

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most. Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Jen Jammer

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 150

ANTHEM A Prayer for Humility (Chancel Choir) Patterson

GOSPEL READING Acts 5:27-32

MESSAGE Surprise, week 1: An Unexpected Turnaround Christopher Jackson

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 Dana Haithcock

OFFERTORY Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus arr. Young

†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 Dana Haithcock

SENDING

†HYMN #525 Here I Am, Lord

†BLESSING & BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks Fishel

†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

Music Notes with Pam...

Many people have expressed deep appreciation for all the meaningful music offered during the services of Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. I'd like to extend sincere thanks to those who rang handchimes and handbells, those who sang with choir/ensembles or alone, and those who played instruments. All participation was done with the awareness that this music was for an audience of One, and it is a great blessing to direct a music program in which participants are keenly aware that it's for the glory of God. Perfection is not required because perfection is unattainable, but giving our best is what we always aspired to in every service of worship from Ash Wednesday to Resurrection Sunday. As we look ahead we are excited about the expansion our sanctuary organ, increased participation in choral and instrumental groups, and the purchase of new sacred music. Blessings on this marvelous church and on all those who give their gifts in worship as we proclaim the love of God both here at Highland and beyond our walls. To God Be the Glory, ~Pam

MOTHER'S DAY and FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY GARDENS

This Mother's Day, Friendship Community Gardens is hosting our 2nd Annual Mother's Day Produce Basket Sale. We have teamed up with local farmers and makers to offer two produce basket options -- full of seasonal produce, fresh bread, local honey and granola from a social-care farm. Complete the online order form at <https://bit.ly/fcgmothersday2022> (you can also find all the information you need at this link) or e-mail FCGquestions@gmail.com to request a physical order form. Kindly pre-order and pre-pay by Tuesday, April 26th. Thanks for supporting Friendship Community Gardens!

~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

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

P.W. and Martha Jessup	Noel Harris
Jean Robinson	Steve & Orion Gaynos
Lisa Hitt	Madie Rae Locklear
(daughter of Gayle McDonald)	("Grandma" to the Guy Family)
Charlotte Ingram	Lib Yarborough
June Marie Smith	Bill Johnson
Gayle McDonald	Patsy Thames

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,
 Writing for Chip; the HPC staff hopes that everyone enjoyed their spring break! We would also like to thank everyone for their participation, encouragement, support, prayers, and love during our Lenten and Holy Week services and Easter celebrations. We appreciate you!
 Let's continue...
 Sharing God's Love!
 ~Chip and HPC Staff



Surprise! The Unexpected Acts of God
 2022 Easter Season Sermon Series

This series focuses on surprising acts of God in the book of Acts. We all know the excitements and disquiet that come with the sudden reversal of our expectations. The early Christians whose stories are told in the book of Acts have no shortage of surprises. The resurrection sets off a host of unexpected events and changes for Jesus' followers, even changes within themselves. If our own spiritual lives have come to seem humdrum and everyday, these stories will awaken in us a new desire for God's work in the live of unsuspecting, ordinary people like ourselves.

ROAD CLOSED

The side-driveway leading out from the Highland Learning Center to Arsenal Road is closed for the next few weeks due to playground construction. We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you.



SOCKED Fundraiser

continues throughout April
 Torment your neighbors and friends! Help us raise money to support our ASP team!
 Thanks to everyone who has supported this fundraiser so far!

Youth Sunday (Graduation and Confirmation)

May 15, Combined Service at 11:00
 (in the Sanctuary)

Celebrate our Graduates, Covenant with our Confirmands, and support all our youth as they lead us in worship.

Youth Group this Sunday 6pm

We're preparing for Youth Sunday (especially music) this week.

Chick-Fil-A Breakfast
 Wednesdays, 7:30 @ Chick-Fil-A on Raeford Rd

~Chris Jackson
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Wednesday, April 27th

Menu: *Bacon-wrapped Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Salad Bar, Dessert*

Make your reservations now!

Call 401-0928 or go online to hpchurch.org, scroll down a bit to access the reservation form.

You may also email Kelli your reservations - kellilu@gmail.com

APRIL 24, 2022
11:00AM



**HIGHLAND
 PRESBYTERIAN
 CHURCH**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

PRESERVICE

Harriet McDonald

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

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You Are My God and My King

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Once again, it is the first day of the week, and God's people have gathered together in this house.

All: We are here to praise our God.

One: We are here with expectation.

All: Surprise us again with your presence, Lord.

One: Like a beautiful sunrise, a birdsong, a chellist's melody in a dark auditorium, the laughter of a child, the first bright stroke of paint on an old building, surprise us again with your presence.

All: Filled with joy, we turn your blessings into praise.

Let our hearts, minds, hands, and voices join with all creation declaring, shouting, singing Praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #151

Crown Him with Many Crowns