

Highland Presbyterian Church

January 28th, 2024
Ordination and Installation of Elders
10:30 a.m.



Highland Presbyterian Church seeks to be a *diverse* and *inclusive* Christian Community as we embody the love and forgiveness of Jesus by serving the Community and the World, drawing people to Christ.



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS



Prelude

Bless His Holy Name

Crouch/Leatherman

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Call to Worship

Ivan Colwell

One: Sing praise to God, who gathers us here;

All: from the ends of the earth we come.

One: With a word of promise, a spring of water,

All: a loaf of bread, and a cup of wine,

One: God turns our mourning into dancing, our sorrow into joy.

All: God calls us forth into hope. Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

Loving Spirit

Hymn 293

Call to Confession

Ivan Colwell

Prayer of Confession

God, lover of humankind, you have asked us to proclaim your name to all people. We confess that we have held back from doing that, shy and self-conscious. Forgive us, we pray, and empower us in Jesus' name and give us the hope we strive for. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

Time for the Children

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Ivan Colwell

Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, O God, and grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation through the reading of this, your Word. Amen.

Holy Scripture

Ephesians 1, selected verses

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before God in love. God destined us for adoption as children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his death, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight God has made known to us the mystery of the divine will, according to God's good pleasure that was set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

Anthem

Come Thou Font

Highland Choir

Sermon

“The Hope We Are Called To”

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Offertory

I Surrender All

Weeden/Berry

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (Communal)**

Holy One, we give you praise and thanks for these offerings. With Christ ascended by your side, we will be guided to use these gifts to further your vision of peace and love on earth. Amen.

Ordination and Installation of Elders

Susan Ambler, Jeff Bay, Bruce Clifford, Sarah Dennis, David Kemp

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Hymn

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Hymn 817

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Postlude

Gavotte

Wesley

Free Little Neighborhood Item of the Week

Our Free Little Neighborhood Item of the week is soup. After all the cold weather we have had, let's provide soup for our neighbors so they can have a warm meal.

Weekly Schedule for January 28th – February 4th

Sunday, January 28 – Annual Meeting **10:00 a.m.**
Sunday Worship **10:30 a.m.**.. (Ordaining and Installing Elders)
Session Training and Meeting **11:30 a.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**

Monday –

Tuesday – Quilters **9:00 a.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**

Wednesday – OA- **1 p.m.**

Thursday – PW Bible Study 1:30 p.m. in the **Parlor**
Piano Lessons 3:00 – **5:00 p.m.** in the **Sanctuary**


Friday –

Saturday –

Sunday, February 4 – Sunday Worship **10:30 a.m.**
Building & Grounds and Sustainability Committees **11:30 a.m.**
Black History Month Worship Service **3:00 p.m.** at the **Emmanuel
Presbyterian Church**

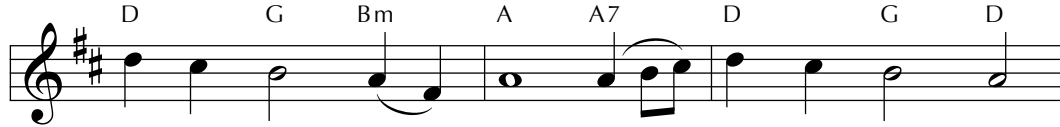
817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

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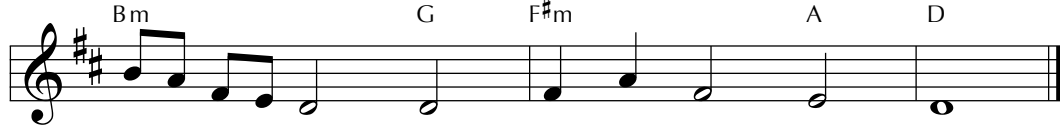
1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in

D G Bm A A7 D G D



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

Bm G F#m A D

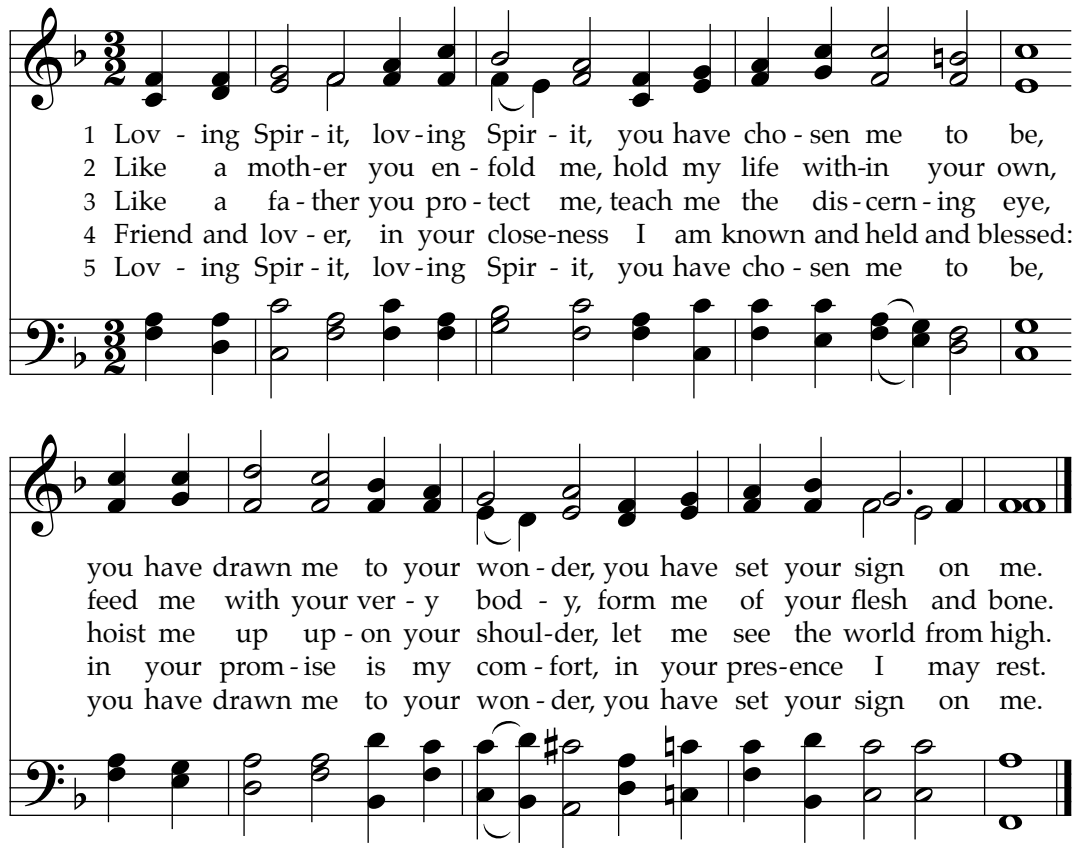


none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - jice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19-29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

Loving Spirit



1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,
 2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with-in your own,
 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close-ness I am known and held and blessed:
 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 hoist me up up - on your shoul-der, let me see the world from high.
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres-ence I may rest.
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

A gift to the whole church, the Holy Spirit is also experienced by individuals in meaningful ways such as those described in this reflective (and structurally circular) consideration of the relational aspects of the Spirit. The tune may have originated in a folk melody.

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MUSIC: Corner's *Gross Catholisch Gesangbuch*, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 19th cent.

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