



Sacred Space **FOR EVERYONE**

I just think that some places feel better than others,
a perfect storm of good things merging.
They're safe places, where you feel better
just because of where you are.
And when people feel good,
they're better to one another,
so they become safe spaces, too.

~ Silas House, Lark Ascending

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 30, 2022
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Prelude

J. G. Walther

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

Call to Worship

Tyler Swim (8:45)
Madeline Cox (11:15)

Praise to You, O great Creator. **Praise to You, Holy One.**
For the great cloud of witness that surrounds us, **we lift our voices in praise.**
For radical hospitality, **we lift our voices in praise.**
For justice, **we lift our voices in praise.**
God makes this space for everyone; we gather round in love.
Praise to You, Holy One. We worship and serve with gladness.

Processional Hymn (418) †

EIN' FESTE BURG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Choir sings verse two.

Prayer of Praise

Tyler Swim (8:45)
Madeline Cox (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.

Introduction of Candidate for Associate Pastor
to Youth and Young Adults

Tony Dougherty (8:45)
Mary Cooksey (11:15)

Faith Story

Justin Sizemore

DID WE IN OUR OWN STRENGTH CONFIDE, OUR STRIVING WOULD BE LOSING

A Reading from the Psalms

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Psalm 65:1-4 (Pew Bible pages 516-517—OT)

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

To the one who hears our prayers and responds with grace and mercy:
When we are not satisfied, forgive us.
When you deliver us and still we question you, forgive us.
When you reveal your path of hope and we dismiss it, forgive us.
Guide us back to a place of trust in your Holy presence.
Infuse us once again with joy in Your sacred space. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Psalm 65:5-13 (Pew Bible page 517—OT)

The Exchange of Peace

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

Gathering Song

Come dwell in High - land's walls. Come and dwell in the house of the Lord. Where
wis-dom and righ - teous-ness, Jus - tice and ho - li-ness, Join at the feet of God.

Hymn (250) †

ST. ANNE

Living Stones

**THE SPIRIT AND THE GIFTS ARE OURS
THROUGH HIM WHO WITH US SIDETH**

The Epistle Lesson

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Philippians 2:1-4 (Pew Bible page 193—NT)
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

Sermon

Sacred Space for Everyone

Anthem

Z. Randall Stroope

Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls

GOD'S TRUTH ABIDETH STILL, GOD'S KINGDOM IS FOREVER

Hymn of Response †

TWO OAKS

Let Us Build a House

Refrain

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

Offertory Prayer

Walter McWhorter (8:45)
Mark Sanders (11:15)

Offertory

Franklin Ashdown

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

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
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

**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

attributed to J. S. Bach

Prelude and Fugue in G

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 processional hymn, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our 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

- **It is with enthusiasm and great joy that the search committee unanimously recommends Rev. Justin Sizemore as the candidate to be the Associate Pastor to Youth and Young Adults at Highland.** Following a weekend of events, Q&A's, and meet-and-greets with Justin, we will vote on his candidacy during both morning worship services. The results will be announced at the end of the 11:15 worship service today.
- **Join us this afternoon from 3:00-5:00 for our intergenerational Fall Festival on the Lawn.** We will celebrate the gifts promised to our *Sacred Space for Everyone* Campaign, the Bible Study class with the most members in attendance will receive a gift card to help cover the cost of your next social event, kids and youth will participate in activities that lead to treats, face painting, and we'll enjoy hot apple cider and pie – baked by each of you who choose to enter the pie baking contest! Costumes are welcomed (sweet, not scary) as we enjoy some church-wide fun! In the event of rain, the festival will move indoors.
- **On Wednesday nights at 6:15, Dr. Kathryn House continues our series based on the book *The Stories We Live: Finding God's Calling All Around Us* by Kathleen Cahalan.** Join us for the next two Wednesdays (through November 9) as we consider together how we can discover God's calling in surprising ways all around us.
- **Looking Ahead:**

Today	<i>Sacred Space for Everyone</i> Celebration Sunday and Fall Festival on the Lawn (3:00-5:00 PM)
November 6	Visitation for Joe Powell at 2:00 PM, memorial following at 3:00 PM Quarterly Church Conference and Budget Presentation on Zoom (7:00 PM—note time change)
November 20	An Evensong Service of Music in Honor of Kathy Collier (5:00 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 and Frank Bassett
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