

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: We may try to trick ourselves, but we cannot fool you, Wise God. We tell lies about others, and profane your name. We hold onto grudges as if they were the most precious of jewels. We steal another's identity when we ridicule who they are, and we boast about all we are without a nod toward you, who have blessed us. No matter how often we hurt you, God of grace, you show us your merciful nature. As you seek to teach us your ways, may we pay close attention. As you love us despite our foolish choices, may we be more compassionate toward others. As we seek to follow Jesus, may we be willing to go as far as he will take us, even into that place of hope and peace, which is the realm of your heart. 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

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 53:3-6

ANTHEM A Prayer for Humility Patterson

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:38-48

MESSAGE He Gets Us, week 2: Outrage
Rev. Chip Stapleton

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.

RESPONSE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING SONG My Tribute arr. Young

†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 HYMN #363

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
(remain seated until verse three)
verse one: soloist
verse two: choir
verse three: congregation

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE We Are Called to Be God's People arr. Post
†All who are able, please stand



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

Rev. Dr. Leighton McKeithen
in remembrance of the anniversary of his death.

Given by **the Leighton McKeithen Sunday School Class**

Hello Highlanders,

A couple quick notes for everyone today as we move through Spring and head towards summer:

Wednesday Night Bible Study - we only have a few 'regular' Wednesday nights left in our programming year. For these last weeks of adult Bible study, we will be looking at the pastoral letters of John - or at least the first one of them. We will begin with 1John, chapter 1. As always, you do not need to have read in advance to participate and join us.

Last Sunday in worship, we began the 'He Gets Us' series in worship. As many of you know, it is connected to the ad campaign of the same name. There are a lot of resources available to us that go along with this series. One of the great ones is a series of Bible reading plans through the popular Bible app, youversion (or just online).

The PC(USA) is going to be on TV - specifically, PBS. The PC(USA) partnered with the Viewpoint project — viewpointproject.com — producer of high-quality social and educational documentaries for public television with the mission of positively impacting our communities and the world to produce and share a short video documentary. Our educational segment focuses on the denomination's Matthew 25 commitment to creating healthy, just communities and a radically inclusive world. In May, households across the U.S. can view this segment via their local public broadcasting station. Your local PBS station will have the opportunity to show this documentary between broadcasts. A shorter version of the segment will also air across a myriad of cable networks like CNN and HLN.

Please make a note that on Sunday, May 21st we will have a unified service at 11:00am for Youth Sunday. This is always a special day in the life of our church, when we are led by our young people in worship, where we recognize our graduating seniors and hear messages from those seniors. Mark your calendar now and plan on joining us.

Finally, as we near summer, we are looking for ways to provide adult education and discipleship during the week over the summer. If you would be interested in an in-person and/or zoom weekly Bible study in the summer, have another idea, or have a topic or topics that might interest you, please reach out to me and let me know.

Sharing God's Love,
~Chip

~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

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

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

Steve & Orion Gaynos  
Madie Rae Locklear  
("Grandma" to the Guy Family)  
Lib Yarborough  
Bill Johnson  
Betty Graham  
Bill Owen  
Sam Williams

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



**Wednesday Night Dinners || 5:00-6:00pm**

**Menu for May 10th**

**Chicken Parm over Linguini, Dinner Rolls,  
Salad Bar, Dessert**

email Kelli at kellilu@gmail.com to make your reservations  
by 5:00pm on Tuesday, May 2nd.



**Session Highlights  
April 25, 2023**

- \*Financial administrator presented March financial statements which reflected the mortgage payoff.
- \*Approved amended budget for 2023.
- \*Approved motion from the Personnel Committee recommending salary increases.
- \*Approved motion from the Traditional Worship Committee for one combined service on Sunday, July 2.
- \*Approved a request from the Youth Committee for a youth fundraiser to help offset the costs of ASP.
- \*Concurred with Rev. Chip Stapleton for Terry Morris to preach at both services on Sunday, June 3.

Did you know?...POWER FORWARD is the neighborhood youth group that meets Wednesday nights at HPC year round. We eat. We talk. We pray. We play basketball. Our goal is to provide positive male role models and life direction to an underserved group of kids and young adults in a safe environment. Led by Jim Schaffer, Rick Perko, Rich Falter, and Pastor Eulin Joseph we strive to make a difference in our community. POWER FORWARD is a church mission and supported by our congregation. We appreciate your support and encourage your participation.

**YOUR HELP PLEASE!**

Power Forward is in need of a bicycle for one of our students. He will be attending FTCC in June and does not have reliable transportation. He's motivated and very excited about attending FTCC but having to walk to and from class daily is going to make it difficult. Perhaps you have a bicycle in your garage or know somebody that has a working bicycle that they would be willing to donate. It will make a difference!  
Contact the church office and we'll make arrangements.

**YOUTH SUNDAY REHEARSAL**

6pm Sunday in the Sanctuary

*We'll walk through the whole service so everyone can practice, then eat dinner and have a little time to hang out with our friends and say something nice about our Seniors who are taking off soon.*

YOUTH SUNDAY - May 21 11:00 Unified Service

Youth are leading worship, and we are celebrating our Graduates!

**END OF YEAR COOKOUT**

Sunday, May 21 6:00 pm @ the Barefoots'

PRESBYTERY YOUTH CHOIR - Saturday June 3

If you want to join with youth from across the Presbytery to sing a few songs at the Presbytery Gathering on June 3, contact Chris or Pam to get recordings of the music.

CHICK-FIL-A BREAKFAST - Every Tuesday at 7:20 am

Last Chickfila Breakfast will be Tuesday, May 23

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!**

**HPC FARM**

**Where God's Fruit Grows!**

**June 12th - 15th**

**9:00am-12:00pm**

**Registration coming soon**

**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR GRADUATION**

Do you have a High School or College Graduate in your family who you would like to honor during our Celebration of Graduates on Sunday, May 21? Whether they are here in person, or you'd like their name called and printed in the bulletin, we want to help you celebrate their achievements.

Please contact Chris Jackson no later than May 7 to be included.

**He Gets Us**

**Spring 2023 Sermon Series**

The "He Gets Us" sermon series will look at several different topics based on the "He Gets Us" Video Campaign. He Gets Us is a diverse group of Jesus followers with a wide variety of faith journeys and lived experiences. Their work represents the input from Christians who believe that Jesus is the son of God as well as many others who, though not Christians, share a deep admiration for the man that Jesus was, and we are deeply inspired and curious to explore his story. They look at the biography of Jesus through a modern lens to find new relevance in often overlooked moments and themes from his life.

Week 1: Anxiety, Week 2: Rebel, Week 3: Outrage, Week 4: Struggle



**MAY 7, 2023**

**11:00AM**

**HIGHLAND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

*SHARING GOD'S LOVE*

GATHERING MUSIC

**GATHERING**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are called to turn the other cheek,  
**All: so we will seek to be vulnerable in our lives of faith and service.**

One: We are called to go the extra mile,  
**All: so we will walk with those around us in the journeys of hope as well as fear.**

One: We are called to love those who make that so hard,  
**All: so we will rely on the One who loves us to fill us with that special grace.**

OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #139

**Come, Thou Almighty King**

CALL TO CONFESSION