

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Divine God, we try to grow happily, patiently, and faithfully in the soil you have prepared for us. You feed us, shelter us, and provide for our daily needs. Yet, we often fail to offer you the fruit of our harvest. We act as though we were abandoned children, trying to make it on our own. We feel forsaken, attacked by wild boars, cut down by our enemies, and neglected in the wilderness of our lives. Yet, through it all, you remain faithful. Renew our lives once more, and we will call your name on high. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Jen Jammer

PSALM READING

Psalm 80:1-2; 8-19

ANTHEM

“Jesus Paid It All”

arr. Barrett

NEW TESTAMENT

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

MESSAGE

Final Instructions Rev. Chip Stapleton
Week 2: Leaning on A Great Cloud

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.

COMMUNION

Call to Communion

Breaking of the Bread

Prayer after Communion

COMMUNION MEDITATION

“Come, Share the Lord”

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Wondrous Love”

arr. Behnke

†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 #354

“Guide My Feet”

†BLESSING & BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

“Song of Peace”

arr. Behnke

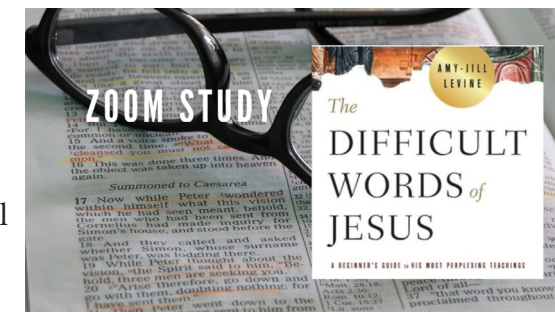
†All who are able, please stand



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

Hello Highlanders,



This past Thursday we began a late Summer virtual bible study. We will meet 'live' on zoom every Thursday at 6:00pm and then, from Friday, the recording of that zoom meeting will be available for on-demand viewing. We hope that you will join us.

In conjunction with restarting our Bible Study, we will also be releasing new episodes of the HPC podcast. Both the podcast and the Bible study are going to be based on the book, *The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner’s Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings*, by Amy-Jill Levine. With this resource as our guide we will look at some of the words of Jesus that make us wonder, cringe, and/or doubt. A few books are still available if you would like to purchase one to follow along--cost is \$12.

Each week we will tackle a different 'difficult saying', including: 'Sell What you Own'; 'Hate your Father and Mother'; 'Nowhere Among the Gentiles' and more. We will look at these words in their context and rather than dismiss or ignore them, seek to understand the deep meaning and grow in our faith through the work of wrestling with them.

We hope you will join us this Thursday!

Sharing God's Love,
Chip

~~~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          |
| Jean Robinson                | Madie Rae Locklear            |
| Lisa Hitt                    | ("Grandma" to the Guy Family) |
| (daughter of Gayle McDonald) | Lib Yarborough                |
| Charlotte Ingram             | Bill Johnson                  |
| June Marie Smith             | Patsy Thames                  |
| Doris English                | Gayle McDonald                |
| John English                 | Betty Graham                  |
|                              | Claudia Thornton              |

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

## Notes on Today's Music...

Prelude: You might not recognize the melody of "Now Thank We All Our God" in this fanfare hymn setting by arranger John Behnke, but I promise it is in there. Behnke is best known for handbell compositions so it's not surprising that many of his organ works, including this one, sound more like handbell pieces. All of our voluntaries this morning are by this gifted composer of sacred music.

Opening Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" is one of the great processional hymns of all time and is a favorite of Highland. This Anglican hymn did not find its way to the US until it was published in Hymns for the Living Church in 1974. This was the first hymn I played for a service here, and I always look forward to hearing how boldly and joyfully this congregation sings it.

Anthem: "Jesus Paid It All" by Wayne Barrett puts a new melody with a well-known hymn text. This choral arrangement is new to the choir this summer, and although I told them it was easy, they did not agree! Although this is not the 1865 version, these words still ring true no matter what the tune.

Communion Meditation: "Come, Share the Lord" is a beautiful communion song by Bryan Leech. It was published in the 2013 Presbyterian Hymnal and is a reminder that the Risen Christ is in our midst when two or three gather in His name.

Offertory: "Wondrous Love" by John Behnke is an organ setting of an American folk hymn. This hymn comes from Appalachia and dates to the early 1800s. The origin of both tune and text were lost as it was passed down through generations.

Closing Hymn: "Guide My Feet" provides assurance for the Christian journey. The author to the Hebrews compared the Christian life to running a race (Hebrews 12:1-2). This traditional spiritual work best in worship as a closing hymn, preparing us to weather the difficulties of the week ahead.

Postlude: Our final piece by John Behnke piece is "Song of Peace" - as it is played quietly on the organ with pipes that sound like strings and flutes may we all go in peace to love and serve.



Farm-to-Fender

Just letting you know that the Farm-to-Fender produce bus can be found parked in the Haymont Post Office parking lot each Monday from 10:00am-4:00pm until Labor Day. Fayetteville Community Gardens appreciates you!



### LUNCH WITH CHRIS August 9, 16, and 23 12:30pm

**Youth and Adults:** Do you have ideas about youth ministry? Have you been thinking about volunteering, but not sure where you fit it? Do you just need someone to talk to? Just wanna catch up? For 3 Tuesdays in August, you can meet Chris for Lunch at Chick-Fil-A (on him!!)

~Chris Jackson  
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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

### ***In Search of.....Volunteers for the Front Desk!***

Answer phones, point visitors in the right direction, enjoy some quiet time, get to know the HPC staff a little better - all this for the low, low price of a few hours a week! Usually 9-1 or 1-4...one day a week, or two, or whatever times/days work for you. If you see Ralph Spivey, chat with him about it or you may contact Kelli at [kellilu@gmail.com](mailto:kellilu@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you!

### ***In Search of.....2nd Mile Communion Volunteers!***

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.

AUGUST 7, 2022  
11:00AM



HIGHLAND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

GATHERING MUSIC

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Behnke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
**All: Let us also lay aside every weight**  
One: And the sin that clings so closely,  
**All: And let us run with perseverance**  
One: The race that is set before us.  
**All: Mindful of the gifts we receive**  
One: And confident of the sustenance the Lord provides,  
**All: Let us worship God.**

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #371 "Lift High the Cross"

CALL TO CONFESSION