

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: We confess we have strayed away from your Word. We confess that we have allowed the worries of this world to drive us away from your vision for our lives. We confess that there is strife and contention all around us. We cry out to you, O God that we are powerless and have taken our focus off your Word. That we have not allowed your Word to work in our lives, yet we continue to cry out to you in times of trouble and need. Grant understanding and wisdom that we may see your vision and apply it in our lives. Hear our prayer, O God, and call us back to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH Jen Jammer

PRAYER FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

NEW TESTAMENT 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

SONG The Blessing Jobe/Carnes/Brown/Furtick (Kristin and Kelsey McCarthy)

PSALM READING Psalm 119:9-6

MESSAGE You Are Here, week 1: Get Out the Map 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 ANTHEM As the Deer arr. Wagner

†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 #326 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

†BLESSING & BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus J. S. Bach

†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
Terry Morris, Pastoral Care Intern

~~~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
Doris English
John English
Steve & Orion Gaynos
Madie Rae Locklear ("Grandma" to the Guy Family)
Lib Yarborough
Bill Johnson
Gayle McDonald
Betty Graham
Claudia Thornton
Violet McNeill

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

NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC...

Opening Hymn: "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" is a paraphrase of Psalm 103 set to the tune LAUDA ANIMA. May we joyfully sing this triumphant hymn of praise: "Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing." As we give breath to Henry Lyte's 1834 text, may we be inspired by both the beautiful imagery in the poetic words and the majesty of the music of John Goss written in 1868.

Song: "The Blessing" will be our song of dedication for the Blessing of the Backpacks this Sunday as our children begin a new school year. The lyrics are taken from the priestly blessing found in Numbers 6:22-27, and we gladly welcome the musical gifts of Kristin and Kelsey McCarthy to traditional worship this week.

Offertory Anthem: "As the Deer" (1984) has made its way into 24 hymnals including the 2013 Presbyterian Hymnal. This timeless composition based on Psalm 42 is one of several songs that have found a place in both contemporary and traditional worship. The choir always enjoys singing this much loved arrangement for SATB choir by Lloyd Larson.

Closing Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" (1867) is based on Galatians 5:25, and Presbyterians sing it to the tune MORECAMBE (1870). In this prayerful hymn, we ask God to move within us so that we may live a life of whole-hearted devotion.

Postlude: "Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus" by J.S. Bach concludes with "But in us, Thy loving children, come bring peace, goodwill to all." May it be so. Amen. ~Pam

Hello Highlanders,

At Highland, plans are underway for the start of our program year, with the following dates worth marking down now:

Sunday, September 11th - Kick-off Sunday. This is the start of our program year for children, youth, and adults. The schedule that day includes 2nd Mile @ 9:00am; Sunday school @ 10:00am; and traditional worship @ 11:00am.

Wednesday, September 14th - Wonderful Wednesdays return! Connect with Highland and your church family during the week. Join us for dinner, starting at 5:00pm, and programing for all ages from 5:30 - 6:30pm.

Sunday, September 18th - Back to Church Sunday. On this day we are encouraging everyone to come back to church - in person, if possible - and join us for a special day with Sunday school @10; a unified worship service @ 11; and then a meal at noon, along with some special events for families and kids, including some bounce houses and the Sunset Slush truck! This is a great chance to restart your Sunday morning worship habit and invite a friend or family member that hasn't been in a while. We hope to see you there!

Before we get to these fall events, we have one final Summer worship series, which begins this Sunday with 'You Are Here'. Week one of this series is 'Get out the map'. This Sunday, and the whole series is a time to encourage us to reorient ourselves in God's story with the help of scripture and the Holy Spirit. This three-part series is about rightly orienting ourselves in the Word, in worship, and in the world. Just as we start any journey by finding our location on a GPS or map, we need to make sure we start from the right position when we approach worship, the Scriptures, and the world around us. We can approach all three with a self-serving attitude and put ourselves in the center of it all, or we can orient our heart toward Jesus.

We think this is a great way to end our summer and jump-start our time together in the fall. See you there!

Sharing God's Love, ~Chip

**HPC Session Highlights**  
**August 23, 2022**

Acknowledged the notification from Reynolds Memorial United Methodist Church, Bristol, Virginia that Ruffin Wood joined their church on July 31, 2022

