

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gentle Shepherd, you guide us in right paths, You lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths. We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others that seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep, and You are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to Your path, to loving You and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and lend out our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love. In the name of Christ our Shepherd 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

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 23

ANTHEM The Lord's My Shepherd arr. Malcolm Archer
(Chancel Choir)

GOSPEL John 10:11-18

MESSAGE The Good Shepherd, week 1: The LORD is my Shepherd
Rev. Chip Stapleton

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

All: 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

COMMUNION

Call to Communion
Words of Institution
Prayer after Communion

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Andrea Kelly, flute

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING SONG The Lord Is My Shepherd Tchaikovsky
(Vicki Hogan, soprano)

†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 #535

Go with Us, Lord

(sing twice)

(On the repeat, this hymn will be sung as a round)

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Sheep May Safely Graze Bach

†All who are able, please stand

Notes on Today's Music...

Partita on "Crimrod" by Gordon Young is a prelude based on a Scottish hymn tune, one of eight tunes in our hymnal that have Psalm 23 as the text. It begins with the melody that is then followed by variations in rhythm, harmony, and style. The first variation has a lively, ornamented melody. The second changes the rhythm into triplets, and the third variation has bold, seven note chords.

"The Lord's My Shepherd" is a choral anthem arranged by Malcolm Archer. Although various tunes can support the words of this psalm, it is James Bain's haunting melody Brother James' Air that is the preferred tune of many for this text. We welcome guest soprano Vicki Hogan as she sings the solo part of this choral offering.

"The Lord Is My Shepherd" by Russian composer Peter Tchaikovsky (1840-1893) is our offertory meditation. His music is loved for its open-hearted melodies and rich harmonies which evoke a profound emotional response. May this comforting prayer, sung by Vicki Hogan, help us to contemplate the care that our Good Shepherd gives.

~Pam



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Begins Sept 18- During Sunday School 10am- Youth Room
Calling All 8th Graders (And High School Students who missed out). Please contact Chris to be included in our Confirmation Class for 2023-24!

Lake Day at the Horne's
RESCHEDULED to Sept 10
Our Fall Kickoff for youth group!

~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

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

Martha Jessup  
June Marie Smith  
Doris & John English  
Violet McNeill  
Bill Owen  
Pattie Koonce

Steve & Orion Gaynos  
Madie Rae Locklear  
("Grandma" to the Guy Family)  
Lib Yarborough  
Bill Johnson  
Betty Graham  
Annette Pleasant

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

Hello Highlanders,

After spending most of the summer walking with God's chosen family through the book of Genesis, we close out our summer with three weeks looking at some of the most well-known words in all of scripture, the 23rd Psalm.

Over our 3 week 'The Lord is My Shepherd' series, we will spend time with the beloved psalm and try to do more than simply be comforted by the familiar words. That is, of course, a wonderful thing, but these words also have meaning and insight for us beyond simply providing support.

We will spend the 3 weeks working through what it means that the Lord is my shepherd. What does it mean to call God Lord, what does it mean that we are in relationship with him, and what can the relationship between shepherds and sheep tell us about how we are to interact with our God.

I think this is a great way to end our summer and prepare us for a great fall. I hope to see you there!

*Sharing God's love,*

~Chip

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you from Highland Presbyterian Women for all your support for the Coastal Carolina's Fall Gathering.



**NOTICE ABOUT THE HPC HEARING ASSIST**

For anyone having difficulty hearing during the service, the sound system at Highland is equipped with CDC Compliant Hearing Assist. It can be accessed using any smart phone and compatible ear phones or ear buds (or bluetooth enabled hearing aids).

There is no cost or limit to the number of people who can use it. It has been tested for several months and has been very helpful. Anyone wanting to use Hearing Assist can contact Chip or Richard for further instruction.

The initial setup is a little "techy", but help is available. Setup requires installing an app on the smart phone, either iPhone or android. The app is provided by the Hearing Assist manufacturer, is free, and does not require any personal information. The app does not send "spam" messages. The smartphone must be connected to the HPC-Audio wi-fi network. After that, the smartphone app can be opened and connected to the wi-fi. The HPC sound system will play through whatever listening device is connected to the phone (earphones, ear buds, hearing aids). It is important to remember that the sounds system is usually muted before the service, so nothing will be heard until the service starts.

It takes a few minutes for the initial setup so if it is to be done on Sunday morning, please come a little early to the service. If anyone wants to get setup during the week, please call the church and arrangements will be made.



**Suppers for Six**

Please sign up by August 30 if you would like to participate in the Fall Suppers for 6.

We welcome new members.

Those who are currently signed up,

do you want to continue this Fall? (Let us know!!)

Sign-up forms are available at the front desk!

Or you may email Kelli ([kellilu@gmail.com](mailto:kellilu@gmail.com))

with your information (name/s, address, phone number).

**ARISE**

*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 \$150, 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.

**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**

Tuesday, August 22nd from 2:00-3:00

at Highland Presbyterian for our friends who haven't started school yet!

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

August 27th during both services

Bring your backpack, bookbag, shoulder bag, messenger bag, whatever way you tote your school supplies back-and-forth each day to church service on

Sunday, August 27th so they can be blessed.

**AUGUST 20, 2023**

**11:00AM**



**HIGHLAND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

*SHARING GOD'S LOVE*

GATHERING MUSIC

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Partita on Crimrod  
Theme  
Melodic variation  
Rhythmic variation  
Harmonic variation

Gordon Young

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As God is our shepherd we need nothing else.

**All: We rest in green pastures and walk by still waters, which renews and refreshes our spirits.**

One: God guides us along paths of righteousness

**All: and walks with us through shadowed valleys so we are not afraid. The shepherd's staff comforts us.**

One: God set the banquet table for us in the presence of our enemies.

There we're anointed with oils and our cup overflows.

**All: Goodness and mercy shall never depart from us as long as we dwell in the house of God!**

OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #281

**Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

CALL TO CONFESSION