

Highland Presbyterian Church

September 8th, 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

Sarabande HWV 439

Handel

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: Trust in the Lord,

All: who made heaven and earth;

One: trust in the Lord,

All: who loves every part of it.

One: Trust in the Lord,

All: who cares for those in need;

One: Let us worship God,

All: who shows us the way.

*Opening Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Hymn 20

Call to Confession

Jeremy Lloyd

Prayer of Confession (Communal)

Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and shun those we do not know or love, we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life. Of this we are aware, and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit, that we will be able, through your help, to walk in the way you intend for us. Forgive us and lead us, in Jesus' name. 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 \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, whose Spirit comes to us in moments of both strength and weakness, come now into our midst that we might be able to hear your Word in fullness and in truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Anthem

Eye Has Not Seen

Highland Choir

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Statement of Faith **(Communal)**

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. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Moment for Mission

Peace & Global Witness

Jeremy Lloyd

Offertory

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Runyan / Johnson

*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)**

Generous God, thank you for these gifts we bring from your abundance. Bless gifts and givers to show your love to all those in need through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, healer of the sick, advocate of the afflicted, provider for the poor. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

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.

Sending

*Closing Hymn *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Hymn 610

*Charge and Benediction Rev. Matthew Benz-Whittington

Postlude *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* Anonymous / Johnson

Free Little Neighborhood Item of the Week

Our Free Little Neighborhood Item of the week is canned vegetables. Next time you're at the grocery store, please pick up canned veggies of any variety so we can continue to feed our neighbors.

Upcoming Events

Blount County Pride Events

On **Sunday, September 8** Blount Co. Pride will host an interfaith worship service at the **Bird and the Book**. The service will be at **3:00 p.m.** and will feature music, prayers, a Time for the Children and speakers from several faith communities in the area.

Small and Mighty Youth Sunday, September 15th

The youth of Highland (5th-12th grade) are invited to join our youth ministry partnership, Small and Mighty Youth, for our next gathering on **Sunday, September 15th at the Maryville College Ropes Course**. We will do either the high or low ropes course and eat dinner at the McArthur Pavilion. Let Pastor Matthew know if your child would like to attend.

Happy Highlanders Tuesday, September 17

Join the Happy Highlanders, Highland's older adult ministry, on **Tuesday, September 17** for our biggest trip of the year as we travel to the Cumberland County Playhouse to watch the comedy *Unnecessary Farce*. We will carpool from Highland to Crossville, enjoy the show, have an early dinner after at the Homestead Harvest Restaurant at Cumberland Mountain State Park, and return to Highland. The show is at 1pm (Central), so we will plan to leave at 10:45. Tickets need to be purchased by mid-August. Please contact Pastor Matthew to purchase your ticket for \$25.

Weekly Schedule for September 8th- September 15th

Sunday, September 8 – Sunday School **9:30 a.m.**
 Sunday Worship **10:30 a.m.**
 Session **11:30 a.m.**
 Blount County Pride Interfaith Service at the Bird and the Book **3:00 p.m.**

Monday –

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

Wednesday – OA **1 p.m.** in **Fellowship Hall**
 Choir Practice **7:00 p.m.**

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

Friday –

Saturday –

Sunday, September 15 – Sunday School **9:15 a.m.**
 Sunday Worship **10:30 a.m.**
 Potluck Lunch **11:30 a.m.**
 Small & Mighty Youth at Maryville College Woods 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

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 Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001

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