



Highlands

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 11, 2024

Morning Worship - 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School and Communities - 9:45 a.m.

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Gathering Song

Come and Welcome

Words: Thomas Haweis, 1792
Music: Matthew P. Jones, 2004

From the cross uplifted high, where the Savior deigns to die,
What melodious sounds I hear bursting on my ravished ear,
Love's redeeming work is done: come and welcome, sinner, come!

Sprinkled now with blood the throne, why beneath thy burdens groan?
On My pierced body laid, justice owns the ransom paid;
Bow the knee and kiss the Son: come and welcome, sinner, come!

Spread for thee the festal board, see with richest dainties stored;
To thy Father's bosom pressed, yet again a child confessed;
Never from His house to roam, come and welcome sinner, come!

Welcome

Meditation and Preparation for Worship

I Am The Bread Of Life

Words & Music by John Michael Talbot,
1982

I am the Bread of Life,
all who eat this Bread will never die.

I am God's love revealed, I am broken that you might be healed.

All who eat of this heavenly Bread, all who drink this cup of the covenant,
You will live forever, for I will raise you up.

No one who comes to Me shall ever hunger again, no one who believes shall ever thirst.
All that the Father draws shall come to Me and I will give them rest.

The Call to Worship

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed to us.

People: Come, let us keep the feast!

I Corinthians 5:7-8

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord



1. I love Thy king - dom, Lord, the
 2. For her my tears shall fall, for
 3. Be - yond my high - est joy, I
 4. Sure as Thy truth shall last, to



house of Thine a - bode, the
 her my prayers as - cend; to
 prize her heav'n - ly ways, her
 Zi - on shall be giv'n the



church our blest Re deem - er saved with
 her my cares and toils be giv'n, till
 sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her
 bright - est glo - ries earth can yield and



His own pre - cious blood.
 toils and cares shall end.
 hymns of love and praise.
 bright - er bliss of heav'n.

Words by Timothy Dwight, 1800. Music by Aaron Williams, 1763. Arranged by Mike Murphy. © 2020 MikeMurphySound

The Morning Prayer

We Bring God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offering plates will be passed, but you may place your offering in one of the offering boxes outside the sanctuary doors or inside the balcony entrance. To give online, please visit highlandspca.org or follow the QR code on page 7 of the bulletin.

Offertory: Show Us Christ

Words & Music by Doug Plank
& Bob Kauflin, 2011

Prepare our hearts, O God, help us to receive,
Break the hard and stony ground, help our unbelief.
Plant your Word down deep in us, cause it to bear fruit,
open up our ears to hear, lead us in your truth.

Show us Christ, show us Christ;
O God, reveal your glory
through the preaching of your Word,
until every heart confesses,
"Christ is Lord!"

Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes,
guards us through temptations, makes the simple wise.
Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave,
riches for the needy soul; come speak to us today.

Where else can we go, Lord?
Where else can we go?
You have the words of eternal life.

The Old Testament Reading

Luke 14:15-24

We Receive God's Word

The Rev. Joseph Wheat

"The Feast of the Kingdom"

The Communion Hymn

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face



Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
This is the hour of ban - quet and of song,
here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,
here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
this is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me.
here grasp with firm - er hand th'e - ter - nal grace,
here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
Here let me feast, and, feast - ing still pro - long,
and all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
the brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.

Words by Horatius Bonar, 1855. Music by Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870.

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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Trinity Song

Words & Music: Sandra McCracken, 2016

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Holy Communion, Three-in-One.

Come, with your peace,
with your invitation.
Bind us together in holy love.

We Will Feast in The House of Zion

Words & Music: Sandra McCracken,
Joshua Moore. 2015

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our
God!


We are not consumed by the flood: upheld, protected, gathered up.

We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored,
"He has done great things!" we will say together, we will feast and weep no more.


In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid,
For the promised morning, O how long? O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful One,
and from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom!


