



# Highlands

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**September 3, 2023**

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

September 3, 2023

## Gathering Song

Hallelujah, What a Savior!

Words by Philip Paul Bliss, 1875

Music by Mike Murphy, 2023

Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God, who came  
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood,  
sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die, "It is finished!" was His cry;  
now in heaven exalted high: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring,  
then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! what a Savior!

## Welcome

## Meditation and Preparation for Worship

Jesus Loves Me

Words by Anna Warner, 1859

Music by William Bradbury, 1861

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died, heaven's gate to open wide,  
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in.

## The Call to Worship

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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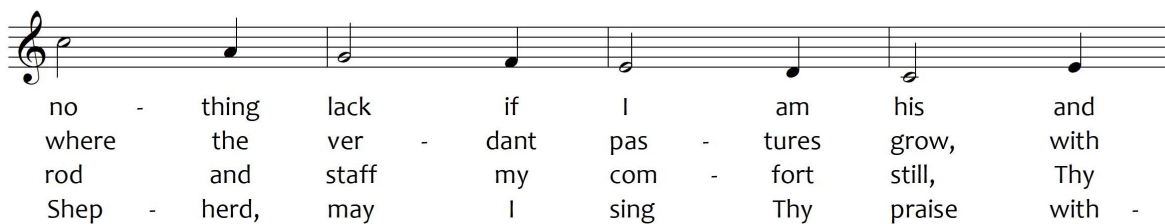
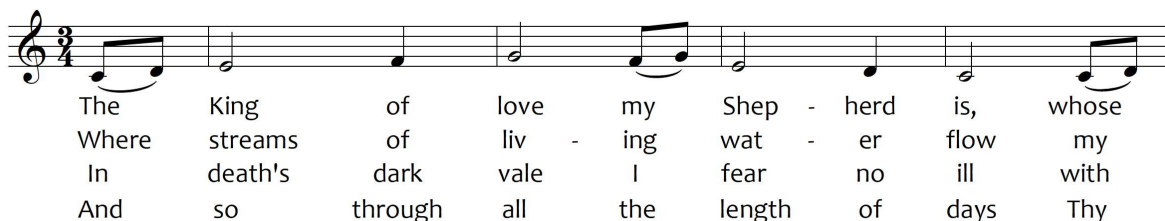
Pastor: Where does our help come from?

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus!

Includes Psalm 121:1, Psalm 124:8, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

## The King of Love



Words: Henry Baker (from Psalm 23), 1868. Tune: St. Columba (Ancient Irish Melody)

## The Confession of Faith

We believe that Jesus Christ presented Himself in our place before His Father, appeasing God's wrath by offering Himself on the tree of the cross. There He poured out His precious blood to purge away our sins - just as the prophets foretold. Jesus died as the righteous for the unrighteous. He suffered in body and soul, feeling the horrible punishment caused by our sins. All this He endured for the forgiveness of our sins. Therefore we rightly say that we know nothing except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. We count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus our Lord. We find comfort in His wounds, and have no need to seek or invent any other means of reconciliation with God other than His once-for-all sacrifice.

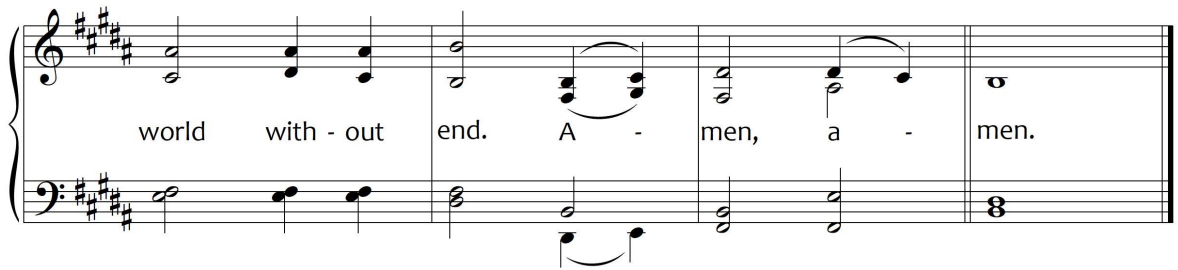
From the Belgic Confession of Faith, Article 21

## Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it

was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,



Lyrics - 2nd cent.; tr. Music by Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

## The Morning Prayer

### We Bring God's Tithes and Our Offerings

*At the 8:30 a.m. service, please place your offering in one of the offering boxes outside the sanctuary doors or inside the balcony entrance. Offering plates will be passed at the 10:50 a.m. service. To give online, please visit [highlandspca.org](http://highlandspca.org) or follow the QR code on page 9 of the bulletin.*

#### **Offertory: Jesus, Strong and Kind**

Words and Music by Colin Buchanan,  
Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren,  
Rich Thompson, 2019

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.

