to thank Highland Presbyterian Church members for their support of the HLC Apple Sale. The profit from the sale will go toward updating the "baby playground". Your generosity means so much to us and to the littles who will benefit from better/safer play equipment!

Consider Attending

**PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE**

*An Intensive 3-day Christian Growth Experience*

*From*

*Sundown Thursday March 9*

*To*

*Sundown Sunday March 12*

Visit [www.ncpilgrimage.org](http://www.ncpilgrimage.org) for more information and talk to someone from Highland who has attended. Here are some people you know who have been to Pilgrimage and would be happy to answer your questions:

Sally Augustine, Margaret Barefoot, Cathy Blackwell, Avery Cameron, Valen Fowler, Nancy Haithcock, Lauren Harper, Martha Ann Harrell, Carol Ivey, Gina Keel, Becky Lee, Lynn Legatski, Neill Legg, Katherine Parnell, Stuart Augustine, Kenny Barefoot, Scott Cameron, Mike Fowler, Dana Haithcock, Steve Harden, Shields Harper, Tom Lee, Karl Legatski, and Terry Morris.

*(Written before the Congregational Meeting took place; it's good to be reminded of not only the purpose of the meeting, but also the "reason" - family...)*

Hello Highlanders,

As I write this message, copies our church's annual report are being made and sorted together, as we prepare for our annual meeting this Sunday, February 5th @10:30am in the sanctuary. The annual report may not sound like something all that interesting or important, but please don't let the bland title fool you. This is an important part of our life together, not merely something that we have to do every year to be in compliance with our PC(USA) Book of Order.

Perhaps, as we think about this meeting, it might be helpful to frame it in different terms. One of the ways I most often hear Highland described is as a 'family'. I love this description because it does a good job of capturing a lot about what makes Highland so important and special to so many of us. If Highland is a family, then our annual congregational meeting is a family meeting.

Sometimes at family meetings - even informal ones around a dinner table, say - there are important decisions made, news shared, and discussions held. Other times it is more about making sure everyone knows what is going on with the family business, and what has happened over the last days, weeks, or months. This becomes more and more important the bigger the family is.

Highland is a pretty big family, and that wonderful truth means that very few people know about all that is going on in our church's life and ministry. Our meeting this Sunday is a chance to remember that while the session leads the church and makes most of the important decisions for the church, they do so on behalf of the entire congregation, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead them in discernment.

Sunday is an important day for our family, and a great day for a family meeting. I hope to see you there.

*Sharing God's Love,*

~Chip

**FEBRUARY 5, 2023**

**11:00am**



**HIGHLAND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

*SHARING GOD'S LOVE*

GATHERING MUSIC

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Richardson

INTROIT Hear My Words Paulus

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: If the human body, body of blood and muscle,  
is to live, it needs salt.

**All: If the body of Christ, body of peace and justice,  
is to live, it needs us!**

One: If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming,  
is to flourish, it needs the sun's light.

**All: If the new creation we are in Christ is to flourish,  
it needs the Spirit's light!**

One: Jesus says we are the salt of the earth, light of the world.

**All: Our faith, our love, our hope - essential as salt and light.**

One: But if salt isn't salty?

**All: It isn't what it's meant to be.**

One: And if a light doesn't shine?

**All: It isn't what it's meant to be.**

One: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.

**All: We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ: a compassionate  
community, a justice-making people, giving glory to God!**

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #229 **From All Who Dwell Below the Skies**  
(Same tune as "All Creatures of Our god and King")