

THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Jen Jammer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mother's Day Litany

(written by Rev. Heather Prince Doss)

One: As a mother hen gathers her chicks, so the Lord gathers and protects his children. As a mother will not forsake her nursing child, even more will the Lord remember those who call on him.

All: We thank you, loving and nurturing God.

One: Holy Spirit, You are everywhere the Lord and Giver of life. We praise You for the gift of mothers, through whom You give us life.

All: We thank You for their willingness to nurture life, for their trust in You to guide them through the labor of childbirth, the uncertainties of youth, the letting go of young adulthood.

One: We thank you for all those women, who did not give us birth but through whom You give us abundant life.

All: We thank you for adoptive and foster moms; aunts, grandmothers, and sisters; teachers, social workers, mentors, supervisors, and friends who share wisdom.

One: We ask your tender mercies on all those whose mothers now sing with the heavenly chorus; on those mothers who have buried sons and daughters.

All: Grant them your peace, which passes understanding, and the grace to trust their loved ones to your never-ending care.

One: We pray for mothers and daughters who are separated from one another by distance or differences; for those mothers who struggle to provide for their families; and for those whose longing for motherhood goes unfulfilled.

All: Grant them sufficient trust in your grace, and wake in us compassion for the welfare of all.

One: We thank you, Lord, for all the women who have taught us something of Your tender love and fierce care.

All: We pray that our lives might reflect your love and theirs, in all things giving honor to Jesus Christ - your son and the son of Mary. Amen.

PSALM READING

Psalm 23

Caroline Johnson

ANTHEM

At Home Let There Be Love
(Chancel Choir)

Schram

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 9:36-43

MESSAGE Surprise (The Unexpected Acts of God) week 3:
"An Astonishing Imitation"

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

Psalm 96

Hayes

†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 #239

How Happy Is Each Child of God

†BLESSING & BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

O God Beyond All Praising

Holst

†All who are able, please stand



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

**Mrs. David Julia Breece
Mrs. Cora Robinson
Mrs. Mary Jessup Breece**

and in honor of **Miriam Smith and all mothers**

Given by *Ginny & Corey Breece*

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

Sunday, May 15th

Join us at 11:00 in the Sanctuary for a unified worship service led by our Youth. Followed by a potluck lunch and talent showcase in the Fellowship Hall!

Music Notes with Pam...

When you enter the music office, on the left are a few of the hymnals I've acquired over the years. Some from churches I've served, some from courses/seminars, some gifts. The singing of hymns and psalms in worship pre-dates Christianity. It is something Jesus himself would have been familiar with in the temple, and he certainly sang at the Last Supper - "After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives" wrote Matthew.

Highland's 1990 Presbyterian Hymnal is a wonderful collection of 605 hymns and songs. Of course it contains the most popular titles: "Holy, Holy, Holy;" "How Great Thou Art;" and "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing." It also contains many that we have never learned. While studying church music at Southeastern Seminary and Virginia Wesleyan, the importance of increasing your church's hymnody was a prevalent topic and it's a responsibility of the role of director of music that I gladly accept.

"Earth and All Stars" (hymn 458) was introduced on September 23 as a prelude and then sung as a congregational hymn led by the choir. We sang it again last Sunday. New hymns inspire the church. New hymns enliven worship in powerful ways. May our hymnody increase, and may singing together hymns that are new to us bring a deeper sense of unity in the body of Christ. I pray that the Holy Spirit will bring new life into our worship with the new songs we sing!

Joyfully singing...

~Pam

~~~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

Gayle McDonald

Noel Harris

Steve & Orion Gaynos

Madie Rae Locklear

("Grandma" to the Guy Family)

Lib Yarborough

Bill Johnson

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,

The weather the last few days has left no doubt that Summer is right around the corner. Before we get there, however, we do have a few weeks left of the school year and some important events in the life of the church as well.

Next Sunday, May 15th, however, will be Youth Sunday. This is always one of my favorite days of the year as we will be led in worship by our young people. This day is a poignant reminder that the youth in our community and in our congregation are not just the future of the church, they are the church right now as well.

This year youth Sunday will include a few special highlights. The messages, as always, will be shared by our graduating high school seniors. This really is a highlight that you won't want to miss, as they share with us what God has done in and through their lives before they move on to the next chapter in their stories.

We will also be welcoming our confirmands into membership in the church as part of the worship service. Some of these young people have been working on this and waiting for this day since before the pandemic began, so it will really be another cause for celebration and another chance for us to support our youth.

The schedule for that day will be as follows:

10:00am - Sunday school for all ages

11:00am - Unified worship in the sanctuary, lead by our youth

12:00pm - Luncheon in the fellowship hall (the church is providing the meat, members are invited to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share).

I hope to see all of you there!

Sharing God's Love,

~Chip

Church Potluck and Talent Showcase!

A Celebration of Our Graduates & Confirmands!

Sunday, May 15th, after the unified worship service.

HPC will provide the Fried Chicken, and Ham
You provide side dishes (enough for your family and 4-8 more people), or salad, or desserts. Or all three! We like to eat...

Entertainment will be provided by some wonderfully talented church members!



Come Dedicate the Gardens!

Please join us as we dedicate and give thanks at our Main Garden Site!
Sunday, May 15th at 4:00pm
427 Bryan Street



Youth Sunday (Graduation and Confirmation)

May 15, Combined Service at 11:00

Celebrate our Graduates, Covenant with our Confirmands, and support all our youth as they lead us in worship.

It's going to be a great day starting with Breakfast at 9:00am for our Graduates and their families and finishing up with a pot-luck lunch and talent showcase after worship in the fellowship hall for everyone.

Don't miss it!

Youth Group this Sunday 6pm

Meet in the Sanctuary at 6:00 for our Youth Sunday Rehearsal.

We'll have dinner and some fun after.

Graduates please join us for this practice.

Chick-Fil-A Breakfast

Wednesdays, 7:30 @ Chick-Fil-A on Raeford Rd

(Last one is May 18)

Summer Schedule Coming Soon

We're putting the finishing touches on our plans for the summer.



The Presbyterian Women's Mission Day was a great success! Because of the time, energy, donations and love given many people will receive care.

A huge thank you to the circles, congregation, staff and community friends for your dedication and involvement.

Important Children's Summer Dates

to help you make plans!

VBS- Designed By God To Praise Him!

June 6th-10th from 9-12

Science Camp

June 20th-23rd from 11-2

Craft Camp

July 11th-14th from 11-2



MAY 8, 2022

11:00AM

**HIGHLAND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

PRESERVICE

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Variations on "Love Divine"

arr. Phillips

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ is our shepherd.

All: We are Christ's sheep.

One: The shepherd is calling us to join God's flock.

All: We will follow our shepherd.

One: Rejoice, little one, for no one can snatch us from the shepherd's hand.

All: In God's flock, we rest secure.

One: Come! Let us worship.

All: We will worship our loving and nurturing God together!

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON