

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lord of patience and persistence, we live in a broken and shattered world. All around us we see great evidence of hatred and alienation. We cannot help but observe the alienation of your people from each other. We create devices to separate rather than unite; to divide rather than come together in hope. Forgive us for our sins. These sins cause such division and hurt. Remind us today that the disciples, too, lived in a fearful world and that one day you came to them, as they sat huddled in fear, and you empowered them. You gave them hearts of courage and faith. Please bring to us the same hearts that we may serve you well, bringing peace and hope to our world. In the name of Christ, we offer this prayer. 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Litany for Pentecost

One: Holy One, We are not sure what it would be like if the Holy Spirit blew through our churches again as it did on the day of Pentecost. However, we want to speak the language that you have given, louder, and more clearly in our lives and church.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

One: So we pray, come Holy Spirit come, pour out your fire of love upon us to be the body of Christ in a world that is often hurting, hungry, and cynical. We want to bring the good news to the poor, heal the broken-hearted, preach deliverance to captives, bring recovery of sight to the blind and set at liberty all that are bruised.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

One: As your disciples, we pray for all who suffer, are poor, despairing, burdened, blind and battered. In your loving breeze, we pray for health and wholeness for those who are physically ill, for those who are mentally ailing, for those who are money sick, for those who are spiritually unwell.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

One: We pray for the healing of your creation, and the renewal of the face of the land. We pray for those who are thirsty, that they would drink from your fountain of living waters and never thirst again.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Come. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2:1-21

ANTHEM

Whisper to My Heart

Angerman/Martin

GOSPEL READING

John 7:37-39

MESSAGE

In the Pentecost Spirit

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.

COMMUNION

Call to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

COMMUNION SONG

The One

Courtney

RESPONSE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

Come Down, O Love Divine

Callahan

†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 #129

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us (v. 1, 3)

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

Eternal Light from Above

Oldroyd

†All who are able, please stand

Hello Highlanders,

As our family has been caught up in all of the usual 'end of school' things, intensified by having a high school senior, I have been spending some time looking back over the last school/program year. This has been underlined by our Military/Veteran appreciation night at church today, which also serves as our last Wednesday night dinner of the year.

The unified service for Youth and Graduation Sunday last weekend, and the opportunity tonight to remember and show appreciation for those that make serving others a central part of their lives, are perfect ways to cap what has been a great, full year of ministry here at HPC.

Our times of food and fellowship each Wednesday - with great meals provided by Jermaine and Vannessa, served with love and joy by our Food & Fellowship committee - have been something that many of us looked forward to each week, to buoy and sustain us in the midst of all the hustle and bustle of our work and school weeks.

The children's ministry, led by Jen has seen new growth and success this year, aided by a strong - and growing - group of volunteer leaders. Chris and Amanda have provided regular opportunities for spiritual growth and study for our young men and women, respectively (and if you heard the graduates speak last Sunday, you know the difference that Amanda's Bible study has been making for years now!)

Our crew of adults engaged in deepening our faith and discipleship through weekly Bible study has grown and been a source of insight and blessing for all involved (or at least for me!)

And, finally, the Power Forward outreach on Wednesday nights led by Jim Schaefer, Rick Perko and others has seen great attendance and made a powerful difference for our community.

It really has been quite a year. Last night in our Session meeting, the devotion that opened the meeting spoke about the different rhythms of summer and pointed out that, while we might not have our 'regular' programing we aren't 'taking a break from God', but rather finding and noticing God's work and presence in the many wonderful, seasonal things that fill our days between now and the restart of many of our ministry programs in the fall.

So, as we head into summer, and into a season without our midweek gathering for fellowship and discipleship I encourage you to continue to seek God, to have eyes to see his presence in the sunrise at the beach, the time reconnecting with family and friends, the joy of an ice cream cone on a hot summer day... Thankfully, our God doesn't take any time off from us - and if we are looking - his fingerprints and his Spirit is all around us.

Sharing God's Love,

Chip

~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

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

P.W. and Martha Jessup
Lisa Hitt
(daughter of Gayle McDonald)
June Marie Smith
Doris & John English
Violet McNeill

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

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

CORRECTION: The following was inadvertently left out of the College Graduate information in last Sunday's bulletin.

Campbell Alexander Watson
 son of Amy & John Tart, and the late Brian Watson
 Graduated from Presbyterian College
 BS in Economics

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

NOTES on TODAY'S MUSIC...

Processional: "Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness" will begin our worship service with the procession of the Chancel Choir, children's celebration ribbons, and new Pentecost banner created by quilt designer Donna Hunt.

Opening Hymn: "Let Every Christian Pray" is a hymn written for Pentecost. It will hopefully seem familiar as it borrows the tune composed for "When Morning Gilds the Skies" known as LAUDES DOMINI.

Anthem: "Whisper to My Heart" is a new choral anthem prepared especially for this special day. "Whisper to my heart, I will hear you...in the stillness speak, and I will know" is beautiful text by Joseph Martin.

Offertory: "Come Down, O Love Divine" is an arrangement of a Pentecost hymn. It's played on the softest flutes & strings of our organ. The quiet mystery this piece evokes is the work of composer Charles Callahan.

Sending Hymn: "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" is a 20th century text written by a Presbyterian lay person and poet. It is perfectly suited to the sturdy Welsh tune EBENEZER.

Postlude: "Eternal Light from Above" is third in a suite of improvisations that ends with full organ. "Pour light upon us from above, and fire our hearts with Thy strong love" will be our closing for Pentecost Sunday.



MAY 28, 2023
11:00AM
PENTECOST SUNDAY

HIGHLAND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

GATHERING MUSIC

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PROCESSIONAL Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness Day

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sometimes our hearts are shut up like the doors that imprisoned the disciples.
All: Come, Holy Spirit, with your mighty wind of justice, blow open these doors and release us!
 One: Darkness floods our souls and we wonder if we will ever see the light again.
All: Come, Holy Spirit, let the flames of fire touch our hearts and our spirits and burn away our fears and frustrations.
 One: We sit, huddled in our own worlds of alienation. When will we ever feel the power of your love again, O God?
All: Come, Holy Spirit, fill our lives with your love and free us to reach out to others with the good news of your eternal presence. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #130 **Let Every Christian Pray**

CALL TO CONFESSION