

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God, our Deliverer, we confess that we are too reluctant to speak and to live according to your truth. We grow comfortable with the way things are, passively condoning injustice. We see ourselves as ‘insiders’, excluding those who we consider ‘outsiders’. We find it easier to pluck up and pull down, to destroy and overthrow, than to build and to plant. Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples. Empty us of fear and shame, and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind. We pray this in the name of the One who humbled himself, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Jen Jammer

BAPTISM

Harris Franklin Haithcock  
Son of Lauren & Will Haithcock

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Baptism

BAPTISMAL HYMN #498

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 71:1-6

Polly Angel

ANTHEM

Surely the Presence  
Guest conductor: Richard Butler

arr. Schrader

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:21-30

MESSAGE

The Art of Hearing, week 1: Hard of Hearing

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

Whisper to My Heart

Martin

Whisper to my heart I will hear you,  
Whisper to my heart I am listening. Lord,  
Spirit, like a gentle wind send your peace to me again,  
Whisper to my heart.

†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

†HYMN #388

O Jesus I Have Promised  
(verses 1-3)

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

arr. Sikes

†All who are able, please stand



Altar Flowers

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

Harris Franklin Haithcock

Given by: Nancy & Dana Haithcock  
and Janice & Jack Zeigler

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

Entered into the Church  
Triumphant



R B Goforth  
January 28, 2022

“Because I Live, You  
Also Shall Live.” John 14:19

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Bob Measamer  
January 28, 2022

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The service for R B Gorforth  
will be Tuesday, February 1st  
at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary.



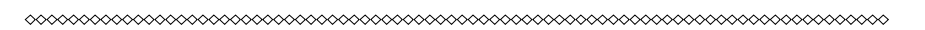
Music Notes:

These are challenging times for everyone in many different ways, especially for singers. The Chancel Choir has continued to rehearse weekly not only to experience the joy of singing, but to check in with each other. Choir has been an encouragement through uncertain times, and as a group we’ve grown closer despite the distancing. Here (Below, you will find a link to a video in which) we are singing, “All the Earth will Sing for Joy” by Ruth Elaine Schram. Won’t you consider joining us? All are welcome!

Sing with joy!

~PAM

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Mask Policy Update

At our most recent meeting, session voted to alter HPC’s mask policy. Effective immediately the use of a mask is encouraged, but not mandatory. Continued mask use is strongly encouraged for those that are unvaccinated and/or in a high risk group. At this time no other changes have been made to our covid-19 related policies. The session continues to monitor the situation and reviews these policies regularly. Any future changes will be communicated in due course. If you have any questions, please reach out to a session member, our clerk, or myself.

~Chip

~~~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

Norman Blakely

Steve & Orion Gaynos

Madie Rae Locklear

("Grandma" to the Guy Family)

Lib Yarborough

Bill Johnson

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

Announcements for January 30 - February 5, 2022

*A note from your Pastor...*

Hello Highlanders,

*After two weeks of winter weather disruption, I am anxious for the opportunity for us to come together physically and worship this coming Sunday. Of course, I also hope that everyone got a chance to enjoy some of the snow...Our kids loved it, after going four years without seeing it....absence really does make the heart grow fonder....*

*While I am excited to be worshipping in person again this Sunday just because we have missed it for the last two weeks, I am also excited about the new sermon series we are beginning, one that will take us from now until the start of our Lenten season.*

*Our new sermon and worship series is called, The Art of Healing. During this series we will focus on the practice of hearing and being heard by paying close attention to Jesus' words in the gospel according to Luke. While we will pay special attention to Jesus' words, it is clear that Jesus communicates beyond the words he chooses. His posture, his orientation (to one group or type of person or another), his relationships all 'speak' to us as well.*

*If we hear Jesus well, the message Jesus communicates is one that highlights the power of God's voice and presence, but also our ability to hear what Jesus is saying and to respond. That response sometimes is with our voice, and sometimes it is with our very lives.*

*During this series, we will learn together what it means to hear, to listen, to attend to God's spirit in every situation, as God promises to provide the Holy Spirit to us and to never leave or forsake us. We call hearing an 'art' here, because like all other craft or art form, hearing requires practice, discipline, and intentionality. I hope you will join us as we listen for the word and call of God together.*

*Sharing God's Love,*

~Chip

**Congregational Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation will take place Sunday, February 13th at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. The purposes of the meeting are as follows:

- \* Elect Officers for the Congregational Nominating Committee
- \* Present budget for information and interpretation
- \* Statistical Report
- \* Annual Reports



**Wednesday, February 2, 2022**

Menu: *BBQ Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Steamed Broccoli, Salad Bar, Dessert*

Make your reservations now! Call 401-0928

Don't forget to indicate if you want dine-in or take-out.

You may also email Kelli with your reservations - kellilu@gmail.com

**YOUTH INFORMATION FOR YOU**

This Sunday, January 30, we will hold an interest meeting for Appalachia Service Project. Highland has partnered with ASP for many years, and after a couple years off, thanks to COVID, we plan to take a group this summer to continue Sharing God's Love through ASP's mission of creating Warmer, Safer, Dryer places for families to live. While we plan to take only High School students on this trip, we are interested in seeing how many Middle School students might want to be a part of something like this as we explore our options for the summer. If this ministry sounds like an opportunity your family, or your youth would like to participate in, please join us for this meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, and would like to attend or need more info, please contact me this week.

For more announcements, see the calendar below.

This Sunday, January 30- In-Person Among Us is back!!

Take on the role of Imposter as we wrap up our series on Identity.

Sunday, February 6- Mini Winter Olympics

Who doesn't love the Olympics? We'll talk about what it takes to be a high-level athlete, how that relates to our faith, and compete in several individual and team events to try to win GOLD!

February 13- Super BOWL Sunday

We're going bowling! No worries, they'll have the big game on the screens while you play a game of your own!

**HPC Session Highlights**

**January 25, 2022**

- \*Approved request for membership letter of Jimmy Teal to be transferred to Raeford Presbyterian Church, Raeford NC.
- \*Welcomed new members, Matt and Rosemary McLean, to Highland Presbyterian Church.
- \*Approved the HPC 2022 budget as presented by the Finance Committee which included a three percent increase across the board for all staff.
- \*Approved Amanda Harrell and Harriet McDonald as commissioners to the March 5 Full Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville NC.
- \*Approved forming a taskforce to develop a policy covering inclement weather.
- \*Approved the HPC Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on February 13 at 10:30am in the sanctuary.
- \*Elected Keith Tilghman as assistant clerk to session for the 2022 year.
- \*Approved rescinding the motion of the HPC mask policy mandate that was approved in August of 2021 to wear masks as long as Cumberland County was in the high or substantial transmission levels. Wearing masks at HPC will now be voluntary beginning immediately.
- \*Approved Recreation Use and Purpose as presented by the Recreation Committee to be placed in the Manual of Administrative Operations.
- \*Approved request from the Fit4Mom group to use the children's workout room upstairs and the hallway on days when it is below 40 or raining for their exercise routines.



**JANUARY 30, 2022**

**11:00am**

**HIGHLAND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

*SHARING GOD'S LOVE*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible  
Highland Ringers and Praise Ringers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From the very beginning, God calls us.

**All: God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.**

One: We come up with excuses to avoid your calls, for we are afraid.

**All: But God reassures us in many and various ways through the course of our days.**

One: Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,

**All: God is with us and sustains us.**

One: God has held us since our birth.

**All: So we are never in the full grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

One: In love, God saves and supports us.

**All: Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise.**

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #288

**I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

CALL TO CONFESSION