THE WORD

Words with our Young Church Jen Jammer

PSALM READING Psalm 127:1-2

arr. Courtney ANTHEM How Beautiful

GOSEPEL READING Mark 12:38-44

SERMON More than Enough, week 2: Enough to Give

Rev. Chip Stapleton

RESPONSE

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed pg. 14 Blue Hymnal

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 from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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.

Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table Breaking of the Bread and Words of Institution Prayer after Communion

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Friedell

OFFERING

I Too Must Give Landgrave **OFFERTORY** Elaine Hayes, Harriet McDonald, Miriam Walker, Fran Way

†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 #535 Go With Us Lord

> 1st time - Chancel Choir 2nd time - Congregation

†Benediction

†Postlude This Is the Feast of Victory Pam Langston, organ

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†All who are able, please stand



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

Joe Thompson

Given by Lynn Thompson and Family

Worship Leaders

Rev. Chip Stapleton, Senior Minister Pam Langston, Dir. of Music Ministries Jen Jammer, Dir. of Children's Ministry

Music Notes from Pam...

Canons (rounds) are an amazing way to get singers to develop better part independence and greater confidence in singing. Our Chancel Choir enjoys singing them at the beginning of rehearsals. TALLIS' CANON (16th cent.), is the melody of this week's closing hymn, "Go with Us, Lord" 535 in the 1990 Presbyterian Hymnal. It is a round most congregations can easily sing! Here's the plan: First the organ will line out the melody, then the choir will sing it through a cappella as an introduction, then Chris Jackson will have the pulpit side begin singing first as group one, followed by the lectern side four beats later as group two. Good luck! Sing to the Lord...~Pam

Presbyterian Women's Bake Sale Wednesday, December 8th, 3:00-6:30pm

Please join us in making delightful sweet treats, cakes/cookies/etc. for our annual fundraiser. If you're not quite the baker, but want to enjoy something tasty, stop by our bake sale to purchase a few items!

For those who will be baking something to sell, please fill out the sign-up sheet located at the front desk (or in your Sunday School classroom or through your Circle). Or you may contact Kelli at kellilu@gmail.com 401-0928 to let her know what you plan to provide (I will need your name, email, phone number, and item(s) baked/donated.)

November Circle Meetings

November 8 - Circle 4 - 12:00pm in the Side Dining Room

Circle 5 - 1:00pm in the Parlor

November 9 - Circle 6 - 10:00am in the Parlor

Circle 3 - 12:00pm in Leighton McKeithen Room

Hanging of the Greens

"Hanging of the Greens" will be held on Sunday, November 21st beginning at 4:00pm. We will be decorating the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome! Any questions, people can call, text or email Martha Ann Harrell at 910-624-0335 mamharrell@gmail.com

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE ANNIVERSARY

Today, November 7 we celebrate the 3 year anniversary of Friendship House. There will be a service in the chapel at HPC at 4:00; Highland Presbyterian Church members are welcome to attend.

~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

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

P.W. and Martha Jessup Jean Robinson Sam Williams Lisa Hitt

(daughter of Gayle McDonald) Charlotte Ingram

Norman Blakely Steve & Orion Gaynos Madie Rae Locklear ("Grandma" to the Guy Family) Lib Yarborough

Bill Johnson

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

Announcements for November 7 - November 13, 2021 A note from your Pastor...

Hello Highlanders,

Doing a bit of shopping on Sunday afternoon, it was amazing to see how quickly all of the stores (Lowes, Home Depot, Target, Harris Teeter) had transformed their 'seasonal' sections from Halloween fare, to Christmas decorations.

My first thought was, 'what about Thanksgiving?' From a practical standpoint, I understand what is happening - there aren't many Thanksgiving inflatables and for whatever reason there just seems to be less 'stuff' available to buy that is directly associated with Thanksgiving. In our house, as I think happens in a lot of homes, much of the fall decor - including any un-carved pumpkins - do double duty as both 'Fall' and 'Thanksgiving' decorations. At the same time, I think we might be better off if we spent a little bit more time and energy - but maybe not money - focused on Thanksgiving. I do love the holiday itself, with it's focus on family, food, sharing with others, and coming together, but I am also thinking about the idea.

As I mentioned last week, that is why we are spending the month of December in worship focusing on the countless ways that God has blessed us. We often get caught up in what we don't have, or always trying to get more, and it is good to be reminded that God tells us that he is enough and that he will provide, not just enough for us, but overflowing blessings.

When we change our perspective to be more fully and consciously aware of the ways that God has blessed us, it leads to a response in us of gratitude, and often generosity.

