

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God, we confess that we do not always understand Your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question Your presence and Your power. Forgive us. Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing. Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives - to listen for Your gentle whisper when we least expect it. And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in Your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome. We praise You for Your faithful love, and pray that You would make us worthy to bear Your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
All: And also with you.

†GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH Jen Jammer

OLD TESTAMENT 1Kings 19:2-9

ANTHEM By His Grace arr. Tornquist

GOSPEL READING Luke 15:1-10

MESSAGE A Table in the Wilderness, week 4: A Table for Elijah
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 Were You There? arr. Hayes

†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 #369 **I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

†BLESSING & BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Shine on Us Smith
Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us
That we may be saved., that we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your light shine on us.

†All who are able, please stand



~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

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

P.W. and Martha Jessup Steve & Orion Gaynos
Jean Robinson Madie Rae Locklear
Lisa Hitt ("Grandma" to the Guy Family)
(daughter of Gayle McDonald) Lib Yarborough
Charlotte Ingram Bill Johnson
June Marie Smith Betty Graham
Doris & John English Bill Owen
Violet McNeill Sam Williams

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,

As we move rapidly towards Holy Week and Easter, I wanted to take just a minute to make you aware of all that we have going on during Holy Week, so you can hopefully make plans to join us as you are able.

Holy Week begins with Palm/Passion Sunday (Sunday, April 2nd). In our services that day we will begin by marking Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with waving palm branches and shouts of Hallelujah. As the service progresses, we will walk through the Passion story to prepare us for the week ahead.

On Palm Sunday we will have a time of food and fellowship between our two services (during the Sunday school hour), which will include coffee and Superior Bakery donuts.

Our children - including HLC kids - will be singing at the 11:00am service. Immediately after the service we will have our 'Easter Eggstravaganza' which is our family focused outreach event that will include: bounce houses, games, a simple lunch, fun, and more!

We will have two services on Maundy Thursday (Thursday, April 6th). We will have a service at 12:15 in the chapel. This service will be more involved than our 'regular' Lenten midweek services, will include the celebration of communion, but will also end with a meal in the side dining room, and should fit into a lunch hour.

Our evening Maundy Thursday service (6:00pm - in the fellowship hall) will include refreshments, communion, and foot washing.

On Good Friday (Friday, April 7th) we will gather in the chapel at 7:00pm for a traditional Tenebrae service - also known as 'a service of shadows', where we will remember and contemplate Christ's suffering and sacrifice for us on the cross.

Finally, on Easter Sunday we will gather together as a community to worship and celebrate.

On Sunday, April 9th we begin with breakfast in the fellowship hall at 9:00am, followed by an Eggventure for kids at 9:30am and ending on a high note with Easter Worship in the sanctuary at 10:00am.

I hope to see you there!



Notes on Today's Music...

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” is fourth in a suite of Lenten preludes for flute & organ. It may have become evident to those following this weekly series that in these pieces arranger Lani Smith passes the melody back and forth between the two instruments.

“Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name” was set to the tune GOTT SEI DANK DURCH ALLE WELT (1704) by Freylinghausen. The words are from the 1912 Psalter which is a collection of Psalms for liturgical or devotional use published by the United Presbyterian Church.

“By His Grace” is a song of testimony. Composed in 1995 by Steve Fry, arrangers have developed it into sacred choral works. Carol Tornquist's setting is a simple, delicate melody that becomes full, four-part harmony.

“Were You There?” invites us to take a journey through the last days and hours of Christ's life. Included in almost every major hymnal of the last thirty years, it is one of the most meaningful hymns of this liturgical season.

“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” expresses a commitment to discipleship. This African-American spiritual is a sending hymn that has great energy! May we leave this place committed to continuing this Lenten journey with humility and a desire to be useful to God.

