

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to our call. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Jen Jammer

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2Samuel 23:1-5

ANTHEM Walk Worthy

Martin

GOSPEL READING John 18:33-37

SERMON More than Enough, week 4: Enough to Live Rev. Chip Stapleton

RESPONSE

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed pg. 14 Blue Hymnal

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 from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 DeAngelo Morrisey

†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."

†LITANY OF COMMITMENT OF PLEDGES FOR 2022 & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Creator of all, the earth is your, the world and all who live in it. All: You have entrusted us with gifts - time, talent, energy, money - and asked us to use them to build you kingdom.

With thanks and praise we respond to you call.

One: We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity, paying it forward.

All: We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.

One: We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

All: Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love.

One: Center us in lives of thankful giving and loving fo all the blessings which you have bestowed uon us.

All: We commit our lives to your word, O God.

One: By your word, O God, guide our lives, forgive our sins, inspire our thoughts, shape our attitufes, lighten our darkness, give us eternal hope, and fill our hearts with joy, assuring us of your constand presence, until you bring us at last into the glories of your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Accept, O God, the tokens of our love and signs of pledge and commitment which we offer to you today. By your word of blessing and grace, may they blossom forth as leaves on a tree, as flowers in our hearts, as blssings in your kingdom, as joy in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING

†CLOSING SONG Goodness of God Second Mile Praise Band

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God arr. Behnke Pam Langston, organ

†All who are able, please stand



Altar Flowers

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents Jack & Shirley Kenton and Jack & Virginia Lee and honor of our son, Jackson Kenton Lee

Given by Becky & Tom Lee

Worship Leaders

Rev. Chip Stapleton, Senior Minister Pam Langston, Dir. of Music Ministries Jen Jammer, Dir. of Children's Ministry

Music Notes from Pam...

Praise Ringers are bringing a rainbow of praise to the glory of God in worship today! A few ringers have previous handbell experience, but most were only recently introduced to music reading and handbell technique. This is their first time leading worship as an eight member bell ensemble. They are: Parker Guy (yellow), Stuart Harrell (light blue), Macie Holzinger (orange), Meghan Holzinger (red), Caroline Johnson (pink), Lydia Park (green), Lawson Sherrill (purple), Mary Ellen Thompkins (blue).

~Pam

Presbyterian Women's Bake Sale Wednesday, December 8th, 3:00-6:30pm

Please join us in making delightful sweet treats, cakes/cookies/etc. for our annual fundraiser. If you're not quite the baker, but want to enjoy something tasty, stop by our bake sale to purchase a few items! For those who will be baking something to sell, please fill out the sign-up sheet located at the front desk (or in your Sunday School classroom or through your Circle). Or you may contact Kelli at kellilu@gmail.com 401-0928 to let her know what you plan to provide (I will need your name, email, phone number, and item(s) baked/donated.)

Addresses

Don't forget! We are asking for mailing addresses of our college kids. The end of the semester is fast approaching and the Presbyterian Women want to help make exam time a little better. Please email name/address by Nov. 29th to Kelli at kellilu@gmail.com

InterFaith Christmas

It's time to go shopping...for our InterFaith families! If you, your Sunday School class, family, or other group would like to support this mission, please contact Jen Jammer at 989-447-3489 to let her know you are interested. Thank you!

Hanging of the Greens

"Hanging of the Greens" will be held on Sunday, November 21st beginning at 4:00pm. We will be decorating the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!! Any questions, you may call, text, or email Martha Ann Harrell at 910-624-0335. mamharrell@gmail.com

~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

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

P.W. and Martha Jessup Norman Blakely Jean Robinson Steve & Orion Gaynos Sam Williams Madie Rae Locklear Lisa Hitt ("Grandma" to the Guy Family) (daughter of Gayle McDonald) Lib Yarborough Charlotte Ingram Bill Johnson

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

Announcements for November 21 - November 27, 2021

*A note from your Pastor...*

Hello Highlanders,  
 The activity level at the church - which is always HIGH - has ramped up over the last few days, and will continue that way, pretty much through our Christmas Eve services next month.  
 Today, we are focused on our unified service, which is also our pledge dedication Sunday. This is a day to celebrate the many gifts God has blessed us with, both as individuals and a church community. It is also a day to respond to God's abundant giving in worship and by returning a portion of those gifts. I hope that all of you are looking forward to the service - and the meal! - as much as I am. It is going to be a wonderful day of worship, celebration, gratitude, and fellowship and it will be better and fuller with you here!  
 Speaking of gratitude, despite my disbelief, Thanksgiving really is coming this week. While this is a special and cherished time for our entire country, Thanksgiving has special meaning here at Highland where we will again be responding to God's generosity to us by sharing Thanksgiving meals with 2,000+ people in need on Thursday. This is, as most of you know, a massive effort. There are many ways that you can help in advance - sponsor a turkey; help the youth with sweet potatoes; (which is this afternoon at 4:00) donate pies, etc. - and there is always room for more hands on volunteers on Thursday morning as well. All the information you need to sign up to help in any way can be found on our website. Let's make this a great Thanksgiving for all of us! Finally, this afternoon, we will also prepare our church for the Advent and Christmas season - which starts next Sunday, Nov. 28th, with the Hanging of the Greens. All who are interested and available are invited to join the dedicated crew of decorators Sunday afternoon as the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall are transformed for the holiday season. All are welcome - young, not so young, skilled decorators, and all those who would just like to lend a hand. We hope to see you there!

