

Invitation to Worship Jim England

Call to Worship – from Psalm 29 Kathy Collier

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings;
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**
The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
**May the Lord give strength to God's people!
May the Lord bless the people with peace.**

Hymn of Praise (453) *Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God*
Stanzas One and Four

Prayer of Praise and the Exchange of Peace Renee Purtlebaugh

The Hebrew Lesson Ron Smith and Perry Dixon
adapted from Isaiah 42:1-9 (Pew Bible page 657 – OT)

Gathering Our Offerings *Come! Live in the Light!*

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the
2. Come! O - pen your heart! Show your mer - cy to
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when

love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the
all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the
all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each

king - dom, to live in the free dom of the ci - ty of God.
hope - less so ha - tred and vio - lence will be no more.
oth - er as sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love!

— We are called to act with jus - tice; we are
called to love ten - der - ly; we are called to
serve one an - oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The Gospel Lesson Jim England
Matthew 3:13-17 (Pew Bible page 3 – NT)

Sermon Jim England

Song of Renewal *Come! Live in the Light!*
Stanzas Two and Three

News for the Community Perry Dixon

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Prelude Max Reger

30 Short Chorale Preludes Op. 135a
29. Wie schön leucht't und der Morgenstern

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING BE TO GOD OUR MAKER

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Processional Hymn (453) *CHRISTE SANCTORUM*
Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

Prayer of Praise

Gloria Patri *MEINEKE*
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME IN VISITATION

The Hebrew Lesson Linda Otto and Renee Purtlebaugh (9:30)
Meredith Farnsley and Perry Dixon (11:00)
adapted from Isaiah 42:1-9 (Pew Bible page 657 – OT)

Prayer of Confession Carol Harston

When misfortune presses from all sides and iniquity overtakes us,
**we become critics and cynics who have forgotten the power
of the Word who dwells among us.**
We have forgotten that you are God
and you are in the work of opening eyes of the blind
and emptying the dark prisons.
**Forgive us when we stand in the way of new things
springing forth from your love.**
O God, you have chosen us as witnesses of your glory.
You are our help and salvation.
Come to our aid, forgive us, and send us forth. Amen.

Words of Assurance – The Epistle Lesson
Acts 10:34-43 (Pew Bible pages 126-127 – NT)

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn *ALBEMARLE*

O God of Font and Altar
Stanza Two will be sung by Sanctuary Choir

1. O God of font and al - tar, of mu - sic, gran - deur, light; toward
3. O Christ, who cleansed the Tem - ple, bap - tize us with Your zeal, and
whom the soar - ing arch - es as - pire be - yond their height: as
teach us Your com - pas - sion to love, for - give, and heal. Be
beau - ty draws us to You with - in this house of prayer, let then
in our midst to claim us and mark us as Your own, then
wor - ship form and feed us to help us show Your care.
send us forth in wit - ness to make Your mer - cy known.

YOU ARE THE TRUTH, OUR HOPE, AND OUR SALVATION

The Gospel Lesson † Jim England
Matthew 3:13-17 (Pew Bible page 3 – NT)

Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship in the 11:00 service.

Sermon Jim England

HERE NOW RENEW YOUR CHURCH

Hymn of Response † *WE ARE CALLED*
Come! Live in the Light!
Please sing from the far left panel of today's bulletin.

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Wilbur Held
Chorale Prelude on CHRISTE SANCTORUM

News for the Community Carol Harston (9:30)
Perry Dixon (11:00)

Doxology † *OLD HUNDREDTH*
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

Benediction Jim England

Postlude Max Reger
30 Short Chorale Preludes Op. 135a
30. Wunderbarer König

† *For those who are able, we invite you to stand.*

Today in Worship

We are grateful for the lay leadership in today's services by Bill Martin and Missy Smith (9:30) and Paxton Vaughn and Suzanne Busse (11:00). We ask worshippers to read the lines in **bold** in today's litanies and printed scriptures.

Highland's deacons (wearing identification name tags) are available at various locations for prayer, questions or information. Deacons are lay ministers of the church who have been called to a ministry of service.

Listening Assist Devices are available. Please see our sound technician or an usher for assistance.

Phrases from our hymn of praise, *Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Prayers of the People

New Concerns

Evelyn Evans, fracture in arm
Tim Hall, knee surgery recovery
Don Temple, cornea transplant surgery recovery
Michelle Tupper-Butler, hospital, pneumonia
Todd Westphal, foot surgery tomorrow

Ongoing Concerns (continued)

James Hikes, heart issues
Reece Little, new medication for leukemia
Penny Mosier, surgery recovery
Liddell Vaughn, home
Denee Walsh, surgery recovery

Ongoing Concerns

Margie Besaw, surgery recovery
Ainsley Braun, recovering from fracture
Sean Cornely, ear surgery recovery
Nicole Farnsley, recovering from fracture
George Ann Gash, broken wrist from a fall

Highland Welcomes

Alan Watts and Becky Wolf, who joined on 12/15
Angie and Elizabeth Hawkins, who joined on 1/5

Notes and News for the Community of Faith

Welcome to Highland! If you are visiting with us, we are honored that you are here. Please find a minister or deacon for more information about the ministries of Highland Baptist Church.

