

With water freely flowing
we celebrate new birth,
in sacred sign expressing
God's love for all on earth.

The well of Living Water
springs up for us this day;
engulfed by love's acceptance,
our fears are washed away.

~ Larry E. Schultz



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY
JANUARY 15, 2023
8:45 and 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Justin Sizemore

Prelude

J. C. Kittel

*Den Lob Und Her Dem Hohsten Gut
(All Praise and Thanks to God Most High)*

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

Call to Worship

Genene Nisbet (8:45)
Zach Watson (11:15)

We gather to remember our baptism.
The waters of love wash over us.
Let us proclaim God's love to the nations.
The waters of justice cleanse us.
Come, holy church, come and be born anew.
We lift our hearts and voices to praise God's name.

Processional Hymn (158) †

DUKE STREET

Jesus Shall Reign

Prayer of Praise

Genene Nisbet (8:45)
Zach Watson (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.

IN HIM THERE IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL

Anthem

K. Lee Scott

O God of Font and Altar
Congregation joins on stanzas 1 and 3

1. O God of font and al - tar, of mu - sic, gran - deur, light; toward
3. O Christ, who cleansed the Tem - ple, bap - tize us with Your zeal, and
whom the soar - ing arch - es as - pire be - yond their height: as
teach us Your com - pas - sion to love, for - give, and heal. Be
beau - ty draws us to You with - in this house of prayer, let
in our midst to claim us and mark us as Your own, then
wor - ship form and feed us to help us — show Your care.
send us forth in wit - ness to make Your mer - cy known.

The Epistle Lesson

Renee Purtlebaugh

Acts 10:34-43 (Pew Bible pages 126-127—NT)

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

Prayer of Confession

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Like Peter in his sermon, **we know you do not play favorites, O God.**
Like Jesus on the day of his baptism, **we are your beloved people, O God.**
Like the Spirit descending in the form of a dove, **we long for you to mark us as your own.**

Therefore, we ask forgiveness for the ways we show favoritism, for the ways we isolate ourselves, and for our resentment that comes from loneliness. We forget about the power of the baptismal waters that cleanse, nourish, liberate, and connect us to one another and you. Remind us that your deep love for Jesus includes a deep love for us, and that we, too, are saved. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Lauren Jones Mayfield

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn of Assurance (450) †

MERLE'S TUNE

With Water Freely Flowing

I WANT TO FOLLOW JESUS

The Gospel Lesson †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Matthew 3:13-17 (Pew Bible page 3—NT)
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

Sermon

You All Are My Beloved

THE LAMB IS THE LIGHT OF THE CITY OF GOD: SHINE IN MY HEART, LORD JESUS

Hymn of Response (96) †

HOUSTON

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer

Missy Smith (8:45)
Emily Edwards (11:15)

Offertory

R. J. Powell

Chorale Prelude on "Cradle Hymn"

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

Max Reger

Wunderbarer Konig

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 response, *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

We thank Emily Stewart for her musical leadership in today's service.

Listening Assist Devices are available. Please see our sound technician or an usher for assistance.

Permission to print and stream music obtained from One License #A-726201. All rights reserved.

Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **The Search Committee for the Minister of Music and Worship** is excited to share that we have arrived on a final candidate to recommend to the church! We will share more about the candidate in the days ahead, but for now, please save the date for a Call Weekend January 27-29, including the following events:
 - Friday, January 27:** Deacons and Ministry Council Q&A 5:30-6:45 PM; Friday Church, Candidate Introduction, and Vote 7:00 PM
 - Saturday, January 28:** Music Ministry Q&A 9:00-10:30 AM; Brunch 10:30-11:30 AM; Church-Wide Q&A 11:30 AM-12:30 PM
 - Sunday, January 29:** Worship, Candidate Faith Story, and Vote: 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM; Meet and Greet: 9:45-10:15 AM
- **Lauren Jones Mayfield will lead a four-week Wednesday evening class (January 18, 25, February 1, and 8) on Hillary McBride's book *The Wisdom of Your Body: Finding Healing, Wholeness, and Connection through Embodied Living*.** The book reminds us of the centrality of our physical bodies; yet many people loathe their physical self. This class will explore how we come home to the understanding that we are created in God's image. (Reading the book is not required, but it is available at Carmichael's or wherever you purchase your books.)
- **Each January, the congregation is invited to nominate members to serve as congregational representatives on Ministry Council.** The Ministry Council is the primary body of elected leaders who attend to the business of the church and support the work of its ministry groups. The Ministry Council also oversees planning of the church calendar and can serve as a discerning body for issues that arise in the church. Please complete and return the green nomination form during today's offering.



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

Fred Bogert
MUSIC DIRECTOR
TO FRIDAY CHURCH

Molly Braun
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

Troy Burden
DEACON CHAIR

Don Burke
PASTOR EMERITUS

Cheryl Davis
OFFICE MANAGER

John Dickson
INTERIM MINISTER OF MUSIC
AND WORSHIP

Megan Fuller
CHILDREN AND FAMILY
MINISTRY ASSISTANT

Kathleen Gordon
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Lauren Jones Mayfield
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR CARE
AND JUSTICE

Walter McWhorter
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Erin Phelps
PASTORAL EDUCATION INTERN

Renee Purtlebaugh
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Sharon Sanders
INTERIM ORGANIST
AND MUSIC ASSOCIATE

Justin Sizemore
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH
AND YOUNG ADULTS