PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God, our rock and refuge, there are plenty of things that we allow to erode our faith in you. When life gets stormy, we let our certainty cloud our trust in you. We think we know better and start relying on ourselves to be able to weather the rain. Forgive our lack of hope and disbelief that drowns us. Allow us to hold on to you, our rock, and to build our lives on the foundation of your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our stalwart and our shelter. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

THE WORD

Time with Our Y	OUNG CHURCH	Jen Jammer
Song of Praise	Every Praise (HLC Children)	
First Reading	James 1:22 & Luke 11:28	Terry Morris
ANTHEM Father I Adore You/His Banner Over Me Is Love (HLC Children)		
Gospel Reading	Matthew 7:21-27	
Message F	Red Letter Challenge, week 1: Livin	g by the Red Letters Rev. Chip Stapleton

RESPONSE

\dagger 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

[†]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

†Song

SENDING

Cornerstone (Second Mile Praise Band)

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Refrain Christ alone cornerstone Weak made strong in the Saviour's love Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil My anchor holds within the veil

Refrain

When He shall come with trumpet sound Oh may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless stand before the throne

Refrain

†Blessing & Benedi	ICTION
†Postlude	Cornerstone w/ The Solid Rock
	†All who are able, please stand

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

Gathering Music

As we welcome visitors and greet one another before the beginning of worship, we appreciate those who play instrumental background music to set a contemplative atmosphere. So far seven musicians have offered their gifts to this ministry and there are more preparing to participate! Not every arm I've twisted has resulted in a "yes" but to those willing souls who have accepted this opportunity for service, may we offer encouragement and words of appreciation. This Sunday we have a mystery pianist who will be playing gathering piano music for the first time. Can you guess who it might be?

The Prelude

The Offertory

~Pam

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.

Notes on Today's Music...

When planning began several weeks ago for Highland's unified worship participation in National Back to Church Sunday, I decided to browse the handbell music library instead of searching specific titles. In the first bookcase, on the first shelf, in the first box I found "The Church's One Foundation" for handbells, trumpet, timpani, and organ and I said "This is IT!" With Highland Ringers back in full swing, it has been a joy to prepare this piece with seven ringers, trumpeter Dylan Quick, and percussionist Sue Hardwick. It's with great enthusiasm that we offer this jubilant prelude to the glory of God in celebration of a return to full programming in all areas our our church life!

"Walk Worthy" by Joseph Martin is in the top three on the Chancel Choir's favorite anthems list according to a recent poll. It has the perfect message for this week's Back to Church Sunday emphasis as we dedicate ourselves anew to service within these wall and beyond. "Walk worthy of the Lord. Come give your heart to Christ. Live always bearing fruit for Him. Live strengthened by His might."



~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

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

P.W. and Martha Jessup Jean Robinson Lisa Hitt (daughter of Gayle McDonald) Charlotte Ingram June Marie Smith Doris English John English

Steve & Orion Gaynos Madie Rae Locklear ("Grandma" to the Guy Family) Lib Yarborough Bill Johnson Gayle McDonald Betty Graham Claudia Thornton Violet McNeill

Kelli Lujan 401-0928 or email kellilu@gmail.com



Wednesday Night Dinners Are Back! 5:00-6:00pm

Menu for September 21 Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar, Dessert

Adults - \$8 | Kids - \$4 | Family Cap - \$32

We also offer a gluten free option, please let us know when you make your reservations. Go to <u>hpchurch.org</u>, scroll down a little bit on the landing page and voila - the reservation form!

If you would like to make a "standing reservation" for the 2022-2023 season, you may do so on the reservation form. Please note that we have not carried-over standing reservations from last year.

Please make your reservations by 5:00pm on the MONDAY prior. (I got a lecture from Jermaine about Tuesdays being too late to order supplies, so please make your reservations on Mondays!) Thank you!



Sessional nomination update:

Suggestion boxes and forms are located at the Fellowship lobby desk and beside the Sacristy just outside the sanctuary. Names should be submitted by September 28th. If you know an active church member with leadership qualities, the nominating committee asks that you prayerfully consider suggesting that person(s) for sessional nomination. Please note that permission from proposed nominees should NOT be obtained before submitting their name(s).

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Will begin September 29 at 10:00, after a two-year Covid hiatus. We will be studying the book of Haggai using the work book and video of Jennifer Rothchild. We will meet in the "Today's Word" classroom, #219 on the second floor of the Highland Learning Center wing. If you desire a book or need more information, call Elva Owen at 910-484-6936.



YOUTH INFORMATION

This announcement is not for Youth, it's for YOU If you would like to support our youth ministry, we'd love for you to sponsor a meal for our Sunday Night Youth Group. It usually costs about \$150 a week (a steal considering its at least \$40 to feed my family of 4). We'll even let you come serve it if you want to see some smiling faces and don't mind missing those 2nd half NFL kickoffs. Thank You!

LAKE DAY!

When: Sunday, September 25 - 11:00am-6:30pm We'll leave before Traditional service, grab a quick lunch, and head to the Hornes' lake house for a fun day on and near the water, grill out, and then head back in time to finish up homework before Monday. RSVP by Wednesday, 9/21

BUSCH GARDENS CampaScreamaRidaPaloozaFest™

When: October 14-16 Did you miss our early deadline? It's not too late to sign up! Cost: \$180 If you need more info, just reach out to Chris!

Prelude

CHICK-FIL-A BREAKFAST

New Day and Time this year! Every Tuesday at 7:20 am Join us for a good breakfast, a chat with your friends, and some encouragement to help you get through the week!

Sunday Night Youth Group

What?: Food, Fun, Faith, Talk with Friends When? Every Sunday (beginning September 11) 6:00pm – 7:30pm Who? Students Grades 6-12 (and some really cool (sometimes) adults) Why? To find joy in living the life of faith together

Wonderful Wednesdays Activities for Youth

5:30-6:30 It's not just the kids and adult who get to be a part of what's going on here Wednesday nights. We have Bible Studies for Girls and Boys, as well as gym time and some musical opportunities. Come check us out!

~Chris Jackson || Mobile 910-309-3030





CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Christ invites us to make our home in him as he makes his home in us All: Let us build our homes on the rock that is Christ Jesus. One: Then the storms of life will not bully us. All: Hurricanes and floods will not destroy us. One: Let the word of God dwell in us richly, in all wisdom. All: As we love our God with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

GATHERING MUSIC

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

The Church's One Foundation arr. Linker/Mcfadden

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

[†]HYMN #442 **The Church's One Foundation** (V 1, 2, 5)