

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of infinite mercy and love, we come before you this day, knowing that we have not always been faithful to what you would have us do. We have too often turned our backs on those in need, choosing not to hear their cries. Forgive us, O Lord. We know that you do not want us to behave in this way. Your love and mercy, so generously showered over us, should be a beacon to guide our own actions. We make no excuses, for none would suffice. We ask your forgiveness and blessing, turning us again around and placing us on the path of compassion and peace. This prayer we offer in Jesus' 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

BAPTISM      *Charles Hudson Ellis*  
Son of Mary Lawrence and Haydon Ellis

BAPTISMAL HYMN #498  
**Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (v. 1)**

OLD TESTAMENT      Psalm 133

ANTHEM      O Love of God Most Full      arr. Denton  
(Chancel Choir)

OLD TESTAMENT      Genesis 45:1-15

MESSAGE      Family Reunion, week 10: Forgiveness in the Family  
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    Andante Cantabile from *String Quartet No. 8*    Haydn  
(Andrea Kelly, flute)

†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 #285    **God, You Spin the Whirling Planets**

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE      Father in Heaven Abiding      Handel  
(Andrea Kelly, flute)

*†All who are able, please stand*



Music Notes from Pam...

*Soli Deo gloria!* What does it mean? J.S. Bach signed it at the bottom of his sacred music manuscripts. These words begin the American Guild of Organists' Declaration of Religious Principles. It is also the title of the newest anthem in our choral music library.

Soli Deo gloria is a Latin term for Glory to God alone. The Protestant Reformation had five solas: sola Scriptura (scripture alone); sola Christo (Christ alone); sola Gratia (grace alone); sola fide (faith alone) and soli Deo Gloria (glory to God alone).

In church music, we are careful to not use the word "perform" but rather "present" when speaking of music played and sung for the glory of God in worship. Instrumentalists and singers hope their offerings will be a blessing to those present in worship, but the music is given as a gift to God alone.

The prelude today is an organ transcription of "Soli Deo Gloria" by Marty Haugen that the choir will present in worship this fall. *All praise for music, deep gift profound. Through hands and voices in holy sound. Soli Deo Gloria!*

~Pam



**Lake Day at the Horne's**  
**RESCHEDULED to Sept 10**  
Our Fall Kickoff for youth group!  
More details as we get closer

**Battlehouse**  
August 16 6pm

~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

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

Martha Jessup  
June Marie Smith  
Doris & John English  
Violet McNeill  
Bill Owen  
Pattie Koonce

Steve & Orion Gaynos  
Madie Rae Locklear  
("Grandma" to the Guy Family)  
Lib Yarborough  
Bill Johnson  
Betty Graham  
Annette Pleasant

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



Hello Highlanders,

**We are the church - together.  
We are the body of Christ - together.  
We are - together.**

We wanted to emphasize the above once more. These next few weeks will be a wind-down of summer trips, dropping first-borns off at college, last minute summer-clearance shopping trips, and a wind-up of fall plans for HPC. We've got short-term and long-term thoughts and ideas cooking and we hope that you will be as excited to join us as we are to have you!

Scroll through this bulletin to get a small glimpse of the happenings at Highland. Make donations when and where you can and participate when and where you can.

We truly make a great family!

*Sharing God's love,*

~Chip

~HPC Crew

**REMINDER - TODAY**

No childcare available today during worship service.  
Children will need to remain with their parents.



**NOTICE ABOUT THE HPC HEARING ASSIST**

For anyone having difficulty hearing during the service, the sound system at Highland is equipped with CDC Compliant Hearing Assist. It can be accessed using any smart phone and compatible ear phones or ear buds (or bluetooth enabled hearing aids).

There is no cost or limit to the number of people who can use it. It has been tested for several months and has been very helpful. Anyone wanting to use Hearing Assist can contact Chip or Richard for further instruction.

The initial setup is a little "techy", but help is available. Setup requires installing an app on the smart phone, either iPhone or android. The app is provided by the Hearing Assist manufacturer, is free, and does not require any personal information. The app does not send "spam" messages. The smartphone must be connected to the HPC-Audio wi-fi network. After that, the smartphone app can be opened and connected to the wi-fi. The HPC sound system will play through whatever listening device is connected to the phone (earphones, ear buds, hearing aids). It is important to remember that the sounds system is usually muted before the service, so nothing will be heard until the service starts.

It takes a few minutes for the initial setup so if it is to be done on Sunday morning, please come a little early to the service. If anyone wants to get setup during the week, please call the church and arrangements will be made.



**Suppers for Six**

Please sign up by August 30 if you would like to participate in the Fall Suppers for 6.

We welcome new members.

Those who are currently signed up,

do you want to continue this Fall? (Let us know!!)

Sign-up forms are available at the front desk!

Or you may email Kelli ([kellilu@gmail.com](mailto:kellilu@gmail.com))

with your information (name/s, address, phone number).

**All our friends! School Supplies Needed!**

Do you have extra school supplies that are crowding you out of house and home? Perhaps you haven't gone school supply shopping yet and want to pick up extra? Have we got a great cause for you -

***Jermaine's (and Trei's) Dedicated Father's***

***1st Annual Back-to-School Supplies Donation and Give Day!***

***August 19th in the HPC gym - 12-3pm***

Please drop any donations (paper clips to backpacks and beyond) in the buckets provided in the lobby of Highland Presbyterian Church.

We appreciate you!

**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**

Tuesday August 22nd from 2-3

at Highland Presbyterian

for our friends who haven't

started school yet!



**We Have Nursery Needs**

**Baby Bouncers and baby toys**

**Please contact Ms. Jen at (989)-447-3489**



**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

August 27th during both services

Bring your backpack, bookbag, shoulder bag, messenger bag, whatever way you tote

your school supplies back-and-forth each day to church service on

Sunday, August 27th so they can be blessed.

**AUGUST 13, 2023**

**11:00AM**



**HIGHLAND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

*SHARING GOD'S LOVE*

GATHERING MUSIC

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Soli Deo Gloria  
(organ/flute)

Haugen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has forgiven us and drawn us close,

**All: Reconciling us through Jesus Christ.**

One: The Jesus who has lavished upon us good gifts,

**All: including the fullness of God's Holy Spirit.**

One: With glad and grateful hearts,

**All: Let us praise and worship the Lord!**

OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #155

**Rejoice, the Lord Is King**

CALL TO CONFESSION