No one else can satisfy; I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.

No one else can be my strength; I should come to Him.

For the Lord is good and faithful;

He will keep us day and night.

We can always run to Jesus:

Jesus strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.

No one else can be my shield; I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me.

And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.

# The Scripture Reading

Mark 14:1-9

## We Receive God's Word

The Rev. Joseph Wheat

DOES JESUS MATTER?

“Anointed in Love”

### Fairest Lord Jesus



Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,  
Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands,  
Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!



O Thou of God and man the Son,  
robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring.  
Son of God and Son of Man!



Thee will I cher - ish, Thee will I hon - or, Thou  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er, Who  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now



my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
and for - ev - er - more be Thine.

Words: German hymn, 1677; Tr. 1850, 1873. Music: Silesian folk song, 1842.

## The Benediction

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Midweek at Highlands continues this Wednesday, September 6.** See pages 7 and 8 for the menu, schedule, and adult electives, or visit [highlandspca.org/midweek](http://highlandspca.org/midweek).

**Exercise Class for Women - September 5 - November 9:** Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a little light exercise and a whole lot of fun! We'll walk on Tuesdays; on Thursdays, Lynda Assink will teach us how to move better and improve our balance. There's a special kick-off luncheon on September 5 after we finish our walk. Please register at [highlandspca.org/women](http://highlandspca.org/women). For questions, please contact Laurie Nordan at [laurie@highlandspca.org](mailto:laurie@highlandspca.org).

**Churches on the Air - September 9 at Highlands:** Jackson Amateur Radio Club and Highlands will host the annual international "Churches on the Air" event outdoors on September 9 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Ham radio operators will make contact with other hams around the world and attempt to contact the International Space Station as it passes overhead. Guests will be invited to participate and learn about the purpose and method of amateur radio. All are invited! For more information, please contact Frank Howell at [k4fmh@arrl.net](mailto:k4fmh@arrl.net).

**Inquirer's Class begins September 10:** If you are interested in becoming a member or just want to know more about the church and our Presbyterian beliefs, please consider our Inquirer's Class, which will be conducted on four consecutive Sunday mornings beginning September 10. This class is for adults and youth (grades 9-12). Please note that the class is required for those who wish to become members of Highlands, and all prospective church members must be interviewed by an elder. Please register by using the QR code to the right or at [highlandspca.org/inquirers](http://highlandspca.org/inquirers).



**Women's Fall Event - September 24, 5-7 p.m.** Please join us Sunday, September 24 in the Atrium for our Fall Event: "Create with Cindy ~ One for You/One for Me". Each of us will have our own project to create while Cindy Mercer walks us through each step. A \$10 fee will cover the costs of supplies for the project. Please register at [bit.ly/HPCCreate](https://bit.ly/HPCCreate) or use the QR code on the back page so we will know how many to plan for and the nursery needs. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Contact Laurie Nordan at [laurie@highlandspca.org](mailto:laurie@highlandspca.org) for more information. Come enjoy rich fellowship around the tables with one another!

### Save the date!

#### 2023

October 29 - Harvest Festival

December 3 - Highlands Family Christmas

#### 2024

January 26-27 - Men's Retreat - Twin Lakes

February 9-11 - Women's Retreat - Moscow, TN

February 18-25 - Missions Festival

## **Midweek at Highlands continues this Wednesday, September 6!**

Join us this Wednesday evening for dinner and our Fall Midweek Series! Dinner begins at 5:15 p.m. in the Atrium. Adult elective classes begin at 6:00 p.m. 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 fried catfish, macaroni and cheese, turnip greens, hushpuppies, and cake. A kid's meal includes pizza, a fruit cup, 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 to reserve and pay for your meal, or visit [highlandspca.org/midweek](http://highlandspca.org/midweek).



Midweek Meals

### **———— Adult Electives ————**

#### **“The Passage That Changed My Life”**

Pastors' Class • Room 211

Each week a different pastor, staff member, or elder will give a “teach and testimony” based on the Bible passage that literally changed his life. This elective offers practical Bible teaching and a unique opportunity to get to know our Highlands leaders.

#### **“I Corinthians”**

Danny Ketchum • Room 118

The Apostle Paul shared the Gospel of Christ with the most immoral city in Europe, Corinth. Not only was Paul specific about those biblical doctrines which every Christian should understand, he also unveils the exciting truths of what is waiting for believers in God's heavenly kingdom.



