



Highlands

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 4, 2024

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

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Gathering Song

Father, Long Before Creation

Father, long before creation, Thou hadst chosen us in love,
and that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still, it keeps us, still it keeps us firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Words: Chinese hymn, ca. 1951.
Translated by Francis Jones, 1953.
Chorus: Andrew Osenga.
Music: Andrew Osenga, 2005

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children must forever praise His name.

Welcome

Meditation and Preparation for Worship

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way,
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Words: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1902
Music: George C. Stebbins, 1907
Arranged by Mike Murphy, 2020

The Call to Worship

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**People: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.**

Pastor: And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Isaiah 60:1-3

Holy God, We Praise Your Name



Ho - ly God, we praise Your name;
Hark, the loud cel - est - ial hymn
Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son,



Lord of all, we bow be - fore You;
an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name You;



all on earth Your scep - ter claim,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
while in ess - ence on - ly One,



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore You.
in un - ceas - ing chor - us prais - ing,
un - di - vid - ed God we claim You,



In - fin - ite Your vast do - main,
fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord:
and a - dor - ing bend the knee,



ev - er - last - ing is Your reign.
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."
while we own this mys - ter - y.

Words: Based on Te Deum, ca. 4th cent. Attr. to Ignace Franz, ca. 1774. Tr. by Clarence A. Walworth, 1853; alt. 1990, mod.
Music: Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, ca. 1774.

The New Testament Reading

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12:5-7,10-14 ESV

How Sweet and Awesome




1.How sweet and awe - some is the place with
2.While all our hearts and all our songs join
3.“Why was I made to hear Your voice, and
4.'Twas the same love that spread the feast that
5.Pi - ty the na - tions, O our God, con -
6.We long to see Your chur - ches full, that



Christ with - in the doors, while
to ad - mire the feast, each
en - ter while there's room, when
sweet - ly drew us in, else
strain the earth to come, send
all the cho - sen race may



ev - er - last - ing love dis - plays the
of us cries, with thank - ful tongue, “Lord,
thou - sands make a wretch - ed choice, and
we had still re - fused to taste and
Your vic - tor - ious Word a - broad and
with one voice and heart and soul sing



choic - est of her stores.
 why was I a guest?"
 rath - er starve than come?"
 per - ished in our sin.
 bring the stran - gers home.
 Your re - deem - ing grace.

Words by Isaac Watts, 1707. Music: old Irish hymn melody.

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: Be Still and Know

Words & Music: Steven Curtis Chapman, 1999

Be still and know that He is God;
 be still and know that He is holy.
 Be still, O restless soul of mine,
 bow before the Prince of Peace;
 Let the noise and clamor cease.

Be still and know that He is God;
 be still and know that He is faithful.
 Consider all that He has done;
 stand in awe and be amazed
 and know that He will never change; be still.

Be still and know that He is God; be still, be speechless.

Be still and know that He is God;
 be still and know He is our Father.
 Come rest your head upon His breast;
 listen to the rhythm of His unfailing heart of love
 beating for His little ones, calling each of us to come:
 be still, be still.

The Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-6

We Receive God's Word

The Rev. Joseph Wheat

MOSES: FACE TO FACE WITH GOD

“We Are Not Consumed”

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al -
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! All the saints a -
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al -



migh - ty! Ear - ly in the morn - ing our
dore Thee! Cast - ing down their gol - den crowns a -
migh - ty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in



song shall rise to Thee; Ho - ly, Ho - ly,
round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and
earth, and sky, and sea; Ho - ly, Ho - ly,



Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!
ser - a-phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee
Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!
Who wert, and art, and ev - er more shalt be.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!

Words by Reginald Heber, 1783-1826. Music by John Dykes, 1861.

The Benediction

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GENERAL FUND GIVING UPDATE THROUGH JANUARY 28, 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 January, 2024 \$144,166

General Fund giving received through 1/28/24 \$101,635



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.
- 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.
- Next Sunday, February 11: Super Bowl Party in the Fellowship Hall, 5:00-8:00pm.

JrHi

- **TONIGHT:** Parent meeting for RYM, 4:30-5pm in the U.

Save the Date!

- March 1-3: Against the Flow Retreat (SrHi)
- April 5-7: Encounter Retreat (JrHi)
- June 10-15: RYM Colorado (SrHi)
- June 24-28: RYM Florida (JrHi)
- July 13-20: Yakama (SrHi)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Inquirer's Class begins today: If you are interested in becoming a member of Highlands or just want to know more about the church and our Presbyterian beliefs, please consider our Inquirer's Class for adults and youth (grades 9-12), which will be conducted on four consecutive Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45 beginning February 4. This class is required for those who wish to become members of Highlands. All prospective church members must be interviewed by a church elder at the conclusion of the class. To register, please visit highlandspca.org/inquirers or use the QR code.



Inquirer's Class

Last day to register! Women's Retreat — February 9-11: All women are invited to retreat to a place in the country as we pursue our Spiritual Gifts and Graces. We travel to The Country Place in Moscow, Tennessee, for Friday and Saturday nights, finishing with the last session on Sunday morning. Our speakers, Tammie Haynes and Laurie Nordan, will walk us through four passages of Scripture. Registration is open through today. For more information and to register, visit highlandspca.org/women or use the QR code. Brochures are available at the Welcome Desk.



Women's Retreat

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 on the left.



Greeting Ministry

Save the Date!

February 18-25: Missions Festival

June 3-7: Vacation Bible School

Midweek at Highlands continues this Wednesday, February 7!

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 a fried chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, greenbeans, and cookies. A grilled chicken salad is also available as a meal. A kid's meal includes chicken tenders, pasta with red or white sauce, 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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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

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