

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving God, we can be so sure that we know what is best. We head into life following our own dreams. Interrupt us with the blinding light of your grace, that we may gain new vision. When despair and sadness overwhelm us, and when hope fails us, teach us to dance to the music of your love. Open us up, O God, that we may see your path, walk in deeper faith, and be loving witnesses of your glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH Jen Jammer

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 9:1-6

ANTHEM The Gift of Love arr. Hopson
(Chancel Choir)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 9:7-20

MESSAGE Surprise (The Unexpected Acts of God) week 2:
"An Unlikely Friendship" 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 Happy Are They Who Walk with the Lord Gawthorp

†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

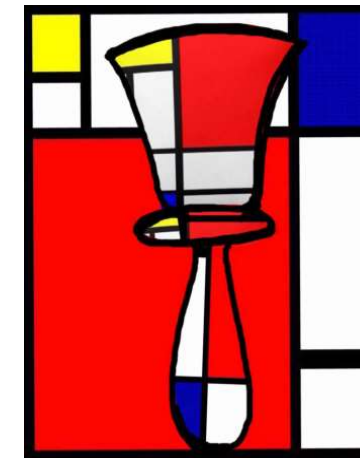
SENDING

†HYMN #371 Lift High the Cross

†BLESSING & BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE We Are Called to Be God's People arr. Young

†All who are able, please stand



Music Notes with Pam...

As the Praise Ringers' first season comes to a close, we want to celebrate them by dedicating this Sunday's altar flowers to the glory of God with thanksgiving for the music they have brought to worship at Highland. Christ the King Sunday began with them standing to ring, "Royal Flourish" in their colorful new gloves and stoles. The next time they would play would be to add handchimes to a Highland Ringer's bell prelude. That was a lot of ringing/chiming and it was glorious! Switching back to handbells, they rang, "Here I Am to Worship" for Second Mile communion. Most recently they offered a poignant moment at the conclusion of our Palm Sunday service by quietly chiming, "Were You There?" as the sanctuary full (and I mean FULL) of people experienced a moment of contemplation. On May 15th they will ring out their final piece during our church-wide potluck lunch. These precious girls are a Highland treasure, and we thank all eight of them for ringing joy into our hearts! Looking forward to continuing this program in the fall.
Ring out joy!
~Pam

~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

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

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| 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.

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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

Hello Highlanders,

A few quick things for you today as we look forward to the last few weeks of the program year and the coming of Summer.

*I just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone that made all of our Lent, Holy Week and Easter services so special. The list of those involved is pretty long, so I won't name names, but this Lenten season was a very meaningful one for me - and I have heard, for a lot of you as well, and it wouldn't have been possible without the help of so many people: people that provided special music in our Sunday services, our midday Thursday services, and our Holy Week services. Diana and the rest of the HLC staff for their involvement on Palm/Passion Sunday. All of those that read, ushered, set up, helped, etc for any of our services or events. And, of course, our staff did such great work as well. Thanks to all of you.

*Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, May 15th. It will be a special and important day in the life of our church. It is Youth Sunday, so we will be led in worship by our young people. We will have one service that day, at 11:00am.** As part of the service we will hear from and recognize our High School graduates as well as welcome our confirmands into membership of the church. There will also be a potluck lunch after so that we can complete the day with some fun and fellowship.

*Finally, Summer is fast approaching and there are a few other dates to make you aware of. Throughout the season there will be 4 Sundays where we will have a unified service at 11:00am. Those dates are as follows: May 29th (Memorial Day weekend); June 12th (VBS Sunday); July 3rd (4th Weekend); Sept. 4th (Labor Day weekend). If you are in town for those dates, we hope you will join us in unified worship.

Sharing God's Love,

~Chip



SOCKED Fundraiser ends this week

A big thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser! You have patiently endured us trashing your yards, and you've helped make it possible to send our team to ASP this year.

Special thanks to Margaret Barefoot for picking up and dropping off more shoes than you could possibly imagine over the last few weeks.

Youth Sunday (Graduation and Confirmation)

May 15, Combined Service at 11:00

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

Youth Group this Sunday 6pm

We'll finish up our preparations for Youth Sunday this week.

Chick-Fil-A Breakfast - (Last one is May 18)
Wednesdays, 7:30 @ Chick-Fil-A on Raeford Rd

~Chris Jackson

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HPC Session Highlights

April 26, 2022

*Approved the sacrament of baptism for the daughter and son of Michael and Katy Stevick to take place on June 5 at the 11:00 Traditional Worship service

*Approved the change of the May 24 Stated Session meeting to May 17

*Approved the 2022 Budget Amendments from the Finance Committee which had an increase of \$60,000 in revenue.

*Approved to have four unified services throughout the summer on May 29 (Memorial Day Weekend), June 12 (end of Vacation Bible School week), July 3 (July 4th weekend), and September 4 (Labor Day weekend). These services would be held at 11:00am so that Sunday School could be held at the usual 10:00am time.

*Received update from the Building and Grounds Subcommittee concerning the Cape Fear Regional Theater proposal to increase parking for their patrons and Highland's church members and guests by razing the Family Life Center and upgrading the parking lots. Their proposal to purchase the current lots on Highland Ave including the Family Life Center as well as any proposal to lease the existing lots were declined by the subcommittee on the basis of not seeing any advantage for the future of Highland Presbyterian Church in selling or leasing the current real estate.

*Tabled a motion until the May Session meeting that would allow congregants in the Second Mile Service to receive broken bread with individual filled juice cups. This motion was proposed by the Second Mile Worship Committee.

MAY 1, 2022

11:00AM



HIGHLAND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

PRESERVICE

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Sing to The Lord A New Song

Marshall

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing praises to God, you people of faith.

All: We give thanks to God, who heals and restores.

One: Praise God who transforms us, who heals and loves us.

All: Praise God, who clothes us with joy.

One: Do not be silent. Praise the Lord!

All: We give thanks our God, today and always.

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #458

Earth and All Stars

CALL TO CONFESSION



Come Dedicate the Gardens!

Please join us as we dedicate and give thanks at our Main Garden Site!
Sunday, May 15th at 4:00pm
427 Bryan Street



Wednesday, May 4th

Lawson & Jermaine want to celebrate their birthdays with you!

Menu: FRIED CHICKEN, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans
Dinner Roll, 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