

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Hear us now, O God, as we gather to worship and praise your name. Forgive us when we trust more in institutions that increase our wealth, in the latest food or drug that promises to make us smarter, in modes of transportation that get us where we want to go faster, cheaper, more comfortably. Hear us, Lord Jesus. Forgive us when we are reluctant disciples. Renew our desire to follow you, even if it means having the direction of our lives completely changed. Forgive us when we forget that we do not have to do everything in our own power. Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us now, as we can only offer true worship and be faithful disciples when we are filled with your power. 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      Jen Jammer

GOSPEL      Matthew 6:9-15

ANTHEM      Give Us A Vision      Choplin  
(Chancel Choir)

Come, O Lord, look on your people;  
wandering and lost with no shepherd but you.  
Without your light your people will perish  
Lift us again and make our hearts new.  
Give us a vision, a vision of you.  
Mold us and make us a people of truth.  
Come Spirit, feed us, and lead us to do your holy mission,  
O give us a vision of you.

OLD TESTAMENT      Jonah 3:10-4:11

MESSAGE      Learning to Love Our Enemies, week 3:  
On Repenting from Our Repentance  
Christopher Jackson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The 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      Jesus Loves Me      Manuel  
(Warren & Fran Way, duet)

†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 #372      **Lord, I Want to Be A Christian**

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE      Glory to God      Weaver

*†All who are able, please stand*



**Notes on Today's Music...**

“The Holy Presence” by Janet Linker is a prelude for handbells and organ. It combines “Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place” and “Holy, Holy, Holy” to call us to worship and praise. We welcome the Highland Ringers back to worship leadership with this first piece of the new ringing season. “Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place” by Lanny Wolfe will be a congregational hymn this Sunday. It is in the United Methodist Hymnal, Baptist Hymnal, and 14 others, although not in ours. The song is very familiar to our congregation as the choir has sung a choral arrangement of it for many years. “Give Us a Vision” by Raleigh, NC native, Pepper Choplin, is an inspiring choral anthem full of rich harmonies. The text will be printed in the bulletin for worshippers to reflect on as the Chancel Choir sings this meaningful message. Please consider becoming a part of the choral ministry of HPC. “Jesus Loves Me” is a text that has been set to many tunes, and this one by Ralph Manuel is especially beautiful. It’s not every day you get to hear a married couple sing a duet. We look forward to the special experience of hearing Chancel Choir members Warren and Fran Way sing together for our offertory meditation.

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**Back-to-Church Sunday - October 8th  
Unified Service at 11:00 - Potluck Lunch and Celebration after!**

Please join us on Sunday, October 8th for our Back-to-Church celebration! We will have lunch immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. HPC provides the FRIED CHICKEN and rolls, we are asking you to provide side-dishes and/or desserts. Please make enough for your family and four more friends!

Since HPC is providing the meat - we are asking for reservations so that Jermaine will be able to prepare properly. (No one wants to go without fried chicken!) Please let Kelli know by 12:00pm on Thursday, October 5th, that you plan to join us.

On that Sunday, (October 8th), please drop your side-dish/dessert off at the Fellowship Hall BEFORE the 11:00 worship service. Thank you.

After lunch, head over to the gym for some fun games and crafts for the whole family. We look forward to seeing all of you!

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**~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~**

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

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Martha Jessup        | Steve & Orion Gaynos          |
| Doris & John English | Madie Rae Locklear            |
| Violet McNeill       | ("Grandma" to the Guy Family) |
| Bill Owen            | Lib Yarborough                |
| Pattie Koonce        | Bill Johnson                  |
| Mary Lynn Bryan      | Betty Graham                  |
| Melody Acosta        | Annette Pleasant              |
| Donavon Murray       |                               |

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](mailto:kellilu@gmail.com)

Hello Highlanders,

I want to share with you some of what our session has been up to. Last Sunday, after our 11am service, the session gathered for an afternoon long retreat. The point of the retreat was to spend some time - outside of the time pressures of the regular monthly meeting - thinking and discerning together where God is calling Highland next and what priorities we should be focusing on.

The afternoon was time well-spent, as we talked about the many gifts and opportunities that Highland has been blessed with and how God might be calling us to share his love with each other, our community and the world. It really was a Spirit-filled time of discussion and discovery.

I am sharing this information with you for three reasons. First, I think it is important for everyone to be aware of what the session is doing, because it is doing it on behalf of the whole church. Second, this is an invitation for you to share your thoughts and ideas about HPC's priorities, where God might be calling us, and the like with myself, with members of our session and the staff. Third and, perhaps most importantly, I would ask you all to regularly be in prayer for the session as we discern God's call and try to chart a faithful course forward for HPC as we seek you fully utilize the many gifts God has blessed us with to share God's love with all.

*Sharing God's Love*

~Chip



Wednesday Night Dinners - 5:00-6:00

Menu for **September 27**

***Pork Chops with Gravy, Garlic 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 [hpchurch.org](http://hpchurch.org), scroll down a little on the landing page, there you will find the reservation form.

Please make your reservations by 12:00noon on the Tuesday prior. This allows time for proper preparation. Thank you! [kellilu@gmail.com](mailto:kellilu@gmail.com)

### **Highland Learning Center**

Open hours are now 6:00am - 6:00pm Monday - Friday!

Also, HLC has 3yo-5yo availability. Potty-trained is preferred. Please contact Diana Bunton to let her know you're interested.

**Sessional nomination update:** Suggestion boxes and forms are located at the Fellowship Hall lobby desk and beside the Sacristy just outside the sanctuary. Names should be submitted by October 1. 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 for proposed nominees should NOT be obtained before submitting their name(s).



### **HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT HPC YOUTH?**

*Getting to see my friends  
Learning about God with friends  
Having adventures with good people  
Getting harassed by my friends  
Everyone is welcoming  
The food*

All of these are real answers to the question:  
**What is the Best Thing About Youth Group?**

Over the last 2 weeks, we've seen the faces of 25 students at HPC Youth events. That's 25 students experiencing all of those things that make youth group so great.

You can help make all of this happen by:

**Volunteering** - prepare & serve meals, lead games, share your faith story

**Making donations** - we spend about \$125 a week on food,

plus teaching supplies and giveaways

Encouraging Youth you have influence with to join us

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS CONTINUES**

Sundays, 10AM in the Youth Room

### **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

If you are not Confirmation age, join Ms. Nikki in the Fellowship Hall

### **CHICK-FIL-A BREAKFAST**

Tuesday Mornings 7:15-8:00

We gave away our first box of free hashbrown this week.

Grab your CFA Breakfast loyalty Card!

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Every Sunday, 6pm- 7:45

Dinner, Games, Bible Study with Friends!

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

**11:00AM**



**HIGHLAND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

*SHARING GOD'S LOVE*

GATHERING MUSIC

### **GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

The Holy Presence  
(Highland Ringers)

Linker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The word of God came to Jonah,

**All: The word of God comes to us:**

One: Go

**All: Despite your fears**

One: Speak

**All: the truth of God.**

One: Love

**All: your neighbor and your enemy.**

One: Forgive

**All: as you have been forgiven.**

One: Receive

**All: grace upon grace overflowing from  
the fullness of God.**

OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN

**Surely the Presence**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;**

**I can feel His mighty power and His grace.**

**I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

CALL TO CONFESSION