

Highland Presbyterian Church

November 10th, 2024
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

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Atkinson / Wagner

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: As we gather for worship,

All: let us offer praise to God.

One: As we join voices and hearts,

All: we learn the importance of each one of us.

One: As we find unity in the wider body of Christ,

All: we learn that our whole is more than its parts. Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

All Creatures of our God and King

Hymn 15

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of the Day (**Communal**)

Dear Lord, you are our only hope. Teach us to put our trust in you. God, you are our help. Teach us the path of righteousness and turn us from the ways of the wicked, for we know that you love those who do justice. We will forever praise you for the glory of your righteous reign, now and forever. Amen.

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 \sharp) (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

Holy God, let your Spirit now move in us, to turn us away from the temporary and move us to your eternal love made visible in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Holy Scripture

1st Samuel 8

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second was Abijah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. Yet his sons did not follow in his ways but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice.

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only, you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots, and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves and the best of your cattle and donkeys and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And on that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you on that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! We are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." When Samuel heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. The Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice and set a king over them." Samuel then said to the Israelites, "Each of you return home."

Anthem *Psalm 139* Highland Choir

Sermon "Following God" Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Offertory *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Runyan / Johnson

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymn 609

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (**Communal**)

O God, you give us life; you are the source of every blessing. These offerings are but a token of our gratitude to you. Use them, and us, to work your will in this world you love, and let all we say and do be to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the 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

The Church's One Foundation

Hymn 321

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Postlude

Praeludium

Fischer

Free Little Neighborhood Item of the Week

Our Free Little Neighborhood Item of the week is cold weather clothing. As the weather is getting colder, please donate any hats, gloves, scarves, jackets, or socks you may not be using anymore or new ones you would be willing to buy.

Upcoming Events

Small and Mighty Youth Sunday, November 10th

The youth (5th-12th grade) of Highland are invited to our next Small and Mighty Youth event, a Friendsgiving dinner at **Farragut Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 10th at 4:00 p.m.** Youth are welcome to bring a dish to share, and we can carpool to the event. RSVP to Pastor Matthew!

Happy Highlanders November and December

We hope you can join us **Tuesday, November 19, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** as we gather in the Parlors to create Christmas ornaments and decorate the Parlor Christmas tree together. Please note the time change for a 2-hr event. Please bring your lunch and join us.

In December, we will come together for our annual Christmas luncheon on **Tuesday, December 10th, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.** This year it will be a potluck at the home of Bruce and Pam Clifford, and Pam will be sending out an email with a link to the potluck sign-up sheet. If you do not have email, please let Pam or Bruce know you will plan to attend and what you would like to bring to share. This is always a highlight of the Happy Highlander year, and we look forward to enjoying celebrating together.

Highland Soup Lunch Sunday, November 24th

Stay after worship on Sunday, November 24th as we enjoy a soup lunch and time together in our fellowship hall. You can get a bowl (or two) of soup while we are together, and we'll have containers for you to take soup home. We invite you to bring a soup to share and you can contact anyone from the Hospitality Committee to let them know what soup you'll bring. We will accept donations that day and all proceeds will go towards our accessibility entrance loan payments.

15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts
 3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

Harmony

and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 ows of the night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison

O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon
 O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for
 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-
 Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

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1 The chur-ch's one foun-da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

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