

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Everlasting God, we know how easy it is to forget your presence and power in our lives. Focused on our daily planners, we do not pay attention to the night sky and the stars that glitter. Surrounded by the sounds of anger, violence, and hate, we have trouble listening to your whispers of hope and grace. Thinking that Scripture is filled only with stories, we cannot understand your truth which can change lives. Forgive us. There is no one who can hold a candle to you when it comes to mercy and hope. Lift us to our feet so we may walk with you; fill us with your strength so we may proclaim to everyone the Good News that has come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Jen Jammer

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 40:28-31

SONG On Eagle's Wings Joncas (Bill Hardwick, soloist)

GOSPEL READING Mark 6:30-32

MESSAGE Red Letter Challenge, week 2: Being 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 Pianosong Halley

†DOXOLOGY "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 #411 Arise, Your Light Is Come

†BLESSING & BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Variations on I sing the Mighty power of God arr. Bailey

†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
Terry Morris, Pastoral Care Intern

~~~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 Gayle McDonald
Doris & John English Betty Graham
Della Mol Claudia Thornton
Violet McNeill Donnie Reid

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

Hello Highlanders,

I want to begin this message with a giant note of thanks for all that participated in any way in our 'Back to Church' Sunday this past weekend. It was truly a wonderful day of worship, fellowship, good food, and celebration. There were so many people, staff and volunteers, that made everything happen that there are too many to list here - but thanks to them all. Thank you as well, to all of you that attended our unified worship service and our luncheon afterwards. It was a holy and precious time made all the better by the fact that so many of you were present.

As you hopefully know, it wasn't just 'Back to Church' Sunday, but it was also the kick-off to our Red-Letter Challenge. Many of you have already purchased the book - hopefully you started reading day 1 (Tuesday 9/20)! - and we have more books arriving for those who still need them.

Again, I want to encourage all of you to participate in this challenge as fully as you can. Get a book, follow along with our daily social media posts, join us in worship and in Sunday school and/or Bible study and let us see together what God has planned for us through this next 6 weeks of focusing on listening to the words of Jesus and trying to do what they say.

To that end, I want to make you aware of the YouVersion Bible app. The YouVersion Bible app is the most popular Bible app for smartphones in the world - chances are if you have a Bible app on your phone it is this one. The Red Letter Challenge has partnered with YouVersion to provide a condensed 11 Day Bible reading plan on the app which is available here. This 11 day plan would be beneficial for all of us, but I want to especially encourage you to check it out if you haven't purchased the book and/or feel like 40 days of reading is too much of a commitment for you. This plan is 5 minutes a day for less than two weeks. You can do it! And if you get started and find you want more, we can get you a book and you can always join our discussions at Bible study on Wednesday nights (5:30-6:30 in Leighton McKeithen).

If you have any questions about the Red-Letter Challenge or need help or support with anything, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of the staff. Keep reading and listening to those red letters!

Sharing God's Love, ~Chip



NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC...

Prelude: "Total Praise" by Richard Smallwood has been included in ten hymnals after years of being a well-loved choral piece. Today it will be played as an instrumental arrangement combined with "It Is Well With My Soul" by Phillip Bliss.

Solo: "On Eagle's Wings" by Michael Joncas is a paraphrase of Psalm 91 and makes reference to Isaiah 40:31. Written in response to the death of a friend's father, this song has been a source of consolation to many people.

Offertory: "Pianosong" is one of piano/organ virtuoso Paul Halley's best loved pieces. The warmth and serenity of this composition can help us transcend preoccupations and focus on this present moment in worship.

Postlude: "Variations on I Sing the Mighty Power of God" is an exuberant organ/piano duet in traditional style. All who stay until its conclusion are in for a blessing as worship ends with a glorious celebration of God's greatness. ~Pam



Thank you for being a part of our

**SEPTEMBER 18th  
BACK-TO-CHURCH CELEBRATION!!!**

The children singing was such a treat, lunch was delicious (as was Sunset Slush), the bounce houses were fun and challenging, and the fellowship was fantastic. Thank you to all who participated in some way, you are appreciated!



**Wednesday Night Dinners || 5:00-6:00pm**

**Menu for September 28**

Pork Chops, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies,  
Salad Bar, Dessert, Beverage

Adults - \$8 | Kids - \$4 | Family Cap - \$32

We also offer a gluten free option, please let us know when you make your reservations. Go to [www.hpchurch.org](http://www.hpchurch.org) to access the on-line reservation form or you may email Kelli at [kellilu@gmail.com](mailto:kellilu@gmail.com)

If you would like to make a "standing reservation" for the 2022-2023 season, you may do so on the reservation form. Please note that we have **not** carried-over standing reservations from last year.

Please make your reservations by 5:00pm on the Monday prior.  
Thank you!

**Life Line Screening  
Tuesday, September 27 - Fellowship Hall**

**Carotid Artery (Plaque) Screening - Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation) - Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm - Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening - Osteoporosis Risk Assessment**

All of the above screenings for only \$149  
To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount, please call 1-800-324-1851 or visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HS](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HS)



This announcement is not for Youth, it's for YOU  
If you would like to support our youth ministry, we'd love for you to sponsor a meal for our Sunday Night Youth Group. It usually costs about \$150 a week (a steal considering it's at least \$40 to feed my family of 4). We'll even let you come serve it if you want to see some smiling faces and don't mind missing those 2nd half NFL kickoffs. Thank You!

**BUSCH GARDENS CampaScreamaRidaPaloozaFest™**

When: October 14-16 || Cost: \$180

Did you miss our early deadline? It's not too late to sign up!  
If you need more info, just reach out to Chris!

**CHICK-FIL-A BREAKFAST**

New Day and Time this year! - Every Tuesday at 7:20 am

**NO Sunday Night Youth Group this Week (We'll be at the Lake)**



All women of the church are invited to attend the *Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering* on Monday, October 24th at 6:00pm. There will be a delightful dinner (\$12), a speaker, and fellowship. Chat with Elaine Bryant Hayes or a circle member about how to get your tickets. Bring a friend!



**Sessional nomination update:**

Suggestion boxes and forms are located at the Fellowship lobby desk and beside the Sacristy just outside the sanctuary. Names should be submitted by September 28th. If you know an active church member with leadership qualities, the nominating committee asks that you prayerfully consider suggesting that person(s) for sessional nomination. Please note that permission from proposed nominees should NOT be obtained before submitting their name(s)

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022  
11:00AM



**HIGHLAND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

*SHARING GOD'S LOVE*

GATHERING MUSIC

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE Total Praise (with It is Well) arr. Williamson  
(Cathy Wilson, piano; Pam Langston, organ)  
*Lord, I will lift my mine eyes to the hills knowing my help is coming from You.  
Your peace You give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength.  
You are the strength of my life. I lift my hands in total praise to You.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Have you not known?  
**All: Our God is the everlasting God,  
Creator of the ends of the earth.**  
One: Have you not heard?  
**All: God does not faint or grow weary.**  
One: Have you not known?  
**All: God's understanding is unsearchable.**  
One: Have you not heard?  
**All: God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.**  
One: Have you not known?  
**All: Those who wait for God will renew their strength  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles.**  
One: We come to hear.  
**All: We come to know. Thanks be to God.**

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #138

**Holy, Holy, Holy**  
verse 1: All voices in parts  
verse 2: Men only in unison  
verse 3: Women only in union  
verse 4: All voices in parts