

THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH Jen Jammer

NEW TESTAMENT Romans 3:10-20

GOSPEL READING John 8:1-11

MESSAGE Red Letter Challenge, week 3: Forgiving
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.

ANTHEM In Remembrance Red

COMMUNION
Invitation to the Lord's Table
Breaking of the Bread and Words of Institution
Prayer after Communion

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Amazing Grace arr. Huff

†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 #341 **Blessed Assurance**


†BLESSING & BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Go Now in Peace Lau

†All who are able, please stand

 **Promoted to the Church Triumphant**
Donald "Donnie" Reid
September 26, 2022
"Because I Live, Ye Shall Live Also." John 14:19

The service for Donnie Reid will be Thursday, October 6th at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary. Reception to follow.

 **Altar Flowers**
The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in memory of my parents
Mr. & Mrs. A. Jack Joyce
Given by *Dwain Joyce*

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~~~

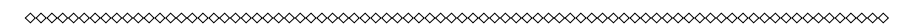
We ask that you keep our home-bound in your thoughts and prayers.

P.W. and Martha Jessup	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	Gayle McDonald
Doris & John English	Betty Graham
Della Mol	Claudia Thornton
Violet McNeill	Donnie Reid

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

Hello Highlanders,
We are officially one quarter (and a few days) of the way through the challenge. So far, I have found the daily readings both easy to complete and challenging to apply - which I think is kind of the point!
As we are nearing the end of the first quarter, so to speak, I want to encourage you all - wherever you are with the challenge to keep (or get!) going. If you have gone through with each reading so far, great work - keep it up! If you started strongly, but have faded off, this is your push to pick the book back up and get going again - if you have missed too many days and catching up feels impossible, just start with today's reading - and go from there.
If you haven't read any yet or don't have the book - it's not too late... The challenge is designed to function best if you fully participate, but every day that you do it, every page that you read is a victory and brings you that much closer to God and to who God is calling you to be.
I am praying that all of you are experiencing a new and deeper connection to Jesus and the Word of God as we read these red letters together.
Sharing God's Love,
~Chip



**HPC Session Highlights
September 27, 2022**

*Approved a request from Scott Cameron to have a small family memorial service in the chapel for his grandmother; with lunch, prepared by Jermaine Young, in the fellowship hall following the service.

*Approved a unified service for November 20, which is dedication Sunday. The service will be at 11:00am in the sanctuary.

*Approved December 25 and January 1 as unified services with details of both services to be determined by the worship committees.

*Approved a motion for HPC Staff to track contacts made to shut-ins. The proposal for shut-in contacts to be part of the church staff's job responsibilities was withdrawn until more study could be done on their job descriptions. Personnel and Finance Committees will continue to work to respond to Session's request of the possibility of employing either a part-time Parrish Associate or a full-time Associate Pastor with the focus on Pastoral Care.

*Approved the first reading of the updated Facilities Use and Fees Subcommittee Policy.

PILGRIMAGE

After a two year hiatus, there will be a pilgrimage weekend November 3 to 6 (Thursday evening to Sunday evening) at Camp Dixie, near Fayetteville. There is still room for more guests. If interested in knowing more about it, go to the NCPP (North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage) website which has an explanation of the program and the necessary forms for enrolling. Guests need a sponsor - a church member who has previously attended pilgrimage - but Keely or I (Karl Legatski) can help you connect with one of the 83 current Highland members who have been on a pilgrimage weekend and can answer any questions one might have about what is involved. Chip will need to sign applications.

Nominating COMMITTEE

Sessional nomination update:

Suggestion boxes and forms are located at the Fellowship lobby desk and beside the Sacristy just outside the sanctuary. Names should be submitted by September 28th. If you know an active church member with leadership qualities, the nominating committee asks that you prayerfully consider suggesting that person(s) for sessional nomination. Please note that permission from proposed nominees should NOT be obtained before submitting their name(s)



All women of the church are invited to attend the
Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering
Monday, October 24th at 6:00pm.

There will be a delightful dinner (\$12): *Tomato Basil Soup, Mixed Green Salad with Sliced Chicken, Rolls, Homemade Cakes.*

The program portion of the evening will be Martha Bock, Director of The Stanton Hospitality House, and of course we will have fantastic fellowship with each other.

Contact Elaine Bryant Hayes or a circle member about how to get your tickets. Bring a friend!



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

Menu for October 5

*Hamburger Steak with Gravy, Green Beans, Rice,
Salad Bar, Dessert, Beverage*

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

We also offer a gluten free option, please let us know when you make your reservations. Go to www.hpchurch.org to access the on-line reservation form or you may email Kelli at kellilu@gmail.com. Please make your reservations by 5:00pm on the Monday prior.



This announcement is not for Youth, it's for YOU
If you would like to support our youth ministry, we'd love for you to sponsor a meal for our Sunday Night Youth Group. It usually costs about \$150 a week (a steal considering its at least \$40 to feed my family of 4). We'll even let you come serve it if you want to see some smiling faces and don't mind missing those 2nd half NFL kickoffs. Thank You!

BUSCH GARDENS CampaScreamaRidaPaloozaFest™

When: October 14-16 - Cost: \$180

If you need more info, just reach out to Chris!

CHICK-FIL-A BREAKFAST

New Day and Time this year! - 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!

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

What?: Food, Fun, Faith Talk, with Friends
When? Every Sunday beginning September 11 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Who? Students Grades 6-12 (and some really cool (sometimes) adults)
Why? To find joy in living the life of faith together

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH - 5:30-6:30

It's not just the kids and adult who get to be a part of what's going on here Wednesday nights.
We have Bible Studies for Girls and Boys, as well as gym time and some musical opportunities. Come check us out!

NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC...

A Celebrate Life album cover on the music office wall reminds me of the profound impact experiencing this musical had on my openness to being called to music ministry. "In Remembrance" from the classic 1972 musical will be our Chancel Choir offering today. This poignant anthem has stood the test of time and is a sacred music treasure, loved by congregations around the world. Of this communion piece written by the songwriting team of Ragan Courtney and Burly Red, Courtney said, "I was a relatively new Christian... I remember being concerned that the lyric was just a trifle and not at all up to the occasion. Then I heard Buryl's setting and I wept. His composition ennobled the words." This year is the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of Celebrate Life, and so we sing "In Remembrance" on this World Communion Sunday 2022. May it be a blessing to all who come to the Lord's table.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Pam

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Pick up your shoeboxes now & start filling them! Boxes are located at the welcome desk outside of the Fellowship Hall. Return filled boxes by November 6, 2022!

OCTOBER 2, 2022
11:00AM



HIGHLAND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

GATHERING MUSIC

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE I Will Ever Sing Thy Praises Koerts

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**All: We have been reclaimed from deep distress and trouble.
Let us celebrate our forgiveness and redemption.**

One: Though we were as good as dead,

**All: God made us alive with the grace of Christ
through whom we are rescued and healed.**

One: Let us give thanks to God for such unswerving love and grace,
**All: We praise God for such a wonderful gift of forgiveness
and welcome into the family of God.**

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #458 Earth and All Stars

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God, we confess that we are an impatient and selfish people. When you offer us the promise of a new future, we complain that you don't get there fast enough. When you provide for our needs, we complaining that it isn't enough. And when our bad attitudes and negative outlooks cause us to stumble, we blame you. Holy God, forgive our sinful ways. Teach us to be patient. Instruct us to be grateful. Guide us to be responsible and humble. As we turn ourselves around and look to the cross, let us experience your grace and your gift of new life. In the name of Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON