

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: "We do not know how to pray as we ought."

(pause)

"The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words."

(pause)

Holy God, take our poor attempts to pray and mix them with your immeasurable love. Remodel them, lift them up into your presence, and then put them to work in our hearts and in your world. 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 Jen Jammer

NEW TESTAMENT Romans 8:26-39

ANTHEM Order My Steps arr. Schrader

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 29:13-31

MESSAGE Family Reunion, week 7: Sibling Rivalry: Part 2
Christopher Jackson

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING SONG Sweet, Sweet Spirit Akers

†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 #126 **Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove**

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Arise, Your Light Is Come Young

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey
Show forth the glory of your God, whiche shines on you today.

†All who are able, please stand



~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

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

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| P.W. and Martha Jessup | Steve & Orion Gaynos          |
| June Marie Smith       | Madie Rae Locklear            |
| Doris & John English   | ("Grandma" to the Guy Family) |
| Violet McNeill         | Lib Yarborough                |
| Bill Owen              | Bill Johnson                  |
| Pattie Koonce          | 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



**VOLUNTEER Opportunity. Run, don't walk...**

Summer heat already got you down? Want to be inside where it's cool and super fun and you get to give back to HPC and your fellow church members? Have we got the place for you! Volunteering at Highland Presbyterian's very own front desk. We have pens for you to doodle on scratch paper with, random treats for you to snack on, AND phones to answer (this one is when you use your gift for gab to answer questions and/or transfer the call/visitor to the proper staff member). Let Jen Jammer know you're up to the task! 989-447-3489

**Notes on Today's Music...**

Today's opening hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" is one of the most well-known and loved hymns in all of church history. It can be found in 2,183 hymnals and is set to various tunes. In American hymnals NETTLETON is the most common tune, and in the United Kingdom WARRENTON is the preferred tune. In our hymnal the text is printed without the tune, so if you like to sing something other than the melody you'll need to refer to the score on the facing page.

In 1752, when George Robinson was 17, he attended an evangelical meeting intending to heckle believers, but instead listened to the message of the great preacher George Whitefield. It moved him deeply and made him rethink how he was living his life. In 1858, while preparing to preach his own sermon, he penned the words to this hymn. The first stanza is praise and adoration, and the last two are more of a spiritual autobiography.

Robinson used language that is unfamiliar today. "Ebenezer" is a reference from 1 Samuel 7:12 in which the prophet raised a monument to commemorate the victory God gave to Israel. In Hebrew, Ebenezer means "stone of help" (eben = stone; ezer = help). When we sing "Here I raise my Ebenezer" we are quoting Samuel who raised the Ebenezer stone to remind the Israelites of God's help.

May these beautiful truths, written hundreds of years ago, give voice to our praise and continue to bring hope to our weary souls. "Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above."



**POWER FORWARD**

Thank you to all who participated in the Summer Sock Drive for Power Forward Neighborhood Youth Group! Your donations will go a long way to help solve a basic need for our kids.

We appreciate your support!



CAROWINDS TRIP - Wednesday, August 2  
 RSVP by Sunday, July 16  
 Cost will be \$50 per person

NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE - July 21-26  
 Pray for the Stapletons, and a few other members of our youth as they travel next week, for safe travels, and that God will use this time away to fill them up with love and joy, and energy for the work ahead.

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Hello Highlanders,  
 As many of you know my family, a few other HPC youth, and I will be heading to Westminster College on Thursday for the annual New Wilmington Mission Conference. Our family has gone every year and it is where Traci and I met.  
 Like many family traditions, whether or not we are going to the conference is not really a question - everyone just knows that it is on the schedule. These family traditions, whatever they are, become important parts of what shapes a family. The regular events and patterns that our families create and illuminate what our values are and what motivates us.  
 So, for our family, the mission conference is much like many other family traditions, it's part of who we are and what we do. But, as I was spending time this week preparing to be gone, I was struck with the question of 'why?' I wasn't thinking about that question in the general sense - like, 'why do we form patterns and traditions?', or even 'why do we still go to and love the conference?' I quickly realized what I was trying to figure out was really not 'why?', but 'how?' How is it that even though everything about the conference is familiar: the schedule, the physical location, even many of the people we will see and listen too, and yet I am confident that I will return from this week with at least one (and likely several) new insights, and real spiritual growth.  
 As I continued to think about this question, I realized the answer is one that matters to all of us - it's all about the Holy Spirit. The mission conference is a place where God has shown up and moved in people's lives for 120 years, in large part because each year the people coming arrive seeking the Word, the heart, and the leading of God.  
 In the same way, God can continue to speak and guide us, helping us grow and learn as we return to scripture passages and Bible stories that we already know so well. When we come with open hearts, willing to be led by God's Holy Spirit - whether at a conference, in our daily devotional reading, or in worship - God never disappoints and will always lead us into growth and new understanding.  
 So, no matter where you find yourself this week, I invite you to be open to the leading and the teaching of God's Holy Spirit.  
*Sharing God's love,*  
 ~Chip



**Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina  
 2023 Fall Gathering**

**Saturday, August 19 at Highland Presbyterian Church**  
 Registration at 9:00am  
 Plenary begins at 10:00am

**Guest Speaker:** Renea Henderson, Renea Henderson Ministries

**Workshops & Table Displays:**

- \*Children's Hope Alliance \*Moderator, Treasurer, & Historians
- \*Horizons Bible Study \*Mission & Celebration Giving
- \*Young Life \*Human Trafficking
- \*Sewing Sisters \*Church World Services & More

We will be collecting Period Packs for Church World Service  
 Providing Period Packs to help end period poverty is an easy way  
 you can help share your love with others.

**Here is what we need:**

- Re-sealable bags - Gallon size*
- Hand sanitizer - 2oz bottles*
- Bathroom trash bags - 4 Gallon size*
- Tampons - Regular*
- Tampons - Super Absorbancy*
- Pads - Unscented, Long super ultra-thin*
- Bath soap - 3oz bar or larger. No Ivory or Jergen's. Don't remove packaging*
- Flushable wipes - Unscented, 42 count*
- All items must be new

Please place your donations in the provided box located in the elevator lobby (behind the front desk) by **Sunday, August 13th!**

All women are invited,  
 even if you do not participate in an organized PW circle!  
 Refreshments and Door Prizes provided

**Circle of Friends  
 (3rd grade - Middle School)**

Meet this Tuesday, July 25th at 2:30  
 at Sweet Frog for some fun!  
 Ms. Jen is treating.  
 Let Ms. Jen know if you need a ride!

**JULY 23, 2023  
 11:00AM**



**HIGHLAND  
 PRESBYTERIAN  
 CHURCH**

*SHARING GOD'S LOVE*

GATHERING MUSIC

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

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| PRELUDE | Air and Variation<br>(Andrea Kelly, flute) | Handel |
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| INTROIT | Sing Praise to the Lord | Tomes |
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Brothers and sisters, the extravagant love of God has called us together.  
**All: For long before we were even aware of it, God knew us.**  
 One: He had already chosen us to be part of His family - children of God!  
**All: And having chosen us, he called us;**  
 One: The living Christ is with us.  
**All: Praise the Lord!**

OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #356 **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

CALL TO CONFESSION