

# Highland Presbyterian Church

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Trinity Sunday  
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

*Andante*

Guilmant

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## Gathering

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Welcome & Announcements

Matthew Benz-Whittington

### Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: Blessed be God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word, Abiding Spirit.

**All: Glory to God Forever. Amen.**

One: Jesus said, the way to see God's dream for the world is to be born from above by the Spirit.

**All: The way to part in that dream, says Jesus, is to be born of water and Spirit.**

One: That gift is available this day.

**All: May you receive God's Spirit, be made whole, and dwell more deeply in love divine. Amen.**

Welcome New Members

Pat & David Woody and Ashley Lee

\*Opening Hymn

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

Hymn 1

Call to Confession

Erica Patton

### Prayer of Confession (**Communal**)

**Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

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

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, ¶ 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, ¶ 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

Erica Patton

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**The Word**

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**Prayer for Illumination**

Erica Patton

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life; breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day. Draw us into communion, enable us to love, conspire to make us one with you for the world you so deeply love. Amen.

**Holy Scripture**

John 3:1—17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of

God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Anthem *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* Highland Choir

Sermon “The Foundation” Erica Patton

Statement of Faith (**Communal**) Excerpts from A Brief Statement of Faith (PC(USA))

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Offertory *Great is the Lord* Smith / Hayes

\*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**) Erica Patton

**Holy God, your love overflows in the gift of your Spirit. Bless these gifts that we offer that they may spread your blessing in a world of hurt and need, in Christ's name. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Erica Patton

The Lord's Prayer (**Communal**)

**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.**

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## Sending

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\*Closing Hymn *Today We are All Called to be Disciples* Hymn 757

\*Charge and Benediction Erica Patton

Postlude *Rondeau* Krieger

## **Free Little Neighborhood Item of the Week**

Our Free Little Neighborhood Item of the week is summer supplies. The weather is getting warmer, and people will be outside more often. Pick up sunscreen, bug spray, a hat or any other items that would be useful during the summertime.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Summer Presbytery Education Series Hymn Study on Zoom**

Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Chancel Choir member, Dianna Koebke, is offering a way to stay engaged in worship education through the summer. This **Hymn Study** is designed to nurture and educate through a new discipleship opportunity via Zoom and open to all interested. It's **Wednesdays from 7-8pm June through July**.

Please contact Dianna at [dturmand@gmail.com](mailto:dturmand@gmail.com) or Rev. Mark Lampley at [mlampley@sequoyahchurch.org](mailto:mlampley@sequoyahchurch.org) if you have questions and/or wish to register to receive the link & password. You can also call the office at (865) 522-9804

### **Juneteenth Presbytery Worship Service Erin Presbyterian Church**

What is the newest federal holiday in the U.S.? If you guessed **Juneteenth**, you would be correct. In 2021, President Joe Biden signed the "Juneteenth National Independence Day Act," forever designating June 19th as America's 12th federal holiday!

**On Sunday June 23rd , Erin Presbyterian, 200 Lockett Road, Knoxville, will observe Juneteenth with a 10 a.m. worship service including an original choral reading, poetry, liberation hymns, special piano/organ selections, and the rich baritone voice of recognized guest artist Maurice Hendricks.** Interim Pastor Anne McKee and the Erin congregation welcome all guests to this celebration of freedom!

Weekly Schedule for May 26<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday, May 26 – Sunday Worship **10:30 a.m.**  
Mission Committee **11:30 a.m.**

Monday –

Tuesday –

Wednesday – OA- **1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

Thursday – Piano Lessons **3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary**

Friday –

Saturday – Basket Group **All Day in Fellowship Hall**

Sunday, June 2 – Sunday Worship **10:30 a.m. (Communion)**  
Building & Grounds Committee **11:30 a.m.**  
Worship Committee **11:30 a.m.**