



Highlands

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 25, 2024

MISSIONS FESTIVAL - "SEE FARTHER"

Morning Worship - 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School and Communities - 9:45 a.m.

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 25, 2024

Gathering Song

Ancient of Days

Blessing and honor, glory and power
be unto the Ancient of Days!
From ev'ry nation, all of creation
bow before the Ancient of Days!

Words & Music: Jamie Harvill,
Gary Sadler, 1992
Arr. by Dan Galbrath

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory,
ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in worship.
You will be exalted, O God, and Your kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days!

Welcome

Meditation and Preparation for Worship

In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west,
in Him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

Words: John Newton, 1779.
Music: Mike Murphy, 2024

Jesus, King of kings, Lord of ev'ry man;
Jesus, Lord of lords, Whose kingdom never ends.

The Call to Worship

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.**

Pastor: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples!

Psalms 96:1-3

Christ for the World We Sing



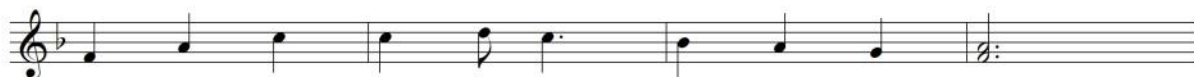
Christ for the world we sing; the world to
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Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal;
Christ we bring with fer - vent pray'r;
Christ we bring with one ac - cord;
Christ we bring with joy - ful song;



the poor and them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
the way - ward and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
with us the work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
the new - born souls whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,



sin - sick and sor - row worn, whom Christ doth heal.
re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Words: Anon., ca. 1757. Music by Felice de Giardini, 1769.

The Morning Prayer

We Bring God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offering plates will be passed, but you may place your offering in one of the offering boxes outside the sanctuary doors or inside the balcony entrance. To give online, please visit highlandspca.org or follow the QR code on page 7 of the bulletin.

Offertory: Holy Spirit

Words & Music: Keith Getty,
Stuart Townend, 2006

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord
come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your word to come alive in me,
give me faith for what I cannot see,
give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may Your joy be seen in all I do;
love enough to cover ev'ry sin
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace;
turn my strivings into works of grace,
breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show Your power once again on earth,
cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise,
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

The Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

We Receive God's Word

The Rev. Josh Johnson

SEE FARTHER

“The Name that Turns the World Right-side Up”

Pledges for Faith Promise

Ushers will pass offering plates.

Jesus Shall Reign



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc - ces - sive
2. To Him shall end - less - prayer be made, and end - less prais es
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev' - ry tongue dwell on His love with
4. Let ev' - ry crea - ture _ rise and bring his grate - ful hon - ors



jour - neys run; His king - dom spread from shore to shore,
crown His head; His name, like sweet per - fume, shall rise,
sweet - est song; and in - fant voi - ces shall pro - claim
to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,



till moons shall wax and wane no more.
with ev' - ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

Based on Psalm 72. Words by Isaac Watts, 1719. Music by John Hatton, 1793.

The Benediction

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Midweek at Highlands continues this Wednesday, February 28!

Join us this Wednesday for dinner and our Spring Midweek Series! Dinner begins at 5:15pm in the Atrium. Adult elective classes begin at 6:00. Children have playtime at 5:30, music in the sanctuary at 5:55, and teaching time at 6:15. Youth gather in The U at 5:30, play games at 5:45, and have worship and teaching at 6:15. All activities end by 7:00. This week's menu includes chopped steak, rice and gravy, green peas, and cobbler. A grilled chicken salad is also available as a meal. A kid's meal includes chicken tenders, green beans, and a cookie. Adult meals are \$6 each and kids' meals are \$4 each (family max is \$24). Please use the QR code to the right or visit highlandspca.org/midweek to reserve and pay for your meal.



————— Adult Electives —————

“Evangelism Training”

Joseph Wheat • Room 211

Jesus taught us to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20). This six week course will teach you how to faithfully share the gospel and fulfill this great calling.