When I Survey/Before the Throne



When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sor - row and
Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glor - y died, my rich - est gain I count but
love flow ming - led down; did e'er such love and sor - row
pres - ent far too small: Love so a - maz - ing, so di -



loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride. Be - cause the
meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown? My name is
vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all. One with Him -



sin - less Sav - ior died my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
 self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by His



free. For God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on
 heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can
 blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my



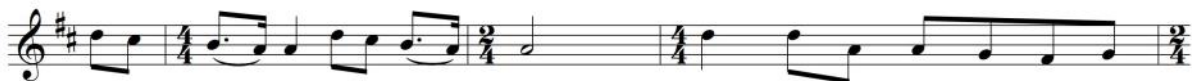
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
 bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Words by Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709, and Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook, 1997.
 Music by Vikki Cook. ©1997 Sovereign Grace Worship

The Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low:



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly



host, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost: O praise Him, O praise Him,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225. Trans. by William Draper, 1926. Traditional German Melody, 1623.

GENERAL FUND GIVING UPDATE THROUGH FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Regular monthly giving provides for the ongoing ministry of Highlands. Offering plates will be passed during the 10:50 service only, or you may place your offering in one of the four wall-mounted boxes located outside the main sanctuary doors, just inside the balcony doors, or at the Welcome Desk. Your gifts can also be mailed to the church office or made through online giving at highlandspca.org. The QR code below links directly to our online giving page.

General Fund Budget through February, 2024	\$327,178
General Fund giving received through 2/4/24	\$155,133



Thank you for your support of the ministry and outreach of Highlands!

YOUTH MINISTRY

All Youth

Visitors, please join us in anything you see below. The Youth building is behind the church (we call it "The U").

- Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. in The U.
- Tonight: Super Bowl Party in the Fellowship Hall, 5:00-8:00pm.
- Wednesdays - Youth Group: 5:45-7:00pm in the U.

Save the Date!

- March 1-3: Against the Flow Retreat (SrHi)
- April 5-7: Encounter Retreat (JrHi)
- June 10-15: RYM Colorado (SrHi)
- June 24-28: RYM Florida (JrHi)
- July 13-20: Yakama (SrHi)

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JrHi Girls Coordinator: Avery Griffin · avery@highlandspca.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated today in both services. Please prepare your hearts and minds to receive this means of God's grace.

Valentine's at The Waterford ~ Monday, February 12, 4:00-4:30 p.m. All children are invited to The Waterford to hand out Valentine cards and candy to the residents. We will gather in the foyer at 4:00, break up into groups and go to each door to deliver our gifts. The Waterford is a Retirement and Assisted Living Home in Ridgeland, located at 619 Highland Colony Parkway (watch for the sign to turn at Hanover Circle).

Officers' meetings have been postponed until next Sunday, February 18.

Inquirer's Class continues: If you are interested in becoming a member of Highlands or just want to know more about the church and our Presbyterian beliefs, please consider our Inquirer's Class for adults and youth (grades 9-12), which will be conducted on four consecutive Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45 beginning February 4. This class is required for those who wish to become members of Highlands. All prospective church members must be interviewed by a church elder at the conclusion of the class. To register, please visit highlandspca.org/inquirers or use the QR code.



PLEASE HELP US GREET ON SUNDAY MORNINGS! A warm, friendly welcome is a gift to members and guests alike. Greeters serve in the Atrium between 8:15 a.m. and 8:40 a.m. at the early service or between 10:25 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. for the late service. *You can volunteer for as many or as few slots as you like!* Please sign up to serve, either as a couple or as an individual, at highlandspca.org/greeters OR use the QR code on the left.



Save the Date!

February 18-25: Missions Festival

March 13: NO MIDWEEK (Spring Break)

June 3-7: Vacation Bible School

Midweek at Highlands continues this Wednesday, February 14!

Join us this Wednesday for dinner and our Spring Midweek Series! Dinner begins at 5:15pm in the Atrium. Adult elective classes begin at 6:00. Children have playtime at 5:30, music in the sanctuary at 5:55, and teaching time at 6:15. Youth gather in The U at 5:30, play games at 5:45, and have worship and teaching at 6:15. All activities end by 7:00. This week's menu includes pulled pork with bun, French fries, coleslaw, and cobbler. A grilled chicken salad is also available as a meal. A kid's meal includes pizza, green beans, and a cookie. Adult meals are \$6 each and kids' meals are \$4 each (family max is \$24). Please use the QR code to the right or visit highlandspca.org/midweek to reserve and pay for your meal.



