



# Highlands

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**January 10, 2021**  
8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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## Gathering Song

### God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Words: William Cowper, 1774

Music: Patrick and Molly Lockwood, 2012

God moves in a mysterious way  
his wonders to perform;  
he plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.  
Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill,  
he treasures up his bright designs and works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread  
are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head.  
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;  
behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour;  
the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.  
Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain;  
God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

## Welcome

## Meditation and Preparation for Worship

### Be Still and Know

Words: anon.; adapted by Joseph Wheat

Music: Mike Murphy, Joseph Wheat, 2020

Be still and know that I am God,  
be still and know that I am God,  
be still and know that I'm your God; I want you to know I'm your God.

I am the Lord that healeth you, I am the Lord that healeth you,  
I am the Lord that healeth you; I want you to know I'll heal you.

So be still and know that I am God, be still and know that I am God,  
be still and know that I'm your God, I want you to know I'm your God;  
Come pray to me, I am your God.

## The Call to Worship

Pastor: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!  
Praise befits the upright.  
Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;  
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!  
Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.  
For the word of the LORD is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.  
He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.  
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.

Psalm 33: 1-5, 22 ESV

## The Hymn of Praise

### I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
my only trust and Savior of my heart,  
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,  
reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:  
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;  
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the Life, by which alone we live,  
and all our substance and our strength receive;  
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,  
strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,  
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:  
make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee  
and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

Words: Strasbourg Psalter, 1545  
Tr. by Elizabeth L Smith, 1868, alt. 1961  
Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

# Confession of Sin

## No, Not Despairingly

Words: Horatius Bonar, 1866

Music: Justin Brock, 2005

No, not despairingly, come I to thee;  
No, not distrustingly, bend I the knee.  
Sin hath gone over me, yet is this still my plea, Jesus hath died.

Ah! mine iniquity crimson has been, infinite, infinite sin upon sin;  
Sin of not loving thee, sin of not trusting thee, infinite sin.

Lord, I confess to thee, sadly, my sin; all I am, tell I thee; all I have been.  
Purge thou my sin away, wash thou my soul this day, Lord, make me clean.

Faithful and just art thou, forgiving all; loving and kind art thou, when poor ones call.  
Lord, let the cleansing blood, blood of the Lamb of God pass o'er my soul.

Then all is peace and light, this soul within; thus shall I walk with thee, the loved unseen;  
Leaning on thee, my God, guided along the road, nothing between.

## Assurance of Pardon

Father, you said that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us – every time. Thank you for seeing our self-centeredness and pride, but not staring at them. Thank you that you are focused on forgiveness given based in your Son's atoning death and glorious resurrection. May we, whose sins have turned from scarlet to white, rejoice in your grace that is both undeserved and lavishly given. May our hearts be drawn by your overcoming love – to love and worship you in this new year. And to love those you've placed in our lives, and those as far off as the nations too. Thank you for the real forgiveness, renewal, and re-energizing - of your amazing grace, given freely today.

## The Morning Prayer

### 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: Come Light Our Hearts  
For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait,  
For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.  
Truly, our hope is in you.  
Truly, our hope is in you.

Words and music by Sandra McCracken,  
2015

O Lord of life, our only hope, your radiance shines  
On all who look to you in the dark.  
Emmanuel come, come light our hearts.

Oh joy above all other loves,  
in you we find more than enough.  
We come as we are,  
O heal and restore, come light our hearts.

## The Scripture Reading

Psalm 131

## We Receive God's Word

The Rev. Joseph Wheat

INTO THE HEART OF GOD: THE PSALMS OF ASCENTS

“A New Kind of Quiet”

## We Respond in Prayer and Praise

Words: Edward Mote, 1834

### My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

## We Are Sent Forth

The Benediction

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Midweek@Highlands begins January 27.*

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will not be observed today.** Considering the current COVID numbers, the Session of Highlands Presbyterian Church has postponed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper until Sunday, February 14 at the earliest.

**Women's Conference February 6:** Come join with women from Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church for a conference on spiritual gifts on Saturday, February 6 from 9:00-1:00 at Highlands. This interactive conference, *Hand in Hand: Using our Gifts to Promote Unity in the Body*, will be led by Tammie Haynes and Laurie Nordan and includes a spiritual gifts inventory that each woman will take and then discuss around the tables. A box lunch will be provided, and our usual COVID protocols of social distancing and mask-wearing will be observed. The registration fee is \$20; to register, please contact Laurie Nordan at [laurie@highlandspca.org](mailto:laurie@highlandspca.org).

**Communicants Class begins January 24 at 5 p.m.** A Communicants Class for children interested in joining the church will be offered beginning Sunday evening, January 24, 2021. The children will use a workbook, *Understanding the Faith*, which includes homework as well as work in the classroom. Children in fourth grade or below must be accompanied by a parent. For questions or to register your child, please email Laurie Nordan at [Laurie@highlandspca.org](mailto:Laurie@highlandspca.org).

**Put on your best Duchenne smile** (the kind that makes you squint) and join our greeting team! Our Greeters serve in the Atrium between 8:15 and 8:40 at the early service or between 10:35 and 11:00 for the late service. Please [sign up to serve](#), either as a couple or as an individual. Your ministry to our members, regular attenders, and visitors is a blessing to all!

### Save the Date!

- January 27: Midweek@Highlands resumes
- February 7: Inquirers Class begins
- February 21-28: Missions Festival
- June 7-11, 2021 : Vacation Bible School

## HIGHLANDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### GENERAL FUND GIVING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

It is our privilege to report that our gracious God provided the means for our congregation to exceed the goal of our 2020 budget! We give God thanks and praise and express our heartfelt gratitude for the generosity of so many of Highlands members and friends.

General Fund Budget 2020 \$2,171,000

General Fund Giving received through 12/31/20 **\$2,274,064**

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the ministry and outreach of Highlands! May God grant us wisdom as we use these funds to his glory.

## Youth Ministry

*Visitors, please join us in anything you see below.*

*The youth building is behind the church (we call it "The U").*

- Small groups start January 24.
- Youth Group starts January 27.

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