“Christ in the Old Testament”

Danny Ketchum • Room 117

Join us as we take a fascinating journey through the many Old Testament predictions of the Advent and the accomplishments of Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah. It is exciting to see how the personal work of the coming Christ is clearly revealed throughout the pages of Old Testament history. This study is open to all adults.

For Men: “Let’s Study: Ephesians”

Brad Mercer • Room 210

A group discussion class for men based on Sinclair Ferguson's book, *Let's Study: Ephesians*. From its opening account of the rich blessings we have in Christ, to the final chapter which walks us through the reality of spiritual warfare, the book of Ephesians sets before us the wonder of God's grace, the privilege of belonging to the church, and the pattern of life transformation the gospel produces. Books will be provided.

For Women: “James for You” by Sam Allberry

Leigh Taylor & Olivia Strain • Room 212

What is the difference between genuine faith and counterfeit faith? How do we know for sure that our faith is real? How can we know joy even in trials, and patience even in suffering? James is a book full of practical, life-changing help for real life. Sam Allberry brings his clarity, wisdom and humor to every page.

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Wednesday night Adult Electives...continued from previous page.

For Women: “Lessons from the Upper Room” by Sinclair Ferguson
Room 301 ~ Robyn Farber & Sissy Jackson

Knowing the time was fast approaching for Him to depart this world, Jesus spent His final hours with His closest friends. As the disciples sat with their master, unaware of what would soon take place, Jesus served them, taught them, and prayed for them. Dr. Sinclair Ferguson paints a vivid picture of the disciples’ final moments with their Savior. Carefully walking through John 13-17, Dr. Ferguson reminds us of the centrality of Christ in all of life.

Women’s Spring Bible Studies continue.

Wednesday

9:30a.m. ~ Room 212 ~ Mom-to-Mom ~ Laurie Nordan
“Lessons from the Upper Room” by Sinclair Ferguson

9:30a.m. ~ Room 210 ~ Becky Brown & Clare Luke
“Twelve Ordinary Men” by John MacArthur

6:00p.m. ~ Room 212 ~ Leigh Taylor & Olivia Strain
“James for You” by Sam Allberry

6:00p.m. ~ Room 301 ~ Robyn Farber & Sissy Jackson
“Lessons from the Upper Room” by Sinclair Ferguson

Thursday

9:00a.m. ~ Room 210 ~ Sandra Dewey
Precepts: “I Timothy ~ The Church: The Pillar & Support of the Truth”
Zoom is also available.

Friday

7:00a.m. ~ Room 210 ~ Marilyn Tinnin & Cindy Mercer
“What a Royal Mess: A Study of I & II Kings” by Susan Tyner

GENERAL FUND GIVING UPDATE THROUGH FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Regular monthly giving provides for the ongoing ministry of Highlands. Offering plates will be passed during the 10:50 service only, or you may place your offering in one of the four wall-mounted boxes located outside the main sanctuary doors, just inside the balcony doors, or at the Welcome Desk. Your gifts can also be mailed to the church office or made through online giving at highlandspca.org. The QR code below links directly to our online giving page.

General Fund Budget through February, 2024	\$327,178
General Fund giving received through 2/18/24	\$229,883



Thank you for your support of the ministry and outreach of Highlands!

YOUTH MINISTRY

All Youth

Visitors, please join us in anything you see below. The Youth building is behind the church (we call it "The U").

- Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. in The U.
- Disc golf: 4 p.m. today. All are welcome; meet outside The U.
- Tonight: Small Groups, 5:00-7:00pm in The U. Game time from 7-8pm.
- Wednesdays - Youth Group: 5:45-7:00pm in the U.

Save the Date!

