

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: If we are honest, we are more isolated than involved, more selfish than free giving, more obstinate than obedient, more self-centered than loving. By the power of Your indwelling Spirit, remove all obstacles that keep us from being Your disciples in the world. Lord have mercy upon us and forgive us for not being more like You. This we pray in Jesus’ holy name. 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 Matthew 9:35-10:1

ANTHEM Bow the Knee Harland/Machen
(Bill Hardwick, soloist)

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 10:5-23

MESSAGE Encouragement and Empowerment
Terry Morris

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 ‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus arr. Crouse
Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know, “Thus saith the Lord”
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him, how I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus. Oh, for grace to trust Him more

†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 #388 **O Jesus, I Have Promised**

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE May the God of Hope Go with Us folk melody

†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          |
| Lisa Hitt                    | Madie Rae Locklear            |
| (daughter of Gayle McDonald) | ("Grandma" to the Guy Family) |
| June Marie Smith             | Lib Yarborough                |
| Doris & John English         | Bill Johnson                  |
| Violet McNeill               | Betty Graham                  |
|                              | 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. Thank you. Email [kellilu@gmail.com](mailto:kellilu@gmail.com)



Music Notes from Pam...Looking back:  
*The hymn “Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness” cued the procession of Rev. Stapleton, Chancel Choir, acolyte, and children with celebration ribbons. Highland’s new Pentecost banner features a descending dove and was created with 12 fabrics. It’s on display in the choir room if anyone would like to take a closer look at the 50 piece flame, and the variety of batiks used.*



*Pictured above are four singers, a reader, and a percussionist who led a Hymn Celebration for the Central Community Presbytery Gathering at Clarkton Presbyterian on Saturday, June 3.*

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Hi friends!  
School's out for summer! A season to sit by the pool, hang out with friends, take leisurely strolls, and extended vacations, and VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Yes, indeed.  
All our young friends are invited to join Ms. Jen and the rest of HPC staff June 12 - June 15, 9:00-12:00 for fun and fellowship.  
For our older-but-not-out-of-high-school friends, scroll down to the Youth section of this email update (Be sure to click the link provided to get more details) to check out what's in store for you guys; first up - Slip & Slide on Wednesday, June 7th. You might get your hair wet...  
All you adult-type friends, we're still in the process of figuring out wonderful ways to stay connected over the summer. In the meantime, enjoy being with your friends and family - back-to-school and fall kick-off will be here before you know it!  
As always, continue...  
*Sharing God's Love,*  
~HPC staff



**HPC YOUTH**  
**SUMMER 2023**  
 You won't get bored with these lots of fun activities!  
**HERE'S THE DEETS:**  
 Wed, June 7: Wet Wednesday @ HPC  
 VBS June 12-16: Get your Volunteer Hours!  
 ASP: June 18-24  
 Wed, June 28: Sweet Frog Family Night  
 Wed, July 12: Putt-Putt Fun Center  
 Sun, July 16: Woodpeckers Game  
 July 21-26: Mission Conference  
 Wed, Aug 2: Carowinds  
 Date TBD: Lake Day  
 Wed, Aug 16: Battlehouse  
 Sun, Aug 27: Back to School Cookout

**READERS WANTED!**  
 Would you like to help fill-in as a reader on Sunday Mornings during the summer months? Contact Jen Jammer to let her know you would like to help. Thank you.

**POWER FORWARD**

Did you know?...POWER FORWARD is the neighborhood youth group that meets Wednesday nights at HPC year round. We eat. We talk. We pray. We play basketball. Our goal is to provide positive male role models and life direction to an underserved group of kids and young adults in a safe environment. Led by Jim Schaffer, Rick Perko, Rich Falter, and Pastor Eulin Joseph we strive to make a difference in our community. POWER FORWARD is a church mission and supported by our congregation. We appreciate your support and encourage your participation.

**HPC FARM**  
 WHERE GOD'S FRUIT GROWS!  
 JUNE 12-15 9AM-12PM

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!**  
**HPC FARM**  
 Where God's Fruit Grows!  
 June 12th - 15th  
 9:00am-12:00pm  
[hpchurch.org/summer](http://hpchurch.org/summer)

**Congregational Meeting**  
 There will be a Congregational Meeting at 10:45am on Sunday, June 11th in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on a change in the terms of Rev. Chip Stapleton's call.

**VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER**

Would you like a fun summer (which could turn into a fun fall, winter, spring) volunteer opportunity? Are you a High School kid who needs a few more community volunteer hours? HPC is here for you! Check out the following list to see what matches with you!

- VBS (just one week!)
  - Food Pantry (one day/few hours a week)
  - Sunday School (obvious)
  - Front Desk (various days/hours/duties)
- Contact Jen at (989) 447-3489

**HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 SHARING GOD'S LOVE  
 JUNE 4, 2023  
 11:00AM

GATHERING MUSIC

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT O Lord, You Are My God and My King Burson  
 (Chancel Choir)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: You call us into discipleship, even us a simple people.  
**All: Let us proclaim the good news that God's reign is at hand.**  
 One: You instruct us to minister to the poor by taking your place by their side.  
**All: Let us proclaim the good news that God's reign is at hand.**  
 One: Turn your mission fields into pulpits and sanctuaries.  
**All: Let us proclaim the good news that God's reign is at hand.**  
 One: Help us not to obstruct their path but lead them in the way of the Lord as you would have us become your disciples.  
**All: Let us proclaim the good news that God's reign is at hand, giving us encouragement and empowerment to accomplish our mission as you did for the disciples when you reigned on the earth. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #461 God Is Here

CALL TO CONFESSION