



Highlands

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 15, 2024

Morning Worship - 9:00

Sunday School and Communities - 10:30

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Gathering Song

When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

Words and Music: James Milton Black, 1893

Arranged by Mike Murphy, 2024

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound
and time shall be no more,
and the morning breaks eternal bright and fