



Look, you saints,
the cloud of witness
gathered 'round
this sacred place,
rise as one
to cheer us onward;
all who choose
to run the race.

~ Look, You Saints, the Cloud of Witness
text by John Dickson, 1993

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

OCTOBER 31, 2021

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship Perry Dixon

Prelude (8:45) Denis Bedárd

*Variations sur SINE NOMINE
I. Maestoso, II. Allegro Moderato*

Chiming of the Hour (11:15) Children's Handbell Choir

THY NAME, O JESUS, BE FOREVER BLEST

Call to Worship – The Gospel Lesson † Perry Dixon

John 11:32-44 (Pew Bible page 103 – NT)

Hymn of Praise (567) † SINE NOMINE

For All the Saints

Prayer of Praise Gabriel Smith (8:45)
Troy Burden (11:15)

FOR ALL THE SAINTS, WHO FROM THEIR LABORS REST

The Saints of Highland Baptist Church Renee Purtlebaugh

Owen Arnold	Cleve Iler	Mary Rita McDevitt	Lee Underwood
David Frank	Jean Janes	Harold Omer	Alice Vardiman
	Jim McBee	Sue Rowe	

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for All the Saints Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Anthem text, arr. Milburn Price
arr. John Ferguson

God of Past, Who by Your Spirit

Prayer of Confession Renee Purtlebaugh

Holy One, we mourn the saints who have gone before us,
and yet are inspired by their lives and their trust in You.

**We know that we too are saints-in-process,
being formed and transformed as we live out our days.**

Reground us when we think more of ourselves than we think of You.

**Forgive us when we forget to step into the call to be co-creators
of a world of Love and justice that You envision.**

Dwell with us O God and make your home among us.

**Center us in your Spirit, that in our living we might inspire others
to see how You make all things new. Amen.**

Words of Assurance – The Epistle Lesson
Revelation 21:1-6a (Pew Bible page 256 – NT)

The Exchange of Peace

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

Hymn †

HANOVER

Rejoice in God's Saints

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own;
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

YET ALL ARE ONE IN THEE, FOR ALL ARE THINE

The Hebrew Lesson

Ruth 1:1-18 (Pew Bible page 238 – OT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

A Conspiracy of Goodness

O BLEST COMMUNION, FELLOWSHIP DIVINE

Hymn (630) †

Look, You Saints, the Cloud of Witness

EVANGELINE

Offertory Prayer

Missy Smith (8:45)
Cheryl Davis (11:15)

Offertory

Variations sur SINE NOMINE
III. Très calme

Denis Bedárd

News for the Community

Perry Dixon

In response to your decision, **we welcome you!**
We covenant to be the family of God for you in this place.
We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you,
as we journey in faith together.

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

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

Denis Bedárd

Variations sur SINE NOMINE
V. Maestoso

Today in Worship

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.

Phrases from today's hymn of praise, *For All the Saints*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

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

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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.

We are celebrating 137 pledges made for a total of \$717,341 through our second commitment weekend. Many thanks for your faithful giving, Highland! If you haven't already done so, please consider pledging to support HBC in 2022.

The young adult retreat is Saturday, November 13 and our theme is Revolutionary Love. We will meet at the "picnic" barn at Floyd's Fork. Cost is \$25, with scholarships available. Please sign up by contacting Lauren Jones Mayfield or Tory Parker.

We look forward to welcoming back Emily Hull McGee as our guest proclaimer in worship on Sunday, November 14. Emily was Highland's Minister to Young Adults from 2009 to 2015 and is beloved in our congregation. She is excited to be able reconnect with the Highland family!

Our Wednesday night series called ***Go In Peace: Mental Health and Self-Care in Pandemic Times*** continues through November 10 at 6:15 PM. Join us in the sanctuary or online (on our public Facebook and YouTube channels).

The finance ministry group is working diligently on a proposed budget to recommend to the congregation for 2022. We anticipate emailing this to the church during the week prior to the called business meeting on Sunday, November 14, when we will discuss the budget proposal. Please watch your emails to receive timely information about participating in these processes.

Mark Your Calendars

- November 3:** Go in Peace: Mental Health and Pandemic Self-Care (6:15 PM)
- November 13:** Young Adult Retreat, Floyd's Fork
- November 14:** Emily Hull McGee, Guest Proclaimer
- November 25:** Thanksgiving Service—online



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BAPTIST CHURCH**
*A thinking, feeling, healing
community of faith*

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.

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