*Sharing God's Love,*  
 ~Chip

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL -  
 NO MEAL NOVEMBER 24TH**

No Wednesday meal/activities. Be sure to join us on November 25th for our BIG DAY! Thanksgiving Day Meal. We look forward to our volunteers/delivery drivers/ food prep and assembly/ clean-up crews being here bright and early!

(Menu for December 1st...  
 Pulled Pork, Baked Beans,  
 Cole Slaw, Rolls, Salad Bar  
 Dessert)



Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th to observe and celebrate Thanksgiving. Offices will reopen on Monday, November 29th for regular business hours.



**It's Turkey Time!**

Adopt a turkey (\$20/per), bake a sweet potato casserole, or a delicious pie (or get one or five from the grocery store!).

Call or email Keely (401-0929; secretary@hpchurch.org) or Kelli (401-0928; kellilu@gmail.com) for more information or to let them know how you plan to help. Pick up a volunteer form at the front desk. (See opportunities below).

- Sunday, November 21, 4-6pm \_\_\_Sweet Potato Prep
- Monday, November 22, 11am-2pm \_\_\_Gravy Prep
- Tuesday, November 23, 11am-2pm \_\_\_Prep/Set-up
- Wednesday, November 24, 10am-6pm \_\_\_Prep/set-up - \_\_\_Pie slicing

**Thursday, November 25 - THE BIG DAY**

- \_\_\_Kitchen food prep, 5am-11am (10 needed)
- \_\_\_Thanksgiving hosts, 7am-11am (4 needed)
- \_\_\_Prep/set-up, 7am-9am (6 needed)
- \_\_\_Line servers, 8am-11:30am (14 needed)
- \_\_\_Meal assembly, 8:15am-11:30am (30 needed)
- \_\_\_Packout/Loadout, 8:15am-11:30am (20 needed)
- \_\_\_Drive-thru Distribution, 9am-11:30am (5 needed)
- \_\_\_Delivery/Drivers, 9:15am-11:00am (14 needed)
- \_\_\_Clean-up, 10:30am-12:30pm (10 needed)

**CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE**

We are reaching out because we are excited to announce Friendship Community Garden's 2nd Annual Christmas Wreath Sale happening NOW! We're thrilled to partner with Stone Mountain Farm in Boone, NC again this year to bring you fresh Fraser Fir and mixed wreaths. As in the past, our wreath sale is pre-order only, so order your wreath today!

As you may know, Friendship Community Gardens is a nonprofit that aims to create space for racial and disability reconciliation in our community through planting, growing, and harvesting healthy food options for local residents. We have a collection of raised beds for community gardeners, a fruit orchard, a chicken coop, our new honeybee and butterfly sanctuary, and a seasonal produce market that serves the community fresh and local produce options out of our 1970's VW truck. Thank you for supporting this work in our community this holiday season!

Kindly pre-order your wreath and pre-pay by November 23rd. Wreaths will be available for pickup on Sunday, November 28th from 5pm to 7pm at 1111 Arsenal Avenue. What better way to deck your halls than by purchasing a locally-sourced wreath and supporting Friendship Community Gardens!

ORDER YOUR WREATH HERE: <https://bit.ly/fcgwreathsale>



**NOVEMBER 21, 2021  
 11:00am**

**HIGHLAND  
 PRESBYTERIAN  
 CHURCH**

*SHARING GOD'S LOVE  
 Unified Service*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

DeAngelo Morrisey

**GATHERING**

11:00 CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Royal Flourish  
 Praise Ringers

Krug

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us celebrate the goodness of God.  
**All: God has blessed us with God's great love.**  
 One: Let us come to this time, letting go of our worries  
**All: Let us come to this time praising God.**  
 One: Come, now is the time to worship.  
**All: We come rejoicing, for God is so good to us.**

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #559

**We Gather Together  
 Give Thanks**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the holy One;  
 Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (repeat)  
 And now let the weak say "I am strong;" Let the poor say,  
 "I am rich, because of what the Lord has done for us." (repeat)  
 Give thanks!**

CALL TO CONFESSION