

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Faithful God, you call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner; you call us to be your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work; you put a new song of praise in our mouth, but we stumble on unfamiliar words; you show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away defiant, insisting we have more important things to do. Put your song on our lips and in our hearts and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in you. Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH Jen Jammer

NEW TESTAMENT 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

ANTHEM Jesus Paid It All arr. Barrett

GOSPEL READING John 1:29-42

MESSAGE Citizen of Heaven, week 1: The Lamb of God 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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY O Precious Lamb Allen

†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

†HYMN #276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Alleluia! Alleluia! Allen

†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 Hope Campbell  
Violet McNeill Mike Byerly (SIL to Shirley Olund)  
Randy Gainer 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. Kelli 910-401-0928 or kellilu@gmail.com

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



AAAAAAAAND WE'RE BACK!

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

6pm every Sunday

High School:

We're starting a study on How Not to Read the Bible You can order your own copy of the book, or just show up and participate in the study each week. If you've ever wondered why some stuff is in the Bible, things that are hard to understand, or hard to stomach, or just plain wrong, this is the study for you.

Middle School:

We've got a fun new study planned for you too!  
Throne Room

And Coming Soon: WALMART NIGHT!!

January 29 6pm

A crazy run to our 2nd favorite Super Store (we all love some Target), full of laughs and creativity.

CHICK-FIL-A BREAKFAST

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!

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

5:30-6:30

Boys and Girls Bible Study at 6:00.

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

Christopher Jackson

Director of Youth and Worship Ministries

Highland Presbyterian Church



*A note from your Pastor...*

Hello Highlanders,

As we are now a few weeks into 2023 Highland is getting back into the swing of things. That began last Sunday with a wonderful unified service of worship where we ordained and installed our new class of elders to serve on session for the coming year...We followed that service up with a great time of food and fellowship as we shared lunch together. A big thanks to everyone who came and participated in any way.

This Sunday we begin a new sermon series that will take us right up until the start of Lent in February. The series, based on the lectionary texts for this time in between Christmas and Lent - the season of Epiphany - is called 'Citizens of Heaven. The Epiphany season is a time to reflect upon God's revelation of himself in the person of Jesus Christ, with special attention given to various divine interventions and manifestations of the Spirit within the life and ministry of our Lord. This sermon series focuses on the nature of discipleship and what it means to be a citizen of the kingdom of heaven, a kingdom that Christ himself inaugurated in human history while on earth. I am looking forward to this series as we think about our identity in Christ and what that citizenship should look like.

While our Wednesday night activities, including dinner, begin tonight, our Adult Bible study begins next Wednesday, January 18th. Between now and Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) we will spend our bible study time together on Wednesdays looking at the scripture passages that we have focused on in worship that week. This will give us a chance to dive in and dig a little deeper into what God is saying to us through our scriptures each week. I hope to see you there.

Sharing God's Love,

~Chip



**A Call for Readers**

If anyone would like to be a reader (scripture or otherwise) on Sundays or for special services, please let Jen Jammer know you are interested. Text her at 989-447-3489

**LORENA CLARK PINER SCHOLARSHIP**

Each year Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina offer scholarships to an accredited institution of higher learning. Any deserving full time student from the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina who is a member of a Presbyterian Church (USA) of proven scholastic ability, who needs financial assistance to further his/her education will be considered.

Preference will be given to students attending Presbyterian colleges.

**Pick up your application at the front desk - deadline is February 15th.**

**Music Notes from Pam...**

The Chancel Choir anthem "Jesus Paid it All" will be sung today to support this week's message of Jesus as the Lamb of God. There are currently many beautiful anthems, both old and new, in the works on Wednesday evenings. Gilbert Martin's classic "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" along with pieces by Allen Pote, John Rutter, and others.

The Highland Ringers will return to worship leadership on 2/19 with "Amazing Grace" and will also be ringing on 3/19, 4/2, and 4/23. Two additional ringers would allow us to have all five octaves of bells in hand when we play for worship!

Youth Proclaim! members recently sang "You Are God Alone" from the musical Redemption and are now working on "The Power of the Cross" from that same collection. We anticipate having more participation from these young singers in 2023!

Lenten Compositions for Flute and Organ by Lani Smith are beautifully poignant and contemplative. Five hymns including favorites such as "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," and "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" will be played on the five Sundays of Lent. Flautist Andrea Kelly and I look forward to enhancing the Lenten season with these selections.

Serve the Lord with gladness...

~Pam

**First Aid/ CPR Class**  
**Sunday, January 29 - 1:00-3:00 pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**Cost \$55 per person**

We all know someone who has or may have benefited from receiving CPR. Wouldn't it be wonderful to know that you could be that someone who has the knowledge to administer CPR? Join us for a class on First Aid/CPR Training led by Larry Epler who is the Cumberland County Schools Safety/ Security Specialist.

Please email (Kelli) [kellilu@gmail.com](mailto:kellilu@gmail.com) by Wednesday, January 25th, to let me know you're interested. Thank you.



**Wednesday, January 18th, 2023**

Menu: *Tacos, Spanish Style Rice, Black Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert*

Make your reservations now! Call 401-0928

Don't forget to indicate if you want dine-in or take-out. You may also email Kelli with your reservations - [kellilu@gmail.com](mailto:kellilu@gmail.com)



**JANUARY 15, 2023**

**11:00am**

**HIGHLAND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

*SHARING GOD'S LOVE*

GATHERING MUSIC

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE                      God So Loved the World                      Allen

INTROIT                        Come Down, Lord                                      Pethel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God does not look for sacrifices or offerings, but for open ears, like channels for the truth.

**All: Grand getsures and offerings are not required, but a heart-felt delight in doing the will of God.**

One: My friends, behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

**All: God has put a new song in my mouth, placed a new melody on my tongue.**

One: The love of Jesus, the Lamb of God, be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #139                      **Come, Thou Almighty King**