



The people who love us prod us –
enable us – to grow.
And God loves us.
Maybe that is why I have been
moved from one nest to another,
all the way through life:
God loves me
and wants me to grow.
I am trying, before I die,
to learn to trust
this continual going
into the unknown.
I better live a long, long life.

~ Joan Chittister, Called to Question

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 28, 2022
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Jim England

Prelude

Samuel Wesley

Prelude in F

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME

Call to Worship

Bill Campbell (8:45)
Lauren Blackwell (11:15)

Holy is the Lord our God. Let us lift our voices in praise.

We come to worship with thanksgiving.

We come to serve with justice and joy.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
we throw away the sin that entangles us to better run the race before us.

We run the race of liberation. We run the race of compassion.

We are compelled by a faith that calls us to love.

We praise God's name. We praise God's name.

Hymn of Praise (9) †

GROSSER GOTT

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Prayer of Praise

Bill Campbell (8:45)
Lauren Blackwell (11:15)

Glory to the Creator †

MEINEKE

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Spirit, One.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

CHERUBIM AND SERAPHIM, IN UNCEASING CHORUS PRAISING

Deacon Faith Story

Rosalind Heinz (11:15)

The Gospel Lesson †

Luke 14: 7-14 (Pew Bible pages 75-76—NT)

Renee Purtlebaugh

Call to Confession

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant

Words of Assurance

John Dickson

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (437) †

FESTAL SONG

How Wide the Love of Christ

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

LO, THE APOSTOLIC TRAIN JOINS YOUR SACRED NAME TO HALLOW

The Hebrew Lesson †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Hebrews 13:1-3, 15-16 (Pew Bible pages 222-223—NT)
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

Sermon

Cloud of Witnesses: Compelled by a Faith that Loves

PROPHETS SWELL THE GLAD REFRAIN

Hymn of Response (631) †

DONNA

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Deacon Faith Story and Offertory Prayer

Zach Watson (8:45)
Phil Collier (11:15)

Offertory

Aaron David Miller

Variation on a Theme of Corelli

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 †

LASST UNS ERFREUN

**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

**Sound the trumpets! We will journey swift of foot and brave of soul.
Let us run the race before us with our God, as those of old!**

Postlude

J. Wayne Kerr

Fanfare for a New Day

† *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, *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*, 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

- **We are excited to continue Wednesday night activities this week! Dinner begins at 5:20 PM,** and reservations can be made until Noon each Monday. This week's meal is salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green peas, garden salad, and rolls. Our caterer is Garden Girl Foods, a Black-owned business that specializes in locally-grown ingredients and delicious meals. To sign-up and/or volunteer, check your newsletter or use the QR code we've included here. **Children's choirs and youth activities begin at 6:00 PM. Adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study with Chip Miller and Mary Alice Birdwhistell (see more information below).**
- **Deacon Ordination Service—This evening at 6:00, Highland will ordain five new deacons to active ministry:** Amber Burke, Rosalind Heinz, Robin Ramsay Lee, Tory Parker and Zach Watson. **We will also install five returning deacons to active ministry:** Kathy Belcher, Greg Clark, Phil Collier, Robert Davis, Karen Park and Chet Watson. **We will celebrate our two newest honor deacons:** Nancy Goodhue and Jim Hawkins. **Together we will commission a total of 30 deacons to serve Highland in the coming year.** Infant through preschool childcare will be available.
- **Not Your Ordinary Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke and a World Beyond Our Imagining** —Join Chip Miller and Mary Alice in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights, **starting August 31, as we take a closer look together at some of this fall's lectionary passages from the Gospel of Luke.** This class is for young adults AND seniors adults, both the seasoned Bible reader, the Bible skeptic, and those who need to dust their Bible off from the closet. Join us as we learn to look for the unexpected in this radically inclusive Gospel! We will meet for 4 weeks, from August 31 through September 21. **This Bible study will be streamed for those who are unable to attend in person.**



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
CUSTODIANS

Mary Alice Birdwhistell
PASTOR

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INTERIM MINISTER TO YOUTH

Megan Fuller
CHILDREN AND FAMILY
MINISTRY ASSISTANT

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