

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Gracious Lord, you have blessed us with freedom - freedom to follow or to turn away; freedom to love or to hate; freedom to heal or to hurt. You ask only that we follow your ways, loving our neighbors as ourselves. In the midst of our turbulent lives, help us find teachers to show us the gifts you set within us. And help us claim these gifts today. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**THE WORD**

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Jen Jammer

NEW TESTAMENT Galatians 5:1; 13-25

ANTHEM We Are One, Lord Pethel

OLD TESTAMENT 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

MESSAGE Called In, week 2: Called to Connection  
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

OFFERTORY When the Poor Ones Olivar/Manzano  
(Done Gaylord, guitar)

*When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,  
When the thirsty give water unto us all,  
When the crippled, in their weakness, strengthen strangers,  
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.*

†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 #438 **Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

†BLESSING & BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE We Are God's People Brahms  
*†All who are able, please stand*



Altar Flowers

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of

**Lauren Reames & William Schaefer  
June 25, 2022**

Given by *their families*

**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

**USHERS NEEDED**

Serving as an usher is a wonderful opportunity to welcome others to our time of worship at Highland Presbyterian Church. Ushers also pass the collection plate during the service. Volunteers are needed - no experience necessary! So, if you are middle school age or older and are looking for a way to serve, please contact Suzanne Beekman at sbeek106@centurylink.net or call 910-867-0431 (home), or 910-366-2364 (cell).

**Kids Science & Craft Camp**

Monday, July 11 - Thursday, July 14...11:00am - 2:00pm

Camp will be every day from 11am-2pm. Spend the week with us learning & experimenting with art & science. Contact Jen Jammer (989-447-3489) for more information! Please pack a bag lunch for your child(ren) each day. Snacks will be provided.

Music Notes with Pam...

Spiritual gifts are given to edify the church (1 Cor. 12:4-11). We can think of giftedness in terms of practical service and our ability to do something skillfully. If you sit at your piano on Saturday nights playing Broadway's greatest hits, then know that you could be offering that same gift (maybe not the same tunes) on Sundays by playing gathering music as we prepare for worship. Meditative music helps us begin cultivating an expectant mindset as we enter the sanctuary. We have volunteers ranging from eleven years old to those who've passed the point of telling their age. Hymns, hymn arrangements, praise songs, and classical pieces are all welcome as we prepare for worship during the last few minutes before the service formally starts. Please consider signing up for a Sunday on the gathering music calendar posted on the upstairs music office door. I'd love to talk with you about it if you have any questions.

Serve the Lord with gladness,

~Pam

~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

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

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| P.W. and Martha Jessup       | Noel Harris                   |
| Jean Robinson                | Steve & Orion Gaynos          |
| Lisa Hitt                    | Madie Rae Locklear            |
| (daughter of Gayle McDonald) | ("Grandma" to the Guy Family) |
| Charlotte Ingram             | Lib Yarborough                |
| June Marie Smith             | Bill Johnson                  |
| Gayle McDonald               | Patsy Thames                  |

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,

As we come to the end of June and the middle of the summer (at least for those on a school schedule), chances are that your family schedule has been different over the last month (and for the next month or so) than it is the rest of the year. Summer comes with lots of wonderful things: vacations; day trips to the beach; extra weekends away; even just later than usual nights around the pool or outside with family and friends.

These are all wonderful things, but they often come with the trade-off of missing some of the good habits that are more easily a part of our lives the rest of the year. One of the most obvious of those is less regular attendance at church.

I have been thinking about that this past week as I was not present for worship this past Sunday, as I was in Texas with Charlie for a regional soccer tournament. On Sunday morning, I was definitely missing our church family and the set aside time to worship God together and grow in my faith. Specifically, I was thinking about how we can not just maintain, but even continue to grow in our faith during times when our schedule means we aren't always present to worship together.