### **For Men: “The Hole in Our Holiness”**

Brad Mercer • Room 210

A group discussion class for men based on Kevin DeYoung’s book, *The Hole in Our Holiness*. This profound and practical book focuses on all that Christ has saved us *from* and all that Christ has saved us *for*. Books will be provided.

### **For Adults in their 20s and 30s: “Romans”**

Wesley Rule • Room 209

A group discussion of the book of Romans. Study questions are provided ahead of each week to facilitate discussion and provide application. The aim of the group is to discover the riches of the book of Romans, and to learn how to study the Bible together.

### **For Women: “Parenting Like Our Father”**

Leigh Taylor & Olivia Strain • Room 212

Author Christina Fox’s *Like Our Father* explores the Scriptures to discover the goodness of the God who makes us His own. As God’s beloved creatures, we bear His image—that is, we show others who He is as we glorify Him. Instead of focusing on parenting techniques, Fox shows us who God is, who we are in light of that, and how God’s character gives form and shape to our parenting.

### **For Women: “Choosing Forgiveness”**

Robyn Farber & Sissy Jackson • Room 301

In *Choosing Forgiveness: Moving from Hurt to Hope*, celebrated teacher Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth delves into God’s Word to uncover the promises and expose the myths of forgiveness. Discover specific ways to put God’s grace and mercy into practice and to forgive others as God has forgiven you.

## GENERAL FUND GIVING UPDATE THROUGH AUGUST 27, 2023

Regular monthly giving provides for the ongoing ministry of Highlands. You may place your offering in the offering plate during the worship service or 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](http://highlandspca.org). The QR code below links directly to our online giving page.

General Fund Budget 2023	\$2,427,829
General Fund Budget through September, 2023	\$1,442,130
General Fund giving received through 8/27/23	\$1,340,795



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
- No Small Groups tonight (Labor Day)
- Youth Group Wednesday: 5:45 - 7:00 p.m. in the U.

### SrHi

- October 7-10: Beach Retreat! Save the date. More details to follow.

### JrHi

- November 3-5: Fall Retreat! Save the date...more details to follow.

Pastor of Student Ministries: Billy Meenan · [billy@highlandspca.org](mailto:billy@highlandspca.org)

JrHi Ministry Coordinator: Joel Blackmon · [joel@highlandspca.org](mailto:joel@highlandspca.org)

JrHi Girls Coordinator: Avery Griffin · [avery@highlandspca.org](mailto:avery@highlandspca.org)

SrHi Girls Coordinator: Hope Brown · [hope@highlandspca.org](mailto:hope@highlandspca.org)

## Women's Bible Studies

### Fall 2023

#### Wednesday:

9:30a.m. ~ Room 212 ~ Mom-to-Mom ~ Laurie Nordan

*Like Our Father: How God Parents Us and Why That Matters for Our Parenting*  
by Christina Fox

9:30a.m. ~ Room 210 ~ Becky Brown & Clare Luke

*Twelve Extraordinary Women: How God Shaped Women of the Bible  
and What He Wants to Do with You* by John MacArthur

6:00p.m. ~ Room 212 ~ Mom-to-Mom ~ Leigh Taylor & Olivia Strain

*Like Our Father: How God Parents Us and Why That Matters for Our Parenting*  
by Christina Fox

6:00p.m. ~ Room 301 ~ Robyn Farber & Sissy Jackson

*Choosing Forgiveness: Moving from Hurt to Hope* by Nancy Leigh DeMoss

#### Thursday:

9:00a.m. ~ Room 210 ~ Sandra Dewey

*Precepts: James* (beginning September 7)

Faith that's real...how you should live out your Christian life.

#### Friday:

7:00a.m. ~ Room 210 ~ Marilyn Tinnin & Cindy Mercer

*Psalms: At His Feet* by Hope Blanton & Christine Gordon

Contact Laurie Nordan for more information at 601-941-3488 or [laurie@highlandspca.org](mailto:laurie@highlandspca.org).

