



# Highlands

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**November 22, 2020**

8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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## Gathering Song

### We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing,  
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing  
now cease from distressing;  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Netherlands folk hymn  
Tr. by Theodore Baker, 1917  
Music: Adrianus Valerius'  
*Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine,  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine.

We all do extol thee, thou Leader triumphant,  
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation!  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

## Welcome

## Meditation and Preparation for Worship

### For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

Words: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864  
Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838

## The Call to Worship

Pastor: I will exalt you, LORD,  
for you lifted me out of the depths  
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.  
LORD my God, I called to you for help,  
and you healed me.  
You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead;  
you spared me from going down to the pit.

**People: Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people;  
praise his holy name.**

Pastor: For his anger lasts only a moment,  
but his favor lasts a lifetime;  
weeping may stay for the night,  
but rejoicing comes in the morning!

Psalm 30:1-5 NIV84

## The Hymn of Praise

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Words: Henry Alford, 1844, 1867

Music: George J. Elvey, 1859

Come, ye thankful people, come!  
Raise the song of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home;  
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;  
There forever purified, in thy presence to abide;  
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

## The Baptismal Responsive Reading

Pastor: What is Baptism?

**People: Baptism is the sacrament of solemn admission into the church on earth in which the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit signifies and seals our being grafted into Christ, and having a share in the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our pledge to be the Lord's.**

The Westminster Shorter Catechism, question 94

## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Lainey Vivian Kieffer

Daughter of Patrick and Sarah Kieffer

Emma James Stentiford

Daughter of Jordan Stentiford and Paige Dineen

## The Morning Prayer

My gracious Lord, you are the fairest, the greatest, and the first love that my heart admires and adores. My little vessel is as full as it can be, and I want to pour out from that fullness before you a ceaseless flow of thanksgiving. Thank you for creating my soul and saving me. Thank you for growing me, though I live in the barren soil of a fallen world. I thank you for my life and body – for providing senses to enjoy delights, for hands, eyes and ears to experience what you give. Thank you for the royal bounty of your goodness and an overflowing cup in your presence. Thank you for the social joys of family and friends and fellowship in Christ. Thank you for opportunities to help spread your happiness around. Thank you for heaven that awaits me; that my loved ones enjoy right now. I love you above my powers of language to express. Yet increase my love, and give me overflowing praise and thanksgiving, O my God, through time and eternity.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Adapted from *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers*

## We Bring God's Tithes and Our Offerings

*Offering boxes are available at the Welcome Desk, on either side of the main sanctuary entrance, and outside the balcony entrance. To give online, please visit [highlandspca.org](http://highlandspca.org) or follow the QR code on the back page.*

### **Offertory:** My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

Words and music: Keith Getty  
and Stuart Townend, 2003

My heart is filled with thankfulness

To him who bore my pain,

Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again,

Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with his light,

And wrote his law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside,

Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly,

Whose every promise is enough for every step I take,

Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,

Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.

For, every day I have on earth is given by the King,

So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

## The Scripture Reading

Psalm 30:11,12

## We Receive God's Word

The Rev. Joseph Wheat

I Will Give Thanks!

# We Respond in Prayer and Praise

## Now Thank We All Our God

Words: Martin Rinkart, 1636  
Tr. Catherine Winkworth  
Music: Johann Crüger, 1647

Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
And free us from all ills, in this world and the next!

# We Are Sent Forth

## The Benediction

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## Youth Ministry

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

### All Youth

*All weekly events are outdoors or indoors with masks and social distancing.*

- **Small Groups:** Tonight, 5-7pm
  - \* Dinner is served on The U deck
- **Youth Group:** Wednesdays, 5:15-7:15
  - \* Dinner is served in the Atrium.

### JrHi

- November 21-22: Fall Retreat. Go to [hpcym.org](http://hpcym.org) for info and registration.

Go to [hpcym.org](http://hpcym.org) for the full youth calendar and other important information!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Midweek@Highlands** is on hiatus until January 13, 2021.

**Next Sunday, December 6 at 5:00pm - A Highlands Family Christmas:** Join us for one of Highlands' most beloved events and our first ever Gingerbread House Competition! Anyone can participate by bringing a decorated gingerbread house to be judged during the dinner hour. The winners will be announced and prizes awarded during the Carol Sing. A chili dinner by Calvin will be served in the Atrium and the Fellowship Hall and includes salad and bread. A grilled chicken salad is also available. Hot dogs are available for the kids. [Please sign up here to reserve your meal\(s\)](#). We are offering a hayride complete with hot chocolate and caroling led by our Youth. After dinner, we'll move to the Sanctuary to share in a Carol Sing with our Praise Team.

**Precepts Bible Study begins January 7:** The 13-week study is on Chapters 12-21 of the Gospel of John and is titled *The True Vine... One with Him*. It is an in-depth study on Jesus drawing His disciples aside to prepare them for what is to come...His death, burial and resurrection, and their significance to your salvation. We meet Thursdays from 9-11am beginning January 7. Please contact Sandra Dewey at [dandsdewey@gmail.com](mailto:dandsdewey@gmail.com) if you would like to participate. The workbook is \$31; the order will be placed in early December, so please let Sandra know as soon as possible.

**PLEASE HELP US GREET ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!** Although it's not one of those "highly visible" areas (you don't wear an apron or a special name tag), your service as a greeter is greatly appreciated by members and visitors alike! Our greeters serve in the Atrium between 8:15 and 8:40 at the early service or between 10:35 and 11:00. Please [sign up to serve](#), either as a couple or as an individual during one or more of the coming Sundays. Your ministry to our members, regular attenders, and visitors will be a blessing to all!

### Save the Date!

- November 29: First Sunday in Advent
- December 6: A Highlands Family Christmas, 5:00 p.m.
- December 24: Christmas Eve Service, 4:30 p.m.
- January 13: Midweek@Highlands resumes

# HIGHLANDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## GENERAL FUND GIVING THROUGH NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Regular monthly giving fuels the ministries at Highlands. You may place your offering in one of the wall-mounted boxes located outside the main sanctuary doors, just inside the balcony doors, and at the Welcome Desk. Your gifts can be mailed to the church office or made through online giving at [highlandspca.org](http://highlandspca.org). There is also a QR code on the back cover of the bulletin that links directly to our online giving page.

General Fund Budget 2020	\$2,171,000
General Fund Giving received through 11/15/20	1,506,454
Needed to meet budget	\$ 664,546

*The last quarter of the year is particularly important for our budget, as we receive over 40% of our annual giving during the months of October through December.*

### CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor _____	Joseph Wheat
Senior Associate Pastor _____	Bradford Mercer
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