In the lead up to both Thanksgiving and to our Commitment Sunday (Nov. 21st - 10:00am Sunday school; 11:00am Unified worship in the sanctuary; Noon - Lunch in the fellowship hall), it is good and important to remember that our generosity and our gratitude, come in part from focusing on what we have - not what we lack, but also they come from simply recognizing that all that we have comes to us as a good gift from our loving God.

I hope you will join me this month in worship (especially on Nov. 21st), and in our daily lives in focusing on the abundance of God, and the generosity, born out of gratitude, that can so joyfully share the love of God with our neighbors. *Sharing God's Love*,

~Chip



It's Turkey Time!

Adopt a turkey (\$20/per), bake a sweet potato casserole, or a delicious pie (or get one or five from the grocery store!).

Call or email Keely (401-0929; secretary@hpchurch.org) or Kelli (401-0928; kellilu@gmail.com) for more information or to let them know how you plan to help. Pick up a volunteer form at the front desk.

GIVE THANKS!

As a part of Dedication Sunday on November 21, we are excited to share a short video with many different Highlanders sharing why they are thankful for our church family. Keely will be filming these short videos on the next Sunday after 2nd Mile in the Fellowship Hall and before Traditional Worship in the Session Room. Please stop by to contribute & share your love for Highland. You can also film your own short videos at home and email them to Keely (secretary@hpchurch.org) to be included in the Final Video. Please submit at-home videos by Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

NEW Adult Bible Study & Podcast

This past Wednesday we began a new Adult Bible study, focusing on the book of Jonah. While we have covered a lot of wonderful and interesting topics during our weekly Bible studies, it has been a long time since we focused on a single book of the Bible. Jonah is a wonderful - and short - book that is rich with insight and application for our lives today. There is no book required or advance reading necessary - just come as you are, ready to learn and share about what God has to say to us in and through the book of Jonah.

For those that like to come prepared, our plan is to spend a week looking at each chapter of the book. November 3rd we looked at Jonah 1, November 10th, we will look at Jonah 2, etc.

In other exciting news, with this new Bible study, our HPC podcast is returning as well, and will also focus on the book of Jonah, a chapter at a time, over the next several weeks. We hope that you will join us on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm in the chapel; and/or where ever you find your podcasts each week.

Wednesday Night Meal - November 10th

For the month of November we will be offering the *same* meal to the kids that we have for the adults, only the kids meal will be a smaller portion (for half the price!)

Also, SALAD BAR IS BACK! woooooo!

Make your reservations now by going online scroll down the landing page a bit, you should see the reservation form, or by emailing Kelli (kellilu@gmail.com) or call 401-0928. Please make reservations by 5:00pm on the Tuesday prior.

Menu - November 10, 5:00pm-6:00pm Chicken & Pastry, Greens, Salad Bar (Mmmm, comfort food for a chilly November night)

 $8/adult \mid 4/kid$ (smaller portion) | 32/Family cap

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

We are reaching out because we are excited to announce Friendship Community Garden's 2nd Annual Christmas Wreath Sale happening NOW! We're thrilled to partner with Stone Mountain Farm in Boone, NC again this year to bring you fresh Fraser Fir and mixed wreaths. As in the past, our wreath sale is preorder only, so order your wreath today!

As you may know, Friendship Community Gardens is a nonprofit that aims to create space for racial and disability reconciliation in our community through planting, growing, and harvesting healthy food options for local residents. We have a collection of raised beds for community gardeners, a fruit orchard, a chicken coop, our new honeybee and butterfly sanctuary, and a seasonal produce market that serves the community fresh and local produce options out of our 1970's VW truck. Thank you for supporting this work in our community this holiday season!

Kindly pre-order your wreath and pre-pay by November 23rd. Wreaths will be available for pickup on Sunday, November 28th from 5pm to 7pm at 1111 Arsenal Avenue. What better way to deck your halls than by purchasing a locally-sourced wreath and supporting Friendship Community Gardens!

ORDER YOUR WREATH HERE: https://bit.ly/fcgwreathsale



Preservice Music

Lawson Sherrill, piano

GATHERING

11:00 CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Prelude

For the Beauty of the Earth arr. McChesney Highland Ringers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome to the house of the Lord!

All: We have come here from lives that are burdened and stressed.

One: Bring your hearts that are lonely and here find hope and peace. Find in this place welcome, peace, and hope.

All: All these gifts are given by our God who loves us. One: Because of God's love all should feel welcome here.

All: It is here that we can offer our gifts and our service to God.

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #478 Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Dear God, you gave us your only son, yet we fail to give you our best. You answer our prayers, even though we sometimes pray with a haughty spirit. You continue to bless us, even as we ignore those in need. Forgive us, we pray, and turn us toward you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON