

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 7, 2021
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prelude

Craig Phillips

Prelude on UNION SEMINARY

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

Call to Worship – from Psalm 127

Kim Clark-Endicott (8:45)
Diane Brewer (11:15)

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.
It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest.
We shall put our trust in the Lord who gives rest to God's beloved.
Praise be to you, who grants us relief and rest.
Grant us your power of love this day.
Grant us the courage for the living of these days.

Hymn of Praise †

TWO OAKS

All Are Welcome

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2. Let us build a house where pro-phets speak, and words are strong and
3. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions

live. A place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true. Where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
heard And loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as

hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace, Here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace. Let this

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus; All are wel - come,
house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Prayer of Praise

Kim Clark-Endicott (8:45)
Diane Brewer (11:15)

HEARTS LEARN TO FORGIVE

The Gospel Lesson †

Perry Dixon

Mark 12:38-44 (Pew Bible pages 48-49 – NT)

Prayer of Confession

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Holy One, we ask forgiveness for the ways that we cling to our possessions. We hoard them. We want more. We allow them to define us. We make grand gestures with our generosity, missing the point of sacrifice. In turn, the poor ones suffer, and the wealthy get richer. Forgive our participation in the systems that ensure this injustice. Remind us that our worth, our goodness, our joy come from you. Help us trust that it is our faith that pleases you and not our status. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Congregational Anthem

music by Austin Echols
text by Thomas Troeger

We Are Grounded in the Daring

We are grounded in the daring of our founders' dreams and deeds and their energies unsparing, spent in meeting human needs. Lord, their dreams of holy beauty, of compassion, mission, care were made flesh through faithful duty and their actions wrought from prayer. By your spirit we are gifted with new dreams to serve our day, and our hope and courage lifted to embody what we pray: to restore lives bruised and broken, to sustain the seeking heart, to enact your word that's spoken through our worship, song, and art.

All voices



3. Christ, in faith may we keep grow-ing toward the world the fu - ture brings, o - pen
al - ways to the flow - ing of your liv - ing, cease - less springs. May those
well streams keep in - spir - ing our own hearts to bring to birth the great
dream of your de - sir - ing: a re - newed and peace - filled earth.

HOPES, DREAMS, AND VISIONS

The Hebrew Lesson

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Ruth 4:13-22 (Pew Bible page 241 – OT)

Sermon

God's Quiet Faithfulness

Communion

Renee Purtlebaugh

Invitation to the Table

Exchange of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Reception of the Bread and Cup

Everyone is invited forward to receive bread and cup. All bread served is gluten free.

Please return to your pew to take the bread and cup.

Deacons will receive tithes and offerings in the offering plates as you return to your pew.

THE LOVE OF CHRIST SHALL END DIVISION

Hymn (376) †

AR HYD Y NOS

For the Fruit of All Creation

Offertory Prayer

Bill Campbell (8:45)

Alan Spade (11:15)

News for the Community

Renee Purtlebaugh

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 †

TALLIS' CANON

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

Austin Echols

Morning Reflections

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

Today in Worship

Following worship, deacons will be at each exit to collect contributions to the church's Fellowship Fund, which helps those in need in our community. 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.

Today's anthem, *We Are Grounded in the Daring*, was composed by Austin Echols in 2018 in celebration and recognition of Buechel Park Baptist Church 90th anniversary as a church.

Phrases from today's hymn of praise, *All Are Welcome*, 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 Highland Baptist Church.

We are celebrating 169 pledges made for a total of \$852,375. Many thanks for your faithful giving, Highland! **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.

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 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 email to receive timely information about participating in these processes.

Members are invited to purchase Christmas poinsettias for \$15 in memory/in honor/in appreciation of a family member, friend, or loved one. You may submit payment and information through Highland's website at <https://hbclouisville.org/christmas-poinsettias> or contact Cheryl in the church office at 502-451-3735 or cheryl@hbclouisville.org.



Mark Your Calendars

November 10: 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.

Jerre Bassett
CUSTODIAN

Kathy Collier
MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

Megan Fuller
INTERIM CHILDREN AND
FAMILY MINISTRY ASSISTANT

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PASTOR EMERITUS

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