†Hymn #139 Come, Thou Almighty King

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have reconciled us in Christ Jesus and have given us the ministry of reconciliation. We pray for all those from whom we are estranged. Bring healing to strained or broken relationships. Forgive us for the times we have wronged others, whether by ignorance, neglect, or intention. Grant us the courage and the grace to seek their forgiveness and opportunity to make amends. Where others have wronged us, grant us a gracious spirit, that we might forgive even as we have been forgiven in Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

THE WORD

Words with our Young Church Jen Jammer

Old Testament Reading Genesis 12:1-3

Anthem The Peace of God Chancel Choir

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 5:15-21

Sermon B.L.E.S.S., week 1: I'm Blessed
Rev. Chip Stapleton

RESPONSE

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed *pg. 14 Blue Hymnal*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Don Gaylord, guitar

†Doxology **"Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above Ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

†Prayer of Dedication

Communion

Beautiful Savior arr. James Klein
Highland Ringers

Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution
Prayer after Communion

SENDING

†Hymn #335 **Though I May Speak**

†Benediction
Choral Blessing Gaelic Blessing
Warren Way, soloist

†Postlude When in Our Music God Is Glorified
arr. Kevin Sadowski
Pam Langston, organ

Worship Leaders
Rev. Chip Stapleton, Senior Minister
Pam Langston, Dir. of Music Ministries
Jen Jammer, Dir. of Children's Ministry

Music Notes from Pam...

Preservice instrumental meditations create a worshipful atmosphere in the sanctuary as people greet each other, and also serve as a valuable opportunity for musicians to use their gifts at Highland. Sign up sheets for October, November, and December are on the upstairs music office door for all who would like be a part of this ministry.

Piano, guitar, wind instruments…we would love to have you share your musical gifts here at Highland.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord,
~Pam

SUNDAY SCHOOL

As we transition into a new season and time in our church family, we will be offering a Church-wide Sunday school Curriculum for any classes who would like to use it. (Youth & Children's Sunday school classes will be using it). It'd be great for all to be studying the same thing as we kick-off the Church Calendar Year on September 12th at 10:00am. This is a four-week study. Please contact Keely DeBoever (secretary@hpchurch.org) if your class would like to join in and access the Church-wide Curriculum this Fall!

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the Glory of God

Given by ***Sheila & Jim Kinsey***

Entered into the Church Triumphant

Bettie Y. Kidder
September 8, 2021

"Because I Live, You Also Shall Live." John 14:19

~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

We ask that you keep our home-bound in your thoughts and prayers.

P.W. and Martha Jessup
Jean Robinson
Sam Williams
Marshall and Betty Howie
Lisa Hitt
(daughter of Gayle McDonald)
Norman Blakely
Frances Bostic
Steve & Orion Gaynos
Madie Rae Locklear
("Grandma" to the Guy Family)
Lib Yarborough

Please let us know if you have concerns that you think the church should know about. Please limit to close-extended family. We will put their names (and relation to you if you desire) in the email update. The names will be removed after a few weeks unless requested otherwise.

Thank you. Kelli Lujan 401-0928 or email kellilu@gmail.com

Announcements for September 12-18th, 2021

A note from your Pastor...

Hello Highlanders,
I can't tell you how excited all of us on staff are that today is kick-off Sunday! We have been preparing for our move to our new worship schedule - 2nd Mile @9:00am in the fellowship hall; Sunday school @10:00am; & Traditional worship @11:00am in the sanctuary - for the last month, and while we know things won't exactly be 'normal' or necessarily feel like they did 'pre-covid', we know that this schedule helps us reach out with God's Love to each other and our neighbors in the best way possible, with diverse, high quality worship and education.
We hope that you will join us as we start a new year and begin to look forward to what God has planned for us. This Sunday, in both of our worship services, we will begin a new series called "BLESS: 5 Everyday Ways to Love Your Neighbor and Change the World.' The series, which is based on a book of the same name by Dave and Jon Ferguson, seeks to demystify our call to make a difference in the world and to give us practical, clear ways that we can Share God's Love with each other. The book will also be the focus of the Wednesday night adult Bible study that I will be leading starting next Wednesday, Sept. 15th. We have purchased several copies of the book and they are available for purchase or you can buy your own by
clicking here. We hope that you will join us on this adventure of following God and Blessing our neighbors.
Finally, I also want to invite you to our Mission Fair, which will happen on the front lawn during the Sunday school hour this Sunday. We will have coffee and donuts, but more importantly, we will have ways that you can get involved in the mission and ministry of this church and our attempts to share God's love with the community. So come, grab a snack or a cup of coffee on the way to Sunday school or stay and fellowship; either way don't miss your chance to get involved in what God is doing at HPC.
See you there!
Sharing God's Love
~Chip

