

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of compassion, we are sick. We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessing. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold onto you. We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Psalm 17:1-7, 15

ANTHEM Be Still arr. Holstein
(Bill Hardwick, soloist)

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 32:22-31

MESSAGE Family Reunion, week 8: Holy Wrestling
Rev. Chip Stapleton

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

COMMUNION

Call to Communion
Words of Institution
Prayer after Communion

COMMUNION MEDITATION

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name arr. Clay

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING SONG All the Time in the World Harris
(Miriam Walker, soloist)

†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 #341 **Blessed Assurance**

†BENEDICTION The Lord Bless You and Keep You Lutkin
(Chancel Choir Trio)

†POSTLUDE Go Out in Peace Christopher

†All who are able, please stand



Altar Flowers

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

Glenn Capps

Given by Judy Capps

Notes on Today's Music...

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" is a festive choral introit with organ based on a traditional English melody." Worship begins with praise, encouraging us to turn our thoughts from ourselves/others to focus on the true reason for gathering together.

"Be Still" is a choral anthem with the opening lines sung by Bill Hardwick. May we hear the call to be aware that God is present. "Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here...Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place..."

"All the Time in the World" will be sung by Mimi Walker as an offertory meditation. Composed in 1975, this song of encouragement reminds us that, no matter how confusing or difficult life becomes, God never gives up on us - "He's Got all the time in the world."

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" was originally a choral anthem. When our sanctuary piano was dedicated, an instrumental version by its composer, Tom Fettke, was the dedication piece. During communion, an arrangement by Crystal Clay will lead us to contemplate grace.

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" quotes Numbers 6:24-26 and is the final choral benediction in the June/July series of new benedictions. Composed in 1900, it was originally known as the "Farewell Anthem with Sevenfold Amen" and is published in fifty hymnals.



Lake Day at the Horne's
August 13 1-6pm

It was so much fun last year we're gonna do it again!
Tubing, Swimming, Pizza...only the best stuff
as we head toward the end of Summer (I know, I know)
RSVP to Chris

Battlehouse
August 16 6pm

RSVP to Chris by August 9

~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

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

P.W. and Martha Jessup  
June Marie Smith  
Doris & John English  
Violet McNeill  
Bill Owen  
Pattie Koonce

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

Hello Highlanders,

I am writing to you today from the 118th New Wilmington Mission Conference, which my family and I, along with other youth from our church have been attending since last Thursday. As many of you know, the conference is a yearly highlight for our family.

This year has been no different as we have had a wonderful time of fellowship with friends old and new, as we had the privilege of hearing about some of the amazing things that God is doing in places all over the world - from the Ukraine, to Southeast Asia, to South Sudan, to South America and pretty much everywhere in between.

It is so encouraging to hear the stories of God and the church bringing the good news of the gospel - as well as practical, tangible blessings like education, healthcare, basic necessities like food, clothing, and shelter, and more.

Along with its unique intergenerational structure, another thing that makes this conference so unique is that all of this 'good news' comes to us directly from people on the front lines of doing this work. It is hard not to be in awe of the faithfulness and dedication of some of these servants of God who have selflessly worked for years, decades, and in some cases entire lifetimes to share God's love.

As always there is so much I would like to share. Powerful stories, interesting facts and details, and uplifting news of the power of God and God's Holy Spirit to transform our world. But the one thing I want to specifically share with all of you today is something that was shared by one of the evening speakers, Dr. Beth Wheaton-Páramo a research assistant professor and senior lecturer in economics at Southern Methodist University. She is a researcher on child labor and the economics of human rights, including human trafficking, capital punishment, violence against women, seeking asylum, terrorism, child abuse, genocide, and hate. She is also the principal investigator on a \$1.187 million U.S. federal grant from the National Institute of Justice. The message from her - one of the things I will be carrying with me for some time - was her proclamation that while she didn't go to seminary, she didn't get sent to another country or another part of the world, she deeply believes that she is a missionary. She said that whether it is in presenting a paper to an economics conference, working with her students, or fighting against human trafficking, she was working as a missionary, sent to share God's love and grace. The next step of that understanding is that all of us, wherever we are and whatever our vocation maybe are missionaries as well, send by God into a world in need to be his hands and feet, sharing His love and grace.

*Sharing God's love,*

~Chip



*It's Chris Jackson's birthday today!*



## 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

### **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

**JULY 30, 2023**

**11:00AM**



# HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*SHARING GOD'S LOVE*

GATHERING MUSIC

## **GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Le Doux

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God meets us in our greatest need

**All: And satisfies us with divine presence and provision.**

One: We gather here in anticipation,

**All: seeking an encounter with our Holy God,**

One: who comes among us when we least expect it,

**All: who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,**

One: who richly blesses us, and calls us by name.

**All: Let's worship God together!**

OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #150

**Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

CALL TO CONFESSION