Make plans to attend the next **Quarterly Church Conference (QCC) this Wednesday, January 15, at 6:00 p.m.**, in Fellowship Hall. The QCC will be providing reports from Finance Ministry Group, Pastor Search Committee, Property and Space Ministry Group, and a membership report. We will vote on ministry group members for the coming year.

The Anti-Racism Team invites you to **join us in reading *So You Want to Talk About Race*** by Ijeoma Oluo. This reading will give us a shared language and foundation as we head into our second half of the **Wednesday evening discussion** with Dr. Brogdon on **January 22** and our conversation on **January 29**. Please know that reading this book is not required to join us in these important conversations. The book is available at Carmichael's at a 20% discount if you mention you are reading with Highland Baptist Church and the Anti-Racism Team.

The **Highland Book Club** will meet on **Sunday, January 26, at 6:00 p.m.**, in room 103, to discuss "Maybe You Should Talk to Someone" by Lori Gottlieb. Everyone is invited!

The Pastor Search Committee invites all to attend a **Congregational Conversation during one of our two Bible study hours** (9:30 or 11:00 a.m.) in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, January 26**, to discuss the events and schedule of how the candidate for Highland's next pastor will be presented and voted on during a call weekend sometime later this spring (date yet to be announced).

La Casita Soup Ministry is in need of **volunteers** to make pots of soup. For more information, see Jane Parker in the Commons following the 8:30 and 9:30 services or contact her at grannyjane24@yahoo.com.

Mark Your Calendars

January 15: Quarterly Church Conference
January 20: Church Offices Closed
January 25: Mission and Justice Ministry Group Retreat; Families with Children and Senior Adults Game Day
January 26: Congregational Conversation; Highland Book Club
January 31: Friday Church Fifth Friday Fellowship Supper
February 1: Young Adult Ministry Group Retreat
February 16: Congregational Conversation
February 19: Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Process
February 23: HBC Got Skillz
February 26: Ash Wednesday Service



And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

~ Matthew 3:13-17

This Week at Highland

Sunday, January 12

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Community Gathering
9:30 a.m. Worship
Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Community Gathering
11:00 a.m. Worship
Bible Study
12:30 p.m. Families with Children Ministry Group (201)
5:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Group (Children's Commons)

Monday, January 13

7:00 p.m. Deacons (Commons)

Tuesday, January 14

5:30 p.m. Hope for a Brighter Day (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Finance Ministry Group (103)
10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 15

5:20 p.m. Fellowship Supper (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Children's Activities (2nd Floor)
Youth Group (Youth Suite)
Quarterly Church Conference (Fellowship Hall)
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, January 16

1:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministry Group (103)
6:00 p.m. Young Adult Ministry Group (Fireside)
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)
Environmental Action Ministry Team (103)
Prayer Shawl Group (Off-site)

Friday, January 17

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Gathering (Fireside)
7:00 p.m. Friday Church (Sanctuary)
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)



Our Mission... God's Love compels us to cultivate a safe, welcoming community of faith where all are challenged to discover, grow, and serve, as together we boldly live out the worship that is our very lives.

Our Vision... We dream of being an engaging, vibrant Christian church, where transformed people are joining the work of God, creating a world where justice and Love are abundant.

Our Values...

- We value a **deeply spiritual, Christ-centered faith** that opens us to life, equips us to serve, and calls us to action.
- We value a **courageous, progressive theology** whose relevance extends from the pew to the street, that engages both the mind and the heart, and that welcomes everyone from the skeptic to the devoted.
- We value **all people**, not in spite of, but precisely because of all that makes each one unique.
- We value **being doers of the word**, living out what Jesus taught: showing hospitality to strangers, confronting injustice, giving voice to those who have been silenced.
- We value a **healthy community**, where honest relationships provide all people safety, encouragement, acceptance, and healing, and challenge us to practice gentleness, forgiveness, and continued growth.
- We value **embracing challenge and change**: naming hard things, asking questions, and leaning into tensions and ambiguity.
- We value **growing together across the lifespan**, through multi-generational and intergenerational relationships and ministries.
- We value being rooted in our **distinct and radical heritage** that compels us to breathe new life into bedrock Baptist principles.
- We value **broad and deep worship** that invites us into the mystery of a loving God.
- We value **being good stewards** of all we have been given, discerning together how best to use our financial, physical, human, and spiritual gifts to follow Jesus and carry out our mission.