The Highland Learning Center is accepting new enrollments! Highland Learning Center offers educational and Christian activities, with one-on-one care from qualified teachers and staff. We offer five different classroom options based on age. Please stop by or call the HLC Director, Jette Hamby, at 485-2591 for more information.

Wednesday, September 15th

Menu: *Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert*

Make your reservations now!
Call 401-0928

Elder Suggestion Forms
It is time for the Congregation to offer names for consideration for Elders for the Class of 2024. Please be mindful of the Suggestions for Elders Form (green paper) by the locked boxes at Reception Desk as well as Sanctuary.

Scheduling of Meetings/Rooms
Hello church friends! Do you have a committee or church-related group that needs to meet? Contact Kelli Lujan (kellilu@gmail.com or 910-401-0928) for space-available. I will need the date and time and I will put everything on our church calendar, that way you will know where you're supposed to be and when you're supposed to be there!It's really that easy!

YOUTH

Good to see everyone for Kickoff Sunday!

Chick-Fil-A breakfast I will be at Chick-Fil-A every Wednesday morning at 6:45 for Middle School and 7:30 for High School (and our private school folks who start later). We'll be back to the old way of doing things, so you'll get your own breakfast and then we'll sit together and chat, have a prayer, and off you go to school.
First Sunday Night Youth Group: Sept 12th 5:00pm
Due to low water on the river, we will have to reschedule our rafting trip for the Spring. We'll get you info as we get closer, but for now, we look forward to seeing you here for Kickoff Sunday!
Wednesday Night Activities begin Sept 15th
5:00 Dinner
5:45-6:45 Youth: Girls with Amanda Harrell, Boys with Chris
5:45-6:15 Praise Ringers Handbells with Pam ages 10-15 (looking for ringers)
Raven Rock Hiking Trip: Sunday, September 19: (Rescheduled from August 29)- This weekend was not good for anyone's schedule, and the weather should be a bit cooler in a few weeks. If you would like to participate, call, text, or email Chris.
After that we'll be back on our normal schedule with Youth every Sunday at 5:00 including a meal, a devotion, and something fun each week.
Busch Gardens Trip: Friday, Oct 22- Sunday, Oct 24
Roller Coasters and Camping and Haunted Houses all in one weekend.
If you are like me, what more could you ask for? Early RSVPs are appreciated so we can start to make plans. We'll get out official details soon.
Make sure you and your kids are in our Remind group. If not, let me know.
Christopher Jackson
Director of Youth and Worship Ministries
910-401-0923 || 910-309-3030
chris@hpchurch.org

September 12, 2021
11:00am

HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Sixthteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRESERVICE MUSIC — Be Still My Soul

GATHERING

PRELUDE — Lift High the Cross — arr. Gordon Young

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are met in the presence of God
All: And we do not meet alone.
One: With the angels in the highest heaven
All: We gather to worship the Lord.
One: With Abraham and Sarah
All: We gather to worship the Lord.
One: With the saints of every age.
All: We gather to worship the Lord.
One: We embark on our own journey of faith
All: God's Holy name be praised.
One: God makes of us a great people
All: God's Holy name be praised.
One: In the desert and in the den, in barrio and basilica
All: God's Holy name be praised.
One: We journey in the presence of God.
All: And we do not journey alone.

OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER