## THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Terry Morris

**OLD TESTAMENT** 

Malachi 3:6-10

ANTHEM

GOSPEL READING Luke 21:1-4

Red Letter Challenge, week 5: Giving Message

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** 

Sacred Medley **OFFERTORY** arr. Gaylord

"Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow, †Doxology Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him, above Ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

†Prayer of Dedication

#### **SENDING**

†Hymn #392 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

†Blessing & Benediction

†Postlude I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light Thomerson

(Harriet McDonald, piano)

†All who are able, please stand

# Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 23 - 10:45am, Sanctuary For the purpose of Electing Officers to the Elder Class of 2025

Hello Highlanders,

This is an exciting time in the life of Highland Church. Part of this is because of the excitement around and the growth that has come from the Red Letter Challenge that we are in the midst of. I continue to hear about the great things God is doing in and through our focus on both listening to and living out the words of Jesus Christ. It is also exciting because this is the time each year where we meet as a congregation for the purpose of electing our class of elders for the upcoming year.

We will do that this year on Sunday, October 23rd in the sanctuary at 10:45. In our Presbyterian system of government - a model of representative democracy - the session and the elders serving on it are the leaders of the church and responsible for discerning God's will and making choices that align with God's call and God's plan for us. Along with the pastor, the session is also responsible for guiding the church spiritually. This is a high calling and an important role to assume.

Our nominating committee has been hard at work over the last several weeks and has now submitted a slate of candidates that is well poised to represent our congregation well. The bios for our elder candidates is available in this bulletin. I would encourage you to begin to lift them up in prayer now.

The slate is as follows: Jane Barnes, Richard Butler, Avery Cameron, Todd Harris, Richard Lee, Katherine Parnell, Rick Perko, and KJ Powell.

Finally, I pray that you will continue to find the presence and the power of the spirit as we work towards completing the Red Letter Challenge over the next few weeks.

Sharing God's Love,

~Chip

#### ~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

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

P.W. and Martha Jessup Steve & Orion Gaynos Iean 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

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

## **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

# Nominees from the Congregational Nominating Committee for the Elder Class of 2025

Jane Barnes - Jane and her husband, Bob, have been members of Highland since 1996. Jane has been a member of Exploring Faith Sunday School since 1995. Jane is a member of Circle #3 and serves on the Pastoral Care Committee. Before retiring, Jane was a school principal and Executive Director of Elementary Schools in Cumberland County.

*Richard Butler* – Richard served as Director of Chancel, Youth, and Handbell Choirs for seven years (1991 to 1998), and as a staff member served as staff liaison to variety committees and subcommittees of the Session. He and his wife, Jennifer, have been members since their marriage at Highland in 1994. Richard has been active variously in Sunday School, Second Mile, the Highland Ringers, the Chancel Choir, the Music Committee, and helps with worship enhancements such as the Good Friday Chapel display. Richard has been active in the music programs at HPC off and on from 1998 to the present, not including the seven years prior when he served on the staff.

Avery Cameron – Avery is a fourth generation member of Highland. She and her husband, Scott, were married at HPC in 1993, and after moving back from Baltimore, rejoined as members in 2005. Together, they have raised their three children at Highland. As a teacher, Avery initiated The FUNdamentals of Worship and King of Queens Sunday school classes, served on the Board for the Presbyterian Women, helped lead Youth, and is a member of the Second Mile Praise Band. She continues to work with Friendship House Fayetteville and Friendship Community Gardens.

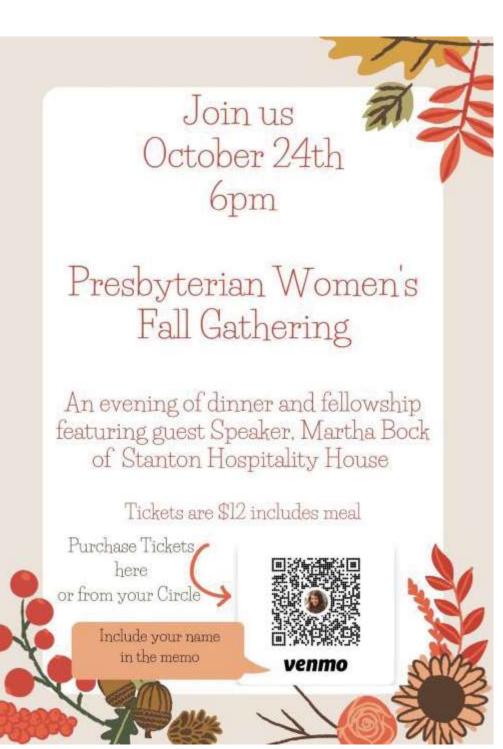
Todd Harris - Todd and his wife, Paulette, have been members of Highland since 2012. Todd has taught children's and youth Sunday school classes as well as confirmation classes at HPC. Todd served as a Deacon at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. He was also the Chaplain of the Raleigh Jaycees.