## CHURCH OFFICERS

### THE SESSION

Jim Brown	Shannon Carroll	Craig Crosland
Carroll Dew*	Richard Dixon	Hap Farber
Scott Jones	Chuck McBride	Bill McDonald
Mac McGehee	Billy Mounger	Clay Parker
Jim Pettis	Clark Robinson	Kevin Russell
Stephen Sellers	Monty Simpkins	Brad Tisdale
Trey Toler	Will Watson	Andrew Wilson
Max Yates		
*Emeritus		

### THE DIACONATE

Randy Assink	Jay Austin	Matthew Bailey
Nathan Beavers	Barr Biggs	Trent Butler
T. C. Castleberry	Todd Clark	Bryan Clay
Scott Day	Jerry Eichelberger	Craig Eversole
Ryan Farmer	Thomas Gandy	Mike Green
David Harbaugh	Michael Hawkins	Gary Heine
Chip Johnson	Andy Sensing	Chandler Strain
Andy Thaggard	Doug Walters	Steve Weeks
Taylor Wilson		

## CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor	Joseph Wheat
Senior Associate Pastor	Bradford Mercer
Assistant Pastor	Billy Meenan
Director of Music	Mike Murphy
Women's and Children's Ministries Director	Laurie Nordan
Young Adults Ministry Coordinator	Wesley Rule
Junior High Ministry Coordinator	Joel Blackmon
Assistant Junior High Ministry Coordinator	Avery Griffin
Nursery Coordinator	Julie Crosland
Director of Administration	Larnie Shinnick
Administrative Assistant, Receptionist	Marsha Areundo
Administrative Assistant, Financial	Cherita Swanson
Administrative Assistant, Ministry Support	Becky Brown
Housekeeping	Kathy Richardson
Facility and Grounds Maintenance	Damon Winston

For additional contact information, please call the church office at 601.853.0636 or visit our website at [highlandspca.org](http://highlandspca.org).

# **Adult Sunday School**

**9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

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## **College**

Current College Students

Leaders: Jim Brown and Chuck McBride

Room 212

## **Young Adults**

Adults in their 20s-30s

Leaders: Michael Hawkins, David Harbaugh,  
Mitch Autrey, and Gabe May

Room 209

## **The Refuge**

Adults in their 30s-40s

Leader: Scott Jones

Room 301

## **Covenant**

Adults in their 40s-50s

Leaders: Clark Robinson and Thomas Gandy

Room 210

## **Seekers**

Adults in their 50s-60s

Leaders: Kevin Russell and John Nordan

Room 211

## **Crossroads**

Adults 60+

Leader: Charlie Saums

Fellowship Hall

For more information, contact Bradford Mercer  
[bmercer@highlandspca.org](mailto:bmercer@highlandspca.org).

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<b>Nursery</b> opens at 8:15am	<b>Kids' Sunday School</b> 9:45am
<p><i>Age as of September 1, 2023</i></p> <p><b><u>Room 104</u></b>  Infants  <i>after shots - crawling</i></p> <p><b><u>Room 105</u></b>  Toddlers  <i>crawling - 23 months</i></p> <p><b><u>Room 106</u></b>  Young 2 year-olds</p> <p><b><u>Room 107</u></b>  Older 2 year-olds</p> <p><b><u>Room 108</u></b>  3 year-olds</p> <p>Nursery is provided for  Sunday School &amp; Worship.  For more information,  please contact Julie Crosland  at <a href="mailto:julie@highlandspca.org">julie@highlandspca.org</a>.</p>	<p><b><u>Room 305</u></b>  Pre-K4</p> <p><b><u>Room 306</u></b>  Kindergarten</p> <p><b><u>Room 307</u></b>  1st &amp; 2nd grades</p> <p><b><u>Room 310</u></b>  3rd &amp; 4th grades</p> <p><b><u>Room 311</u></b>  5th Grade</p> <p>For more information,  please contact Laurie Nordan  at <a href="mailto:laurie@highlandspca.org">laurie@highlandspca.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Youth Sunday School - 9:45 in The U</b></p> <p><b>JrHi - 6th to 8th grade</b></p> <p><b>SrHi - 9th to 12th grade</b></p> <p>Both groups meet together for fellowship,  then break up for teaching time.</p> <p><b>Pastor of Student Ministries - Billy Meenan</b>  <a href="mailto:billy@highlandspca.org">billy@highlandspca.org</a></p> <p><b>JrHi Ministry Coordinator - Joel Blackmon</b>  <a href="mailto:joel@highlandspca.org">joel@highlandspca.org</a></p> <p><b>JrHi Girls Coordinator - Avery Griffin</b>  <a href="mailto:avery@highlandspca.org">avery@highlandspca.org</a></p> <p><b>SrHi Girls Coordinator - Hope Brown</b>  <a href="mailto:hope@highlandspca.org">hope@highlandspca.org</a></p>	

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WOMEN'S FALL EVENT

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SEPTEMBER 24, 5-7p.m.

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FOR ME + ONE FOR YOU + ONE FOR ME + ONE FOR  
YOU + ONE FOR ME + ONE FOR YOU + ONE

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