Adult Electives

“Evangelism Training”

Joseph Wheat • Room 211

Jesus taught us to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20). This six week course will teach you how to faithfully share the gospel and fulfill this great calling.

“Christ in the Old Testament”

Danny Ketchum • Room 117

Join us as we take a fascinating journey through the many Old Testament predictions of the Advent and the accomplishments of Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah. It is exciting to see how the personal work of the coming Christ is clearly revealed throughout the pages of Old Testament history. This study is open to all adults.

For Men: “Let’s Study: Ephesians”

Brad Mercer • Room 210

A group discussion class for men based on Sinclair Ferguson's book, *Let's Study: Ephesians*. From its opening account of the rich blessings we have in Christ, to the final chapter which walks us through the reality of spiritual warfare, the book of Ephesians sets before us the wonder of God's grace, the privilege of belonging to the church, and the pattern of life transformation the gospel produces. Books will be provided.

For Women: “James for You” by Sam Allberry

Leigh Taylor & Olivia Strain • Room 212

What is the difference between genuine faith and counterfeit faith? How do we know for sure that our faith is real? How can we know joy even in trials, and patience even in suffering? James is a book full of practical, life-changing help for real life. Sam Allberry brings his clarity, wisdom and humor to every page.

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Wednesday night Adult Electives...continued from previous page.

For Women: “Lessons from the Upper Room” by Sinclair Ferguson
Room 301 ~ Robyn Farber & Sissy Jackson

Knowing the time was fast approaching for Him to depart this world, Jesus spent His final hours with His closest friends. As the disciples sat with their master, unaware of what would soon take place, Jesus served them, taught them, and prayed for them. Dr. Sinclair Ferguson paints a vivid picture of the disciples’ final moments with their Savior. Carefully walking through John 13-17, Dr. Ferguson reminds us of the centrality of Christ in all of life.

Women’s Spring Bible Studies continue.

Wednesday

9:30a.m. ~ Room 212 ~ Mom-to-Mom ~ Laurie Nordan
“Lessons from the Upper Room” by Sinclair Ferguson

9:30a.m. ~ Room 210 ~ Becky Brown & Clare Luke
“Twelve Ordinary Men” by John MacArthur

6:00p.m. ~ Room 212 ~ Leigh Taylor & Olivia Strain
“James for You” by Sam Allberry

6:00p.m. ~ Room 301 ~ Robyn Farber & Sissy Jackson
“Lessons from the Upper Room” by Sinclair Ferguson

Thursday

9:00a.m. ~ Room 210 ~ Sandra Dewey
Precepts: “I Timothy ~ The Church: The Pillar & Support of the Truth”
Zoom is also available.

Friday

7:00a.m. ~ Room 210 ~ Marilyn Tinnin & Cindy Mercer
“What a Royal Mess: A Study of I & II Kings” by Susan Tyner



2024 MISSIONS FEST SPEAKER

Josh and Elizabeth Johnson are excited to serve King Jesus and participate in His mission as church planters in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Josh attended RTS Jackson where he received his M.Div. and has since served as an assistant pastor in Birmingham, Alabama. Josh will serve the church-planting team in Honduras as a new church planter and will also participate in the developing seminary as a teaching professor and pastoral mentor (upon completion of a Ph.D.).

2024 MISSIONS FEST SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:30am - Kickoff Worship Service

9:30am - Sunday Communities

10:50am - Kickoff Worship Service

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

5:00pm - Church-wide Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

Nursery provided; Chic-Fil-A supper will be served.

Kids' Missions Fest on 3rd floor; pizza supper will be served.

6:15pm in the Fellowship Hall - Panel Discussion with Missionaries

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

6:00pm - Missions Committee dinner with missionaries

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:30am - Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

11:30am - Ladies' Luncheon in Atrium

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30am - Worship Service & Faith Promise Commitment

9:45am - Sunday Communities with missionaries

10:50am - Worship Service & Faith Promise Commitment