On behalf of Miriam and Katharine, I want you to know how very much we appreciate the overwhelming love and support you've shown us in so many ways since our Elizabeth died last month. We have felt your care and concern as you've wrapped us in your arms in sympathy. Our loss is deeply felt, but we have wonderful memories and reminders of Liz, and we rejoice in her life and accomplishments. We were blessed to have her in our lives. And... "We do not grieve as others grieve." Liz believed, as we do, in the hope of glory, and we know that because of the Easter story, we will see her again in heaven! Again, many thanks. We covet your continued prayers.
~Neal McNeill

Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering April 24, 2023

6:00pm - \$12 tickets

(purchase tickets through your circle)

Jeffrey Surles will be the speaker for our Spring Gathering. He owns Jeffrey Surles Floral Designs in Dunn, NC. He has a charitable organization called PROJECT NOT FORGOTTEN. Two to three times a year Jeffrey makes floral bouquets for nursing home patients in four local counties; just so they know that they are not forgotten.

Menu: *chicken salad, asparagus, fruit, rolls, homemade desserts*

There will also be the installation of Officers and presentation of Honorary Lifetime Memberships

CIRCLE of FRIENDS

Calling all 3rd Grade-middle school girls. You are invited to join our circle of friends group here at HPC. Please plan to meet with Ms. Jen and Mackenzie Toland once a month for lunch, ice cream, or something fun to promote healthy friendships, our love of God, build our emotional strength, have fun, and just enjoy each other's company. This group will be a way for us to spend more time together and share God's love as we grow. If you are interested in hanging out, please text Ms. Jen (989) 447-3489.



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

Menu for March 22nd

Smothered Pork Chops, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Salad Bar, Dessert, Beverage

Adults - \$8 | Kids - \$4 | Family Cap - \$32

Go to www.hpchurch.org to access the on-line reservation form or you may email Kelli at kellilu@gmail.com

Suppers for 6

We are having such a good time with our Suppers for 6 and want all who want to participate to sign-up now! We are opening "enrollment" for the 2nd-quarter of the year. Please get a sign-up form at the front desk, fill it out, return it to Kelli (or drop it at the front desk or in the offering plate). Someone will get in touch with you as to who is in your group.

If you need to step away from this program for a little bit, let Kelli know that as well. (kellilu@gmail.com).

Please either sign-up or step-away by March 24th to allow for time to re-organize groupings.

If you are currently participating and want to continue, you do not have to do anything!

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

6pm every Sunday

This week we're heading out for a home visit with a shut-in family. Our last visit with the Johnsons was so wonderful, we decided to do it again!

CHICK-FIL-A BREAKFAST

THIS WEEK'S GIFT CARD WINNER: Lawson Sherrill

Congrats! Enjoy your free Chick-Fil-A!

If you want a chance to win, join us every Tuesday morning in March!

Every Tuesday at 7:20 am

Join us for a good breakfast, a chat with your friends, and some encouragement to help you get through the week!

And for the next 3 weeks, 1 lucky person will get a free breakfast!!

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

5:30-6:30

Boys and Girls Bible Study at 6:00.

Music with Pam 5:30-6:00. Gym and Youth Room will also be open for anyone looking something to do from 5:30-6:00.

Christopher Jackson

Director of Youth and Worship Ministries

LILIES

Don't forget to pick up a form to order Easter Lilies (in Honor or in Memory), only \$10 each. Or you may email Kelli (kellilu@gmail.com).



MOZELL HOWIE PEACEMAKING SCHOLARSHIP

Application Essays are Due Sunday, April 2.

The information is found here:

presbycc.org/2023/peacemaking-scholarship-2023/

Two \$500 Scholarships are available for High School Seniors headed to college.



MARCH 19, 2023

11:00AM

**HIGHLAND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

GATHERING MUSIC

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

arr. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Holy One is here in this community of faith:

All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

One: Let us bless the Holy Name forever and ever

All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

One: Let us meditate on God's wondrous works

All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

One: Let us bless and praise God's name forever and ever

All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #163

Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name

CALL TO CONFESSION