

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: When hope runs dry, lift us out of despair, O God, and fill us with the waters of renewal. When our efforts fall short, forgive our failings, and reclaim us with you promise. When the weight of worry holds us down, lift us up with your comfort, and show us the way forward. Transform our lives, as you once transformed water into wine, that we may flow with abundant love. Transform your creation and your people, as you once transformed a formless void into this good and fruitful earth. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Jen Jammer

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 36:5-10

Polly Angel

ANTHEM All the Earth Will Sing for Joy

Schram

GOSPEL READING John 2:1-11

MESSAGE Living with Joy, week 3: Called to Delight

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 Come, Live in the Light

Haas

†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

†HYMN #145

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow arr. Sikes

†All who are able, please stand



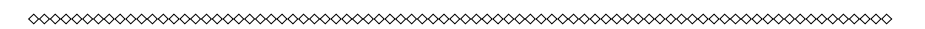
Worship Leaders

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:

On January 9, the Chancel Choir sang, "Lord, Here Am I" by John Ness Beck. Later in the service I engaged a preset registration for an organ offertory that had the B' Salicional Celeste in it. I heard a pipe in the Salicional Celeste that will often sound off when the stop is engaged before a note is even played. I whispered, "Oh, Celeste!" and smiled as I remembered the words of the anthem, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I" ...the over-eager Salicional Celeste was ready to get on with her service to the Lord! This minor pipe issue has now been permanently corrected, but I'll miss that little pipe's readiness to contribute. Oh, that we were all as ready and willing as our little

Salicional Celeste.
Make a joyful noise,
~Pam



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

In our Bible Study, from now until the start of Lent, we will be using a book by Krish Kandiah called Paradoxology. The book invites us to recognize and be honest about the many questions - some of them challenging that so many of us have about our faith. Kandiah reasons that rather than questions or doubts being an obstacle for our faith, it is often in honestly pursuing those questions that we find our faith growing deeper. It is in wrestling with our question that we grow the muscles of our faith into something that can stand up to the challenges of this world.

This is the schedule for our next several weeks:

Week 1 - The Abraham Paradox: The God who needs nothing but asks for everything

Week 2 - The Moses Paradox: The God who is far away, so close

Week 3: The Job Paradox: The God who is actively inactive

Week 4: The Judas Paradox: The God who determines our free will

Week 5: The Cross Paradox: The God who wins as he loses

I am really looking forward to these discussions over the next several weeks, and I hope you will join us in person on Wednesdays, 6:00-6:45 in the Chapel, and/or virtually through our podcast as we seek to grow in our faith together.

~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

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

P.W. and Martha Jessup  
Jean Robinson  
Lisa Hitt  
(daughter of Gayle McDonald)  
Charlotte Ingram  
June Marie Smith

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

*A note from your Pastor...*

Hello Highlanders,

Last week, almost unbelievably, marked the the completion of our fourth year back in Fayetteville and at Highland. The current weather situation, with chilly temperatures, weather cancellations and the threat of more winter precipitation, is doing its best to help me remember what it is we left up in New England.

As I was reflecting on the past four years, particularly during the unexpected 'off-day' this past week, I was reminded of just how special Highland and it's people are. Even as we continue to live through a global pandemic that has affected every area of our lives for the past two years, it is amazing to consider how far we have come in our communal mission of Sharing God's Love.

As we were home on Sunday morning, instead of at the church, worshipping together, I was struck by just how much I missed the opportunity to be with our church and worship together. I thought of the words of the Apostle Paul, in his first letter to the church in Thessalonica, where he spoke of his delight in sharing 'not just the gospel of God, but my life as well - because you have become so dear to me.' (2:8 paraphrase).

There have been many accomplishments and important moments worthy of celebration along the way, but nothing has been more meaningful to me - or, I think, more important than the relationships that have been formed, strengthened and renewed.

It is in and through these relationships that we grow in our relationship with God, in our understanding of God's call and claim on our lives, and it is only in working together that we can fully live into who we were meant to be - both as individuals and as a church can find the joy and fulfillment that comes with being part of the mission of God.

Together Highland has accomplished much, and together, strengthened by the grace and providence of God, and led by the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit, the future of Highland is bright - as we grow together, share God's love, and invite others to experience the life changing relationships found as part of the Body of Christ.

*Sharing God's Love,*

~Chip



**Wednesday, January 26th, 2022**

Menu: *Pork Loin, Sweet Potato Souffle, Green Bean Casserole, Salad Bar, Dessert*

Make your reservations now! Call 401-0928

Don't forget to indicate if you want dine-in or take-out.  
You may also email Kelli with your reservations - [kellilu@gmail.com](mailto:kellilu@gmail.com)



**YOUTH INFORMATION**

Have you been thinking about your plans for the summer?  
Because the Youth Committee has.

Next Sunday, January 30 we will hold an interest meeting for Appalachia Service Project. Highland has partnered with ASP for many years, and after a couple years off thanks to COVID we plan to take a group this summer to continue sharing God's love through ASP's mission of creating Warmer, Safer, Drier places for families to live.

While we plan to take only High School students on this trip, we are interested in seeing how many Middle School students might want to be a part of something like this as we explore our options for the summer. If this ministry sounds like an opportunity your family, or your youth would like to participate in, please join us for this meeting. And for some sooner-rather-than-later announcements, see the calendar below.

**Youth this Sunday @ 6pm in the Fellowship Hall**

We will continue our conversation about Identity and what it means to be a part of the Family of God

**Sunday, January 30-** In-Person Among Us is back!!

Take on the role of Imposter as we wrap up our series on Identity.

**Sunday, February 6-** Mini Winter Olympics

Who doesn't love the Olympics? We'll talk about what it takes to be a high-level athlete, how that relates to our faith, and compete in several individual and team events to try to win GOLD!

Be on the lookout for more upcoming dates and activities!

Christopher Jackson  
Director of Youth and Worship Ministries  
Highland Presbyterian Church  
9104010923 | 9103093030  
[chris@hpchurch.org](mailto:chris@hpchurch.org)



**JANUARY 23, 2022**

**11:00am**



**HIGHLAND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

*SHARING GOD'S LOVE*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE      Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken      arr. Young

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

**All: your steadfast love finds us.**

One: No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

**All: your steadfast righteousness sustains us.**

One: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

**All: your steadfast presence gives us hope.**

One: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

**All: you hear our cries and answer our prayers. Thanks be to God!**

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #288

**I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

CALL TO CONFESSION