



# Highlands

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**October 15, 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

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## Gathering Song

### Oh, How Good It Is

Words and music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty,  
Ross Holmes, Stuart Townend, 2012

Oh, how good it is when the family of God  
dwells together in spirit, in faith, and unity,  
where the bonds of peace, of acceptance, and love  
are the fruit of His presence here among us.

So, with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,  
and with one heart we'll live out His word.  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,  
for He dwells in the presence of His people.

## Welcome

## Meditation and Preparation for Worship

### We Are God's People

Words: Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976  
Music: Johannes Brahms, 1876  
Arranged by Fred Bock, 1976  
Adapted by Mike Murphy, 2023

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,  
born of His Spirit, established by His Word.  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone and strong in Him we stand.  
O, let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,  
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace.  
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire,  
Yet, joined in one, the flame burns on to give warmth and light and to inspire.

## The Call to Worship

Pastor: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**People: For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.**

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

*continued...*

**People: For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and sheep of his hand.**

from Psalm 95:2-6

### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let  
Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye  
O that with yon - der sa - cred throug we



an - gels pro - strate fall; bring forth the roy - al  
ran - somed of the fall, hail Him who saves you  
at His feet may fall; we'll join the ev - er -



di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord of  
by His grace, and crown Him Lord of  
last - ing song, and crown Him Lord of



all; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
all; hail Him who saves you by His grace, and  
all; we'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and



crown Him Lord of all.  
crown Him Lord of all.  
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Words by Edward Perronet (v.1,2) and John Rippon (v.3). Music by Oliver Holden, 1793

# The Old Testament Reading

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.  
For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;  
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”  
You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
‘I will establish your offspring forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.’”  
Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!  
For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?  
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,  
a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,  
and awesome above all who are around him?

Psalm 89:1-7

## In Christ There is No East or West



In Christ there is no east or west, in  
In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where there  
Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
In Christ now meet both east and west; in



Him no south or north, but one great fel - low - ship  
high com - mun - ion find; His ser - vice is the gol -  
e'er your race may be. New chil - dren of the liv -  
Him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are one



of love throughout the whole wide earth.  
den cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
ing God shall all be kin with thee.  
in Him throughout the whole wide earth.

# 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: For the Beauty of the Earth**

Words: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864

Music: Mike Murphy, 2023

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love:  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

For the beauty of the Lord's Church,  
lifteth holy songs above,  
offering up on ev'ry shore  
her pure sacrifice of love,

## The New Testament Reading

Ephesians 4:17-32

## We Receive God's Word

The Rev. Bradford Mercer

“Membership”

## The Church's One Foundation



The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her  
E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the  
The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de -



Lord; she is His new cre - a - tion by  
earth, her char - ter of sal - va - tion one  
fend, to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is



wa - ter and the Word: from heav'n He came and  
Lord, one faith, one birth; one ho - ly name she  
with her to the end; till with the vi - sion



sought her to be His ho - ly bride; with  
bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, and  
glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest, and



His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.  
to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.

Words: Samuel Stone, 1866, alt 2007. Music: Brian Moss. ©1996 Parson John Publishing

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Midweek at Highlands continues this Wednesday, October 18.** 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 continues this Tuesday, October 17:** Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for exercise and fun! We'll walk on Tuesdays; on Thursdays, Lynda Assink will lead us in exercise. If you have questions, please contact Laurie Nordan at [laurie@highlandspca.org](mailto:laurie@highlandspca.org).

**Crates for Ukraine 3.0:** Use the QR code to the left to contribute financially or to purchase needed items from Amazon and have them delivered to Highlands, where they will be packed and shipped to Ukraine. *All purchases from Amazon must be made by November 8 to allow time for delivery. All financial contributions should be completed by November 11.*



**TONIGHT...Crates for Ukraine Packing Party:** Join us at 5:00 in room 118 to pack crates with items that we have already collected. All are welcome!

**“Deck and Landscape Work Party” Saturday October 21, 8:00 a.m. until noon:** Everyone is invited to join the Deacons as we make repairs to “The U” deck and do landscape clean-up around our property. Tools and expertise not required, but would be welcomed.

**Flu and other vaccinations will be available at Highlands on Wednesday, October 25.** Walgreens will be here to provide flu, shingles, pneumonia, and Covid-19 vaccinations in the Atrium on October 25 from 5 until 6 p.m. There is no charge with your insurance and/or Medicare card. Although you don't need to register, you may download the form at [highlandspca.org/flu](http://highlandspca.org/flu) or use the QR code to the right.



**Harvest Festival, October 29 from 4:30-6:00p.m.:** Come join us outdoors for our Harvest Festival! We'll enjoy live blues and bluegrass music while the kids play on Space Jumps and outdoor games. Dinner is provided: adults may choose between a hamburger or bratwurst with baked beans and fries; kids will have hot dogs and fries. Be sure to leave room for dessert from our pie social! Children—Dress up in your favorite costume for our costume contest. Adults and Youth, please sign up to serve in various ways at [highlandspca.org/fallfest](http://highlandspca.org/fallfest) or use the QR code.



### Save the date!

**2023**

**December 3:** Highlands Family Christmas

**December 24 & 31:** Fellowship and light refreshments in the Atrium at 10:15 a.m., followed by ONE service at 10:50 a.m.

**December 24:** Christmas Eve service - 4:30 p.m.

**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, October 11!**

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 p.m., music in the sanctuary at 5:55 p.m., and teaching time at 6:15 p.m. Youth gather in The U at 5:30 p.m., play games at 5:45 p.m., and have worship and teaching at 6:15 p.m. All activities end by 7:00.

This week's menu includes fried chicken, broccoli-cheese casserole, pasta salad, and pecan pie. A grilled chicken salad is also available as a meal. A kid's meal includes pizza, green beans, a fruit cup, 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 or visit [highlandspca.org/midweek](http://highlandspca.org/midweek) to reserve and pay for your meal.



### **———— 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 OCTOBER 8, 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 October, 2023	\$1,590,228
General Fund giving received through 10/8/23	\$1,537,930



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.
- Small Groups: TONIGHT, 5:00-7:00 in The U. Hang out in the gym until 8:00. Dinner will be served..
- Youth Group: Wednesday: 5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the U.

### JrHi



- November 3-5: Fall Retreat! Follow the QR code at the left for details and registration.

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



# HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Sunday, October 29**  
**4:30 - 6:00**

Come join us outdoors for our Harvest Festival! We'll enjoy live blues and bluegrass music while the kids play on Space Jumps and outdoor games. Dinner is provided: adults may choose between a hamburger or bratwurst with baked beans and fries; kids will have hot dogs and fries. Be sure to leave room for dessert from our pie social! Children—Dress up in your favorite costume for our costume contest. Adults, please sign up to serve in various ways at [highlandspca.org/fallfest](https://highlandspca.org/fallfest) or use the QR code.

