



To be a Christian
is to live dangerously,
honestly, freely —
to step in the name
of love
as if you may land
on nothing,
yet to keep on stepping
because the something
that sustains you
no empire can give you
and no empire
can take away.

~ Cornel West

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 14, 2021
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Prelude

Rosalie Bonighton

Chorale Prelude on ST. DENIO

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Call to Worship - from 1 Samuel 2

Steven Michael Carr (8:45)
Jim England (11:15)

My heart exults in the Lord;
my strength is exalted in my God.
**There is no Holy One like the Lord,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.**
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's
and on them God has set the world.
**The Lord will guard the feet of the faithful ones
and judge the ends of the earth.
Let us worship God together!**

Hymn of Praise (58) †

ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Prayer of Praise

Steven Michael Carr (8:45)
Jim England (11:15)

Anthem

Knut Nystedt

Laudate

O Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise the Lord, all ye peoples.
For God's lovingkindness has been bestowed upon us, and the trust of the Lord endures forever.

IN LIGHT INACCESSIBLE HID FROM OUR EYES

The Gospel Lesson †

Mark 13:1-8 (Pew Bible page 49 – NT)

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prayer of Confession

Perry Dixon

God our Comforter, we long for easier days because we are tired. We are consumed by worry and fear, even as we seek out refuge. When we are afraid, we forget to look up and see the good things You are doing. Help us to look up. Help us to join with You in shaping a new world where all will find rest and welcome. May we not forget to dream, even now. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Ephesians 3:14-21 (Pew Bible pages 189-190 – NT)

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (295) †

NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

MOST BLESSED, MOST GLORIOUS, THE ANCIENT OF DAYS

The Epistle Lesson

Acts 4:13-21, 31 (Pew Bible pages 118-119 – NT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

In Bold Community

Emily Hull McGee

ALMIGHTY, VICTORIOUS, THY GREAT NAME WE PRAISE

Hymn †

HYFRYDOL

We, O God, Unite Our Voices

We, O God, unite our voices, raised in thankful harmony.
You, unchanging, safe have brought us through the ever-changing sea.
Days of calm and days of conflict, nights of darkness prove Your grace.
Hands beneath us, arms around us, and, above, Your shining face.

Seeing then the task before us, bind our hearts and hands as one.
May our labor be in union, our resolve and Yours be one.
With one spirit let us labor toward the bright horizon far.
In the midst of tempest peril be Your cross our guiding star.

Not our choice the wind's direction, unforeseen the calm or gale.
Your great ocean swells before us, and our ship seems small and frail.
Fierce and gleaming is Your mystery, drawing us to shores unknown;
lead us on with hope and courage till Your harbor is our home.

Offertory Prayer

David Bannister (8:45)
Ryan Davis (11:15)

Offertory

Michael Burkhardt

HYFRYDOL

Based on a Pastorate by Charles Wesley

News for the Community

Lauren Jones Mayfield

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

Austin Echols

Morning Reflections

Today in Worship

We welcome Emily Hull McGee as our guest proclaimer for today's services. Emily served as Highland's Minister to Young Adults from 2009-2015. She is currently the senior pastor of First Baptist Church on Fifth in Winston-Salem, NC. Please extend a warm "Welcome back!" Emily, Josh and their children, Liam, Annabelle, and Silas are happy to return to Louisville for the weekend.

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, *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*, 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.

This afternoon at 4:00 PM, we will have a called business meeting on Zoom to discuss the proposed budget for 2022. Additionally, the HVAC Upgrade Ad Hoc Committee will be asking the church to approve seed money for initial service fees for the project. This money will allow us to determine the scope of the project and allow the church to vote on the size of the project early next year. Please see your email for a copy of the proposed budget and Zoom link to today's meeting.

As we prepare for Advent, we are collecting toys and books for **Highland's Christmas Store** (which serves families we have met through a variety of local ministries) and blankets and gift cards for **Highlands Community Ministries**. Please see the newsletter for more information about specific items that are needed and how to donate. Thank you for your generous support of our various mission partners this Advent season!

Join us Wednesday, November 17th, at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary for another **Cloud of Witnesses** evening. Bob Cunningham will facilitate a conversation with Virenee Chatmon, Guthrie

Graves-Fitzsimmons and Doris Hornbuckle as they share their faith journey with us.

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 14:** Emily Hull McGee, Guest Proclaimer
Called Business Meeting on Zoom (4:00 PM)
- November 17:** Cloud of Witnesses (6:15 PM)
- November 25:** Thanksgiving Service—online
- November 28:** Hope Sunday—Advent begins
- December 1:** Advent Book Discussion—*The Gravity of Joy*
- December 5:** Peace Sunday—Crosses on the Lawn
- December 8:** Advent Book Discussion—the Gravity of Joy
- December 11:** The Christmas Store (9:00 AM-12:00 PM)
- December 12:** Joy Sunday—Highland's Sanctuary Choir and String Quartet
- December 19:** Love Sunday—Highland's Sanctuary Handbells
- December 24:** Christmas Eve Services (4:00 and 6:00 PM)



**HIGHLAND
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
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