

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people. For every time we have attributed your miracles in our lives to our own hands alone,

All: Forgive us, we pray.

One: For every time we promised to trust you but turned to our own way when your response did not come soon enough or in the way we expected,

All: Grant us mercy, O God.

One: For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused, **All: Show us what it means to love, again, dear Lord.**

One: For each way we put our own understandings above your wisdom, For each time we resist your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us,

All: Direct us in the way of peace, we pray.

One: For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence, and our indifference to the suffering round us,

All: Forgive us, Loving One, and quench our thirst with your grace; Remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. For Christ's sake we pray. 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

Mother's Day Litany (by Rev. Heather Prince Doss)

One: As a mother hen gathers her chicks, so the Lord gathers and protects his children. As a mother will not forsake her nursing child, even more will the Lord remember those who call on him.

All: We thank you, loving and nurturing God.

One: Holy Spirit, You are everywhere the Lord and Giver of life. We praise You for the gift of mothers, through whom You give us life.

All: We thank You for their willingness to nurture life, for their trust in You to guide them through the labor of childbirth, the uncertainties of youth, the letting go of young adulthood.

One: We thank you for all those women, who did not give us birth but through whom You give us abundant life.

All: We thank you for adoptive and foster moms; aunts, grandmothers, and sisters; teachers, social workers, mentors, supervisors, and friends who share wisdom.

One: We ask your tender mercies on all those whose mothers now sing with the heavenly chorus; on those mothers who have buried sons and daughters.

All: Grant them your peace, which passes understanding, and the grace to trust their loved ones to your never-ending care.

One: We pray for mothers and daughters who are separated from one another by distance or differences; for those mothers who struggle to provide for their families; and for those whose longing for motherhood goes unfulfilled.

All: Grant them sufficient trust in your grace, and wake in us compassion for the welfare of all.

One: We thank you, Lord, for all the women who have taught us something of Your tender love and fierce care.

All: We pray that our lives might reflect your love and theirs, in all things giving honor to Jesus Christ – your son and the son of Mary. Amen.

GOSPEL John 4:5-26

ANTHEM God Gives Us Love Besig
(Chancel Choir)

GOSPEL READING Luke 17:11-19

MESSAGE He Gets Us, week 3: Jesus the Rebel
Rev. Chip Stapleton

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.

RESPONSE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING SONG Canon in D Pachelbel
(Andrea Kelly, flute)

†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 HYMN #335 Though I May Speak

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE This Is My Father's World Sheppard
(Harriet McDonald, piano)

†All who are able, please stand



Altar Flowers

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in memory of

**Mrs. David Julia Breece
Mrs. Cora Robinson
Mrs. Mary Jessup Breece**

and in Honor of
Miriam Smith and all mothers

Given by *Ginny and Corey Breece*

~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

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

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| P.W. and Martha Jessup       | 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                  |
| Doris & John English         | Betty Graham                  |
| Violet McNeill               | 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

## YOUTH SUNDAY

May 21st, Unified Worship Service at 11:00  
(Sunday School at 10:00)

Please join us in support of our youth who will be leading  
in worship, and in celebration of our graduates.

### NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC...

**Gathering music:** Alexandra Kelly will play a hymn duet with her mother as we gather for worship on Mother's Day. This opportunity is open to all, and many have expressed appreciation for the welcoming atmosphere it creates as we prepare our hearts for worship.

**Prelude:** "Joyous Spirit" is an exceptionally beautiful piece played by our Highland Ringers. This being the last of their pieces this ringing season, handbells will be polished and stored until rehearsals resume on August 29.

**Anthem:** "God Gives Us Love" features the hymn "O Perfect Love" and an instrumental descant. The text features love of family and love for others, relating both to Mother's Day and this week's sermon.

**Offertory:** "Canon in D" will be an offering of thanks to God for mothers played by Andrea Kelley, flautist. Johann Pachelbel wrote this for strings sometime between 1680 to 1706. It is often played in services when love is the theme, as it is today.

**Postlude:** "This Is My Father's World" will be played by Harriet McDonald. It became her mother's favorite hymn after singing it during Bible School as a child following the loss of her father...a reminder that her Heavenly Father was watching over her life and our world. Harriet carries forward her mother's faith and love of nature.

### HPC Ice Cream Party!!!

Wednesday, May 17th 5:30-6:30

Please make your dinner reservations, then join us after for an ice cream buffet. We will have all the flavors and multiple toppings. This will be a fun event for everyone and a great way to kick off our summer.

kellilu@gmail.com to make your dinner reservations!

Dinner Prices

Adults - \$8 // Kids - \$4

### POWER FORWARD

Did you know... Power Forward, the neighborhood youth group that meets every Wednesday at HPC, has guest speakers each week from the community to talk about life experiences and offer career direction to our youth? That's right. We just don't eat and play basketball. Power Forward has a rich history of various speakers from our community. Chancellor Darrell Allison from Fayetteville State, Judge Steve Stokes, Dr. Sonny Kelly from FTCC, County Commissioner Glenn Adams, former Duke basketball player and Fayetteville native Robert Brickey, police officers, educators, business leaders, small business owners, chefs, truck drivers, coaches, etc. have all visited our group. It's about making a positive difference in our community and helping to answer the question - What do you want to be when you grow up? As we continue to **Power Forward.**

## YOUTH SUNDAY

May 21 11:00 Unified Service

Youth are leading worship, and we are celebrating our Graduates!

YOUTH GROUP - Sunday, 6:00 pm

It's Mother's Day, so you might just have plans with your mom this Sunday, good for you! If not, we'll take a break from Youth Sunday rehearsal for a week and do something different.

END OF YEAR COOKOUT

Sunday, May 21 6:00 pm @ the Barefoots'

Wednesday Night Dinners || 5:00-6:00pm

Menu for May 17th

**DON'T FORGET OUR ICE-CREAM PARTY!**

email Kelli at kellilu@gmail.com to make your reservations  
by 5:00pm on Tuesday, May 16th.

### Military Appreciation - May 24th

Join us for a special program and our last Wednesday meal of the season as we show appreciation for our military. Dinner is on us for all our veterans. When you make your reservations, (by emailing Kelli Lujan at kellilu@gmail.com), please indicate if you are Military (active, retired, veteran).

The menu for the evening will be:

**Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans,  
Salad Bar, Dessert**

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

HPC FARM

Where God's Fruit Grows!

June 12th - 15th

9:00am-12:00pm

Registration coming soon

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** - The Construction and Restoration Mission Team (Formally The Builders Mission Team)

We are looking for a few volunteers, both adult and youth to periodically undertake small projects and repairs on behalf of the church members and local organizations. These projects consist of building or repairing steps, landings, and handicap ramps, to name a few. The time needed to complete the project is from several hours to a couple of days, depending on what all is needed. The volunteer time can be from a couple of hours to a full day depending on the individual's availability.

If you are interested in volunteering or need more information, contact Terry Morris cell # 910)988-5064 or by email: firerescue57@yahoo.com

MAY 14, 2023

11:00AM

MOTHER'S DAY



HIGHLAND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

GATHERING MUSIC

### GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Joyous Spirit  
(Highland Ringers)

Stephenson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have come to worship God,

**All: who loved us before we were yet born.**

One: We have come to worship God,

**All: who knows us even better than we know ourselves.**

One: We have come to worship God,

**All: whose presence never leaves us.**

One: We have come to worship God.

**All: whose love for us never ceases. We are thankful for God's perfect parental love. Let's worship our God together!**

OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #376

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

CALL TO CONFESSION