



Blessed are those
who walk hand in hand
with goodness,
who stand beside virtue,
who sit in the seat of truth;
For their delight
is in the Spirit of Love,
and in Love's heart
they dwell day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
that yield fruit in due season,
and their leaves flourish;
And in all that they do, they give life.

*~ Psalm 1
Psalms for Praying*

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 13, 2022
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prelude

Daniel Locklair

Rubrics – IV. The Peace may be exchanged.

I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD THAT MADE THE MOUNTAINS RISE

Call to Worship

Christy Chestnut (8:45)
Bill Ockerman (11:15)

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.
**When we trust in God, when our trust is God,
we are like a tree planted by water.**
Our roots go deep,
**we are ever-green; even in a drought we are not anxious,
but bear fruit, full and beautiful, gifts of the God who made us.**

Hymn of Praise (19) †

FOREST GREEN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Prayer of Praise †

Christy Chestnut (8:45)
Bill Ockerman (11:15)

The Baptism of Parker French † (11:15)

Perry Dixon

Call to the Water
Statement of Faith
Baptism in the name of the Creator, Son, and Spirit, One.
Choral Response

MERLE'S TUNE

By Water and the Spirit

**By water and the Spirit baptized in Christ, we rise
to walk new paths unfolding before our opened eyes.
We journey from this moment, faith's pilgrimage embrace
by Spirit and by water we feel and sense God's grace.**

WHILE ALL THAT BORROWS LIFE FROM THEE IS EVER IN THY CARE

Choral Call to Prayer

MERLE'S TUNE

How Lovely, God, How Lovely

Prayer of Confession

Lauren Jones Mayfield

**God of all Creation, we have forgotten our place in all that You have made. In our pursuit
of acclaim and security, we have sought worldly affirmation. We have limited ourselves
by our vanity and self-seeking efforts. Help us remember that we are your beloved. Help us
to remember to live like Christ. Help us to live with humility in service to others, loving
abundantly because we are loved. Amen.**

Words of Assurance – The Gospel Lesson †

Luke 6:20-23(Pew Bible page 63 – NT)

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (50) †

MERLE'S TUNE

How Lovely, God, How Lovely

I SING THE WISDOM THAT ORDAINED THE SUN TO RULE BY DAY

The Morning Psalm

Psalm 1:1-2 (Pew Bible page 479 – OT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Psalm Chorale

They Are Like Trees

Jane Marshall

Sermon

When I Am Among the Trees

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

THAT EVERYWHERE THAT WE CAN BE, THOU, GOD, ART PRESENT THERE

Hymn of Response (543) †

Abide with Me

EVENTIDE

Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer

Nathan Marris (8:45)
Margaret Pennington (11:15)

Offertory

There Is a Balm in Gilead

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL
arr. Charles Callahan

News for the Community

Renee Purtlebaugh

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

Sonata No. 2 – III. Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

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

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, *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*, 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

- **Please join us this afternoon at 2:30 on Zoom for a Congregational Conversation led by the HVAC Upgrade team.** The team will present its proposed slate of items to be included in the upcoming Rebuilding Love project, along with estimated costs and details. Zoom information was sent in this week's newsletter and a follow-up email yesterday.
- **We will share our gratitude with Perry Dixon next Sunday, February 20 with a reception** in the Commons following both the 8:45 and 11:15 worship services. In addition to an opportunity to contribute to a Love Offering for him, members are encouraged to write notes of blessing for Perry that morning.
- **Join Sally Evans and Mary Alice Birdwhistell for The Beat Goes On, this Wednesday, February 16**, about designing life rhythms that can sustain us through uncertainty. **This session will be offered both online and in-person at 6:15 PM.**
- We are so happy that **Children's Choirs resume on Wednesday, February 16 from 6:00-7:15 PM—we look forward to the beautiful sound of children singing, clapping, speaking and playing instruments!**
- **We are beginning a grief group for women that will meet during the day. The first meeting will be Tuesday, February 15 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commons.** Libby Cunningham will lead the group. We'll discuss meeting dates/time at this initial meeting. If you cannot make that time but are interested in attending, please let Cheryl in the church office know (451-3735).
- **Collections for our mission partners—we are collecting bags of black beans and rice for La Casita.** We are also collecting **socks, winter hats and gloves for the Hope Buss.** Place your donations in the bins outside the choir room. Thank you!
- **Called Business Meeting and Congregational Conversation on February 27 at 1:30 PM—** We will vote on the expenditure of funds on engineering and architectural plans for the continuation of the Rebuilding Love project as well as remaining nominations from Congregational Engagement for church leadership for 2022. Following the vote, the Reparations task force will lead a conversation about the windows in both the sanctuary and fellowship hall. No decisions will be made or votes taken regarding the windows. We gather only to talk, listen and learn from one another as the family of God. The meeting will be held both in-person and on Zoom.



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 and Frank Bassett
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Walter McWhorter
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

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