

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lord Jesus Christ, when our words and actions reflect a reluctance to confess you publicly as Lord of our lives: Forgive us. When we fear that humbling ourselves would be seen by others as weakness, some kind of defect in our character: Forgive us. When we have betrayed your love for us through our lack of love for you, for others, and for ourselves: Forgive us. When we find ourselves glossing over the events of your passion and death because we look forward to Easter as a time to enjoy holidays and have fun: Forgive us. Lord Jesus Christ, fix your mind in us; remake us in your likeness; empty us of all that hinders us from following you to where pain and suffering, exploitation and injustice exist. Gracious and loving God, empower us with the Holy Spirit so that our lives continually glorify you and our tongues forever confess Jesus as Lord. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH Jen Jammer

NEW TESTAMENT Philippians 2:5-11

ANTHEM Give Us A Vision Choplin
This beautiful prayer for the church was recently donated to Highland and the Chancel Choir is singing it for the first time today. Composer Pepper Choplin is from Raleigh, NC.

GOSPEL READING John 4:31-38

MESSAGE Red Letter Challenge, week 4: Serving 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 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus arr. Howell
(Indian folk melody)

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 #172 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (American folk melody)

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE How Great Thou Art arr. Glyncannon
(Swedish folk melody)

All who are able, please stand



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

Catharine Ann Matlack Drewry In remembrance of her birthday

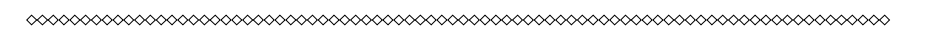
Given by Catie's Family

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,
A chill has been in the air for the last few days, which is of course appropriate for the season of fall, but also, perhaps, for our focus this week on forgiving during the Red Letter Challenge. In many ways, I think forgiving is the most challenging of the 5 main principles or targets that Jesus' words are calling us to. Simply put, forgiving those who have hurt, disappointed, or wronged us is among the hardest things any of us can do. It is also, however, one of the most powerful. Introducing grace and forgiveness into the brokenness of our world, and particularly into the brokenness of our relationships is truly how we can share the love of God most powerfully with the world around us. Not only is it powerful and potentially transforming to those who we offer grace and forgiveness, it is undoubtedly transformational for us to relieve ourselves of the weight we bear by forgiving others. I mentioned this last week, but it needs to be repeated here again, the order in which we are looking at these themes is intentional. Being with Jesus, being in the Word of God written in the Bible, and being attuned to the leading of the Holy Spirit is the central and foundational element of living into God's call in our lives. And one of the first fruits of that relationship is that we begin to be aware of the abundant grace of God in the forgiveness we have in and through Jesus Christ.

The natural, appropriate response to that gift of grace is to share that grace with others by sewing our own forgiveness liberally in our own lives and relationships.
Sharing God's Love
~Chip



PILGRIMAGE

After a two year hiatus, there will be a pilgrimage weekend November 3 to 6 (Thursday evening to Sunday evening) at Camp Dixie, near Fayetteville. There is still room for more guests. If interested in knowing more about it, go to the NCPP (North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage) website which has an explanation of the program and the necessary forms for enrolling. Guests need a sponsor - a church member who has previously attended pilgrimage - but Keely or I (Karl Legatski) can help you connect with one of the 83 current Highland members who have been on a pilgrimage weekend and can answer any questions one might have about what is involved. Chip will need to sign applications.

PASTORAL CONCERNS

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

- List of names: 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, Gayle McDonald, Doris & John English, Betty Graham, Della Mol, Claudia Thornton, Violet McNeill

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

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, October 23
10:45am - Sanctuary
For the purpose of Electing Officers to
the Elder Class of 2025



All women of the church are invited to attend the **Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering**

Monday, October 24th at 6:00pm.

There will be a delightful dinner (\$12):

Tomato Basil Soup, Mixed Green Salad with Sliced Chicken, Rolls, Homemade Cakes, tea, coffee

The program portion of the evening will be Martha Bock, Director of The Stanton Hospitality House, and of course we will have fantastic fellowship with each other.

Contact Elaine Bryant Hayes or a circle member about how to get your tickets, or see a PW member on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings directly after worship services.

CIRCLE MEETINGS for OCTOBER

All women are welcome to attend. Join us for fellowship and Bible Study. Circles always meet during the second week of each month.