**Richard Lee** - Richard has been a member of Highland since 2019. A husband to Nicole and father to ten-year-old Addie Grace. Richard has been supporter of children's ministries at Highland for the last 2 years. Richard is a true fan and supporter all of Jen Jammer's ideas, Wednesday night activities, and new innovative ideals for sculpting young minds.

*Katherine Parnell* – has been a member of HPC for almost 20 years (2003), She has served on Session previously, the Pastor Search Committee, the Generosity (Stewardship) Committee, and Welcome & New Member Committee. Katherine has been a Children's Sunday School teacher and has helped with Vacation Bible School.

**Rick Perko** - Rick has been a member of Highland since 2002 and until now, no one had asked him to serve as an Elder. Rick is on the active leadership team of Power Forward, the youth outreach program that meets every Wednesday evening. He is also actively involved in helping to moderate the King and Queens Sunday School class. Rick has also been a lay reader at the 2nd Mile Service.

KJ Powell - KJ and her husband, Tom, relocated to Fayetteville from Louisville, Kentucky in early 2020. They have two adult children, who are both married, and their first grandchild is due in early 2023! As a member who joined during the pandemic, KJ has become very involved with the weekly Food Pantry program at HPC. She and Tom attend the Second Mile morning service. KJ is on the Wednesday night dinners cashier team, Second Mile communion prep team, and leader at that service.



All women of the church are invited to attend the *Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering* - October 24, 6:00pm - \$12 *Tomato Basil Soup, Mixed Green Salad with Sliced Chicken, Rolls, Homemade Cakes, tea, coffee* 

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

#### Menu for October 19th

Baked Ziti, Garlic Bread, 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 Please make your reservations by 5:00pm on the Monday prior.



## HIGHLAND MEN PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Friday, October 28th Saturday, October 29th From 7:00 – 11:00

Tickets \$8.00 To Order Tickets Online DudleyGGP@gmail.com

Eat In or Take Out Local Delivery of 10 or More Meals

For More Information Call Bill Dudley 910.303.3731



# NO Youth Group or Sunday School this Sunday, October 16

Remember our youth who are travelling to Williamsburg, VA this weekend. Pray for safe travels, and lots of laughs too!

## **HUBB'S CORN MAZE**

Sunday, October 30, 12:00-6:00 pm *Cost: \$20* - Join us for some Harvest-season fun. Get lost in the Corn, ride the Barrel Train, eat fresh corn smothered in melted butter, and funnel cakes, and fries, Bump along on the Hay Ride, take a bounce on the Blob, Roll around in the Corn Crib, and don't forget your overalls!!

#### **CHICK-FIL-A BREAKFAST**

Every Tuesday at 7:20 am (If school starts a little later for you, I'll be around til 8:00). 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

~Chris Jackson

# 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.

sweet treats!

## Church-wide Cleaning Day October 22, 9-11am

LET'S SHOW HIGHLAND A LITTLE TLC! Join us for a light breakfast & then head off to your Sunday school classrooms, SonValley, or the Fellowship Hall for a little Fall Cleaning! We will provide the cleaning supplies...you provide the elbow grease!

## TRUNK-or-TREAT

Wednesday, October 26th
HLC Parking Lot - 5:45-6:45
You know what to do!
Donate all the candy - wipe out the stores, even. Dress yourself in your funniest, scariest, most delightful costume - dress up the trunk of your vehicle too - it doesn't want to be left out. And then greet our young ghouls and goblins with



GATHERING MUSIC

Harriet McDonald, piano

## **GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Prelude Highland Cathedral

Roever/Korb

(Don Gaylord, guitar)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things...

All: So God pours God's love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.

One: We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

All: God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.

One: Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

All: Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways.

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

†Hymn #306

Fairest Lord Jesus

CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, you shower us with so many blessings, yet we struggle to share them with others. You love a cheerful giver, but we sometimes give grudgingly. We forget that all we have is yours, and that you can use our gifts to bless the whole world. Give us generous hearts which long to share our bounty, giving extravagantly, loving at great risk, and working for justice in seemingly impossible situations. Forgive us for clutching too tightly what has always been yours in the first place. Pardon us for this and all of our sins, as we continue to seek to follow you. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**