- April 5-7: Encounter Retreat (JrHi)
- June 10-15: RYM Colorado (SrHi)
- June 24-28: RYM Florida (JrHi)
- July 13-20: Yakama (SrHi)

Interim Director of Student Ministries: Steve Weeks · sweeks@highlandspca.org

JrHi Ministry Coordinator: Joel Blackmon · joel@highlandspca.org

JrHi Girls Coordinator: Avery Griffin · avery@highlandspca.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Promise for Missions: Please see page 11 of today's bulletin for more information on Missions and Faith Promise.

Midweek at Highlands resumes this Wednesday. See pages 5 and 6 for topics and meal reservations.

PLEASE HELP US GREET ON SUNDAY MORNINGS! A warm, friendly welcome is a gift to members and guests alike. Greeters serve in the Atrium between 8:15 a.m. and 8:40 a.m. at the early service or between 10:25 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. for the late service. *You can volunteer for as many or as few slots as you like!* Please sign up to serve, either as a couple or as an individual, at highlandspca.org/greeters OR use the QR code.



Save the Date!

March 13: NO MIDWEEK (Spring Break)

March 24: Palm Sunday. Children process and sing during the 10:50 service.

March 29: Good Friday service, 6:30 p.m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

March 31: Easter Sunday. 8:30 worship, 9:45 Sunday school, 10:50 worship

June 3-7: Vacation Bible School

Adult Sunday School

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

College

Current College Students

Leaders: Jim Brown and Chuck McBride

Room 212

Young Adults

Adults in their 20s

Leaders: Wesley Rule

Room 118

Lighthouse

Adults in their 30s

Leader: Michael Hawkins

Room 209

The Refuge

Adults in their 30s-40s

Leader: Scott Jones

Room 301

Covenant

Adults in their 40s-50s

Leaders: Clark Robinson and Thomas Gandy

Room 210

Seekers

Adults in their 50s-60s

Leaders: Kevin Russell and John Nordan

Room 211

Crossroads

Adults 60+

Leader: Charlie Saums

Fellowship Hall

For more information, contact Brad Mercer · bmercer@highlandspca.org
Highlands Presbyterian Church · 601-853-0636

<p style="text-align: center;">Nursery opens at 8:15am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kids' Sunday School 9:45am</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Age as of September 1, 2022</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Room 104</u> Infants <i>after shots - crawling</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Room 105</u> Toddlers <i>crawling - 23 months</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Room 106</u> Young 2 year-olds</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Room 107</u> Older 2 year-olds</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Room 108</u> 3 year-olds</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Nursery is provided for Sunday School & Worship.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For more information, please contact Julie Crosland at hmmo@highlandspca.org.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Room 305</u> K4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Room 306</u> K5</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Room 307</u> 1st and 2nd grade</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Room 310</u> 3rd and 4th grade</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Room 311</u> 5th Grade</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For more information, please contact Laurie Nordan at laurie@highlandspca.org.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Youth Sunday School 9:45-10:45am The U (behind the church) Steve Weeks, Interim Director of Student Ministries steve@highlandspca.org JrHi Ministry Coordinator: Joel Blackmon · joel@highlandspca.org Assistant JrHi Coordinator: Avery Bakarich · avery@highlandspca.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>JrHi (6th to 8th Grade)</u> <u>SrHi (9th to 12th Grade)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Both groups meet together for fellowship, then go to their respective classrooms for teaching time.</i></p>	



FAITH PROMISE FOR WORLD MISSIONS

Faith Promise for world missions is a specific amount of money or goods that you are willing to pledge – in faith that God will provide it. It is an amount over and above the tithe. At the time you make this pledge, the source of this provision may be unknown to you. This is a commitment to give by faith, based on God’s promises, expecting Him to enable you to give it.

Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to participate in world missions through Faith Promise this year. For those who currently give, please continue! If you would like to start supporting global missions, we suggest that you begin supporting Faith Promise at \$10 per week per family. You may use the QR code to make your pledge, or visit highlandspca.org/missions.