As I was thinking about that, I came across this quote from author James Clear: "On the ground, a rock is just a rock. But when moving at high speed through the atmosphere, a rock becomes a meteor—alive with fire and burning bright. People are not so different. Without activity, we are lifeless and dull. When moving fast and taking action, we come alive."

Just like the rock and people, our faith comes alive with movement and activity. And that activity isn't limited to being able to join us for worship or attend a Bible study. Both of those are good and important things, but every situation provides us with the opportunity to activate and exercise our faith in ways that help us grow and move us towards deeper faith and faithfulness.

This week, I thought about that as I sat on the sidelines of soccer games. I realized, not for the first time, that the way I cheer on and interact with the teams on the field - and the referees not only has an impact on how others see me (and, so, perhaps how they see Christians and even Jesus), but also on how my own faith develops.

Similarly, when we ended up having an 'extra' 24 hours added to our trip because of a flight cancellation, there were lots of opportunities to interact with people in a way that either bore witness to Christ, and helped me grow or not. Our days, wherever we are, and whenever it is, are filled with these opportunities to exercise our faith and faithfulness. They are opportunities to invite others to know the one whose love has changed us, and for Christ's love to continue to affect that change.

So, as you and your family move and participate in all the wonderful activities of summer, remember that in all of these times and places there are opportunities for your faith to be activated and to grow as well.

Sharing God's Love

~Chip

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

*Want to contribute to Second Mile worship, but don't feel comfortable singing or reading in front of everyone?*

*As we have returned to something a little more like normal, we are in need of volunteers to fill communion cups and prepare the elements each week. If you'd like to help, please contact Chris Jackson.*



### APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT

If you want to support us while we are gone, you can make donations, but more importantly we invite you to pray!

If you're not sure what to pray about, here's some ideas.

#### ASP Prayer Calendar

**Sunday:** Pray for us as we travel: for protection, and for God to prompt conversations that prepare us for the work ahead. Pray that we will lay the foundations of good relationships with the other volunteer teams and center staff.

**Monday:** Pray for our team as we meet the homeowners to see them with the eyes of Christ, and to have love and sensitivity for their situations.

**Tuesday:** Pray for success in our work, that repairs we make will be sound, and long-lasting. Pray for safety on the worksite and as we travel back and forth to the center.

**Wednesday:** Pray for the communities of Appalachia to find solutions to the long-running problems which lead to a need for programs like this. Pray for wisdom in leadership, and hope in their hearts.

**Thursday:** Pray for transformation in the hearts of our team as we finish up our work for the week, and prepare to return home with stories of what God is doing through this ministry.

**Friday:** Pray for the Center staff, as we get ready to head home, that God will fill them with the Spirit to continue their work throughout the rest of the summer with joy, patience, and hope.

**Saturday:** Pray for protection as we journey home. Pray for Holy Spirit inspired reflection on the experience. Pray for changed hearts that don't see our own homes, neighborhoods, neighbors in the same way we did before.

#### WOODPECKERS GAME - Sunday, July 10 2:00pm

Cost: FREE (We have 20 seats available, contact Chris to reserve yours!)

#### NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE - July 15-22

Join Pastor Chip for a week of worship, fun, and mission opportunities. It's a great chance to meet youth from all across the US and grow in faith together.

More info: [nwmcmmission.org/nwmc-2022/](http://nwmcmmission.org/nwmc-2022/)

#### OTHER DATES

Wednesday July 27, 5:30 pm

Activity TBD (Feel free to send in suggestions to Chris)



JUNE 26, 2022

11:00AM

HIGHLAND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

GATHERING MUSIC

Harriet McDonald

## GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

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With One Heart and Voice

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Throughout the ages, disciples have said,  
"I will follow you wherever you go."

**All: Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.**

One: We come from busy homes, filled with little time  
to consider Christ in our lives.

**All: Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.**

One: In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

**All: Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.**

One: Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit,  
who shows us the joy of following God.

**All: Lord, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith.**

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #150

Come, Christians Join to Sing

CALL TO CONFESSION