Received the following update on the Highland Learning Center from Ginny Breece, board chair: have 90 children enrolled; have 190 children on the waiting list; are down 9 staff members but are trying to hire more; continue to receive monies from grants and are needing to spend those monies as they come in to be in compliance with their stipulations; plan to increase tuition in the future

Approved a Congregational Meeting to be held on October 23, 2022, for the purpose of electing elders for the class of 2025

Approved to table the proposal for shut-in contacts to be part of the church staff's job responsibilities until the September Stated Session Meeting. Approved sending the request of the possibility of hiring a Parrish Associate to the Personnel Committee for them to revise the part-time job description and to develop a full-time job description with a focus on providing pastoral care.

Concurred that the choir request for handrails to be installed on the steps leading up to the chancel area in the sanctuary be explored with more details worked out before submitting it to the appropriate committees

**UNIFIED SERVICE**  
**Sunday, September 4th**  
Labor Day weekend  
10:00 - Sunday School  
11:00 - unified worship, Sanctuary



**JOIN US SEPTEMBER 18th**  
**BACK-TO-CHURCH CELEBRATION!!!**

10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Unified Worship (children will be singing)  
12:00pm - Lunch

Inflatables in the gym for the kids and Sunset Slush truck  
in the parking lot for everyone!

Lunch is our treat to you - but we still need you to make a reservation, for head-count purposes! Please email Kelli to let her know that not only will we see you in worship but you will also join us for lunch. Menu to come at a later date (but we promise it will be delicious, of course)!

**YOUTH INFORMATION**

**YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL COOKOUT** - Sunday August 28  
Youth Back to School Cookout 5:00 at the Barefoot's  
Catch up with your friends as we kick off the school year together, and welcome our rising 6th graders to youth at Highland!

**CHICK-FIL-A BREAKFAST** - New Day and Time this year!  
Starting Tuesday, August 30 7:20 am  
Join us for a good breakfast, a chat with your friends, and some encouragement to help you get through the week!

**SAVE THE DATE - BUSCH GARDENS TRIP** 2022, October 14-16  
~Chris Jackson || Mobile 910-309-3030

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

While we are gearing up for Fall...are you getting Jen's Remind Messages for Children's Ministry and Programming?  
If not, send her a text at (989)-447-3489.

**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS!**  
Starting September 14th - 5:30-6:30

**NC Symphony - Free concert**

**Thursday, September 15, 2022 7:30pm**

Seabrook Auditorium, Fayetteville State University

Celebrate musical culture influenced by African Americans, with music by Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, and William Grant Still.  
Talk with Dwain Joyce or Elaine Bryant Hayes about hard-copy tickets.

**An encounter with Christ - A weekend of Faith building**  
**Raising up youth to become leaders**  
**What Is ARISE?**

An ARISE retreat is an encounter with Christ in which the participants become part of a community abounding in God's grace. It is a weekend based on faith building and strengthening of relationships both with Christ and other youth.

*Who may go to an ARISE weekend?* - The weekend is open to young men and women ages fifteen and up from any denominational background. An ARISE weekend is not meant to convert anyone to Christianity; it is meant for those who have committed to Christ already. It is a weekend aimed at encouraging Christians to grow in faith, and increase their awareness and desire to serve the Lord.

*How much does it cost?* The weekend costs \$120, which covers food, lodging, and the supplies for the weekend. Scholarships are available for those who cannot afford to pay the entire amount of the weekend.

The ARISE weekend will be held on Labor Day Weekend, September 3rd, 4th, 5th at Monroe Camp and Retreat Center 24501 Camp Monroe Road, Laurel Hill, NC.

To attend speak with a youth who has already attended or Terry Morris, (910) 988-5064 or email: firerescue57@yahoo.com. Or go to the ARISE website: arisewithchrist.com or email any questions to council@arisewithchrist.com  
**Deadline for registration is Monday, August 29th.**



**AUGUST 28, 2022**  
**11:00AM**

**HIGHLAND**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH**

*SHARING GOD'S LOVE*

GATHERING MUSIC

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

O God Beyond All Praising  
(Andrea Kelly, Harriet McDonald)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

**All: Let us worship together, the young and the old.**

One: The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

**All: Let us worship together, every generation.**

One: We come together with different abilities and disabilities, learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

**All: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.**

One: All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, "Let the children come!"

**All: Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope.**

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #478

**Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

CALL TO CONFESSION