

Light of the world, you loose the bonds of night.
Once we walked in darkness; now bursts forth your light.

Christ, in your glory, come to light the way;
teach us how to follow.

Light of our paths, you walk with us in strife.
Where conflict darkens, bring the light of life.

Christ, in your mercy, come to show us love.
Teach us how to follow!

We must be your hands, lent to heal and bless.
We must be your light, rending wide the darkness.

Christ, in your image, we will greet the world;
this is how we follow.

Light of our days, we feel your dawning call.
Send us forth to serve and bring your light to all!

Christ, you have claimed us;
You have made us one.
We will always follow!

~ Karen Marrolli

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 20, 2022
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prelude

César Franck

Prelude in G
Jonathan Shippey, Violin

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 37

Ron Smith (8:45)
Randy Biery (11:15)

Take delight in the Lord and enjoy the bountiful gifts of Love.
**Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions,
making clear your pathways, bright as the sun at midday.**
Be still before the Lord and wait quietly in the Silence.
The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.

Hymn of Praise (58) †

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Prayer of Praise

Ron Smith (8:45)
Randy Biery (11:15)

IN LIGHT INACCESSIBLE HID FROM OUR EYES

The Gospel Lesson †

Perry Dixon

Luke 6:27-38 (Pew Bible page 63 – NT)

Anthem

Karen Marrolli

Light of the World
Jonathan Shippey, Violin

Prayer of Confession

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Source of Divine Love, we do not always treat others like we long to be treated.
You call us to go an extra mile, to share our coat, to turn another cheek.
We confess that instead, we withhold; we hoard, and we struggle with generosity.
Our scarcity confuses us and worries us.
Forgive us, God, and inspire us into abundance.
Open our eyes to see your radiant glory.
Clear our ears to hear your melodies of grace.
Clarify our minds with the promises of your liberation.
Expand our hearts to embody your hope. Amen.

Words of Assurance – Psalm 37:4-7a

Take delight in the Lord,
and God will give you the desires of your heart.
**Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in God, and God will act.**
God will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.
Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (57) †

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Be Still, My Soul

MOST BLESSED, MOST GLORIOUS, THE ANCIENT OF DAYS

The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 (Pew Bible page 173 – NT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

Broken and Beautiful

ALMIGHTY, VICTORIOUS, THY GREAT NAME WE PRAISE

Hymn of Response (154) †

Christ Is the World's Light

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Offertory Prayer

Tyler Swim (8:45)
Emily Moyers (11:15)

Offertory

Adagio in B-flat
Jonathan Shippey, violin

Tomaso Albinoni
arr. G. Franklin Eddings

Blessings for Perry Dixon

Renee Purtlebaugh

News for the Community

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

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

Morning Reflections

Austin Echols

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

Today in Worship

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 5 years of ministry Perry Dixon has given to Highland Baptist Church.

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. We appreciate the musical leadership of Jonathan Shippey in today's services.

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

- **Sally Evans and Jim England will soon join Highland's staff in interim roles:** Sally as Interim Minister to Youth and Jim as Interim Associate Pastor. **We couldn't be more excited about them joining our ministerial staff and the incredible gifts they will bring to our shared work of Love at Highland!**
- The Youth Ministry Group is planning monthly events for the youth community, and first on the docket is a **Snow Tubing Trip to Perfect North on Saturday, February 26!** We will spend the day together at Perfect North tubing and then have a late lunch on the way home. **Sign-ups and payment are due by tomorrow, February 21st.** Please check your newsletter for complete details or contact Mary Cooksey at maryjcooksey@gmail.com or (502) 341-5545.
- **Collections for our mission partners**— Through the month of February, 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 brown 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.
- **Habitat For Humanity, 30th Baptist House Build**—We are **seeking volunteers** to help with the upcoming Habitat for Humanity Baptist Build in the Smoketown neighborhood. **The dates are March 10, 11 and 12.** We normally work from 8:00 -2:00 and lunch will be provided. No experience required. Feel free to help any day that fits your schedule. **If interested, contact Larry Hoover at larryhoover@att.net.**



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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