Circle No. 3 will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 12:00 noon in the Leighton McKeithen Classroom. Bring your own lunch.

Circle No. 4 meets on the side-dining room of the Fellowship Hall on Monday, Oct. 10 at 12:00 noon. Hostesses will provide the lunch.

Circle No. 5 meets in the church parlor on Monday, Oct. 10 at 1:00pm.

Circle No. 6 meets in the church parlor on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 10:00 am.

Circle No. 8 will meet in the home of Amanda Harrell -

287 St. Johns Wood 28303. The meeting will be on Oct. 11 at 7:00pm.

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

Menu for October 12th

BBQ Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Broccoli, Salad Bar, Dessert, Beverage

Adults - \$8 | Kids - \$4 | Family Cap - \$32

Go to www.hpchurch.org to access the on-line reservation form or you may email Kelli at kellilu@gmail.com Please make your reservations by 5:00pm on the Monday prior.

HIGHLAND MEN PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 Friday, October 28th
 Saturday, October 29th
 From 7:00 – 11:00

Tickets \$8.00
 (please note the change in ticket price)
 To Order Tickets Online
DudleyGGP@gmail.com

Eat In or Take Out
 Local Delivery of 10 or More Meals

For More Information
 Call Bill Dudley
 910.303.3731

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Pick up your shoeboxes now & start filling them!

Boxes are located at the welcome desk outside of the Fellowship Hall. Return filled boxes by November 6, 2022!

Music Notes from Pam...

The handbell ministry is one of many exciting opportunities here at Highland. We are fortunate to have five octaves of English handbells. Because our small group can only manage 3 to 4 octaves, many bells remain silent in the cases. We welcome you to come join us to bring the fullness of all five octave to life!

On September 18th the Highland Ringers helped celebrate National Back to Church Sunday with "The Church's One Foundation" for handbells, trumpet, and timpani. We will ring "Andante Grandioso" October 30, "For the Beauty of the Earth" November 20, and "Wexford Carol" December 18. Our weekly rehearsal is Tuesday from 6:00PM - 7:00PM, and we extend an open invitation to teens and adults to take part in the joy of ringing handbells. Are the bells that have no ringers calling to you?

Soli Deo Gloria! ~Pam

Church-wide Cleaning Day October 22, 9-11am

LET'S SHOW HIGHLAND A LITTLE TLC! Join us for a light breakfast & then head off to your Sunday school classrooms, SonValley, or the Fellowship Hall for a little Fall Cleaning!

This announcement is not for Youth, it's for YOU...

If you would like to support our youth ministry, we'd love for you to sponsor a meal for our Sunday Night Youth Group. It usually costs about \$150 a week (a steal considering its at least \$40 to feed my family of 4). We'll even let you come serve it if you want to see some smiling faces and don't mind missing those 2nd half NFL kickoffs. Thank You!

BUSCH GARDENS

CampaScreamaRidaPaloozaFest™
 When: October 14-16
FINAL DEADLINE THIS SUNDAY
 10/9 Don't Miss Out! - Cost: \$180

CHICK-FIL-A BREAKFAST

New Day and Time this year!
 Every Tuesday at 7:20 am (If school starts later for you, don't worry about rolling in late, I'll be around til 8:00)
 Join us for a good breakfast, a chat with your friends, and some encouragement to help you get through the week!

TRUNK-or-TREAT

Wednesday, October 26th
 HLC Parking Lot - 5:45-6:45
 You know what to do!
 Donate all the candy - wipe out the stores, even. Dress yourself in your funniest, scariest, most delightful costume - dress up the trunk of your vehicle too - it doesn't want to be left out. And then greet our young ghouls and goblins with sweet treats!



OCTOBER 9, 2022
11:00AM

HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

A note about today's music...This morning's voluntaries and hymns are all based on traditional and folk melodies as indicated under each title.

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE The Master Has Called Us arr. Peterson
 (Traditional Welsh melody)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus says, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them."

All: Not so with you.

One: Instead, whoever wants to become great must be your servant.

All: And whoever wants to be first must be a slave of all.

One: For even the Son of Man did not come to be served,
All: But to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN #171 **The King of Love My Shepherd Is**
 (Ancient Irish melody)

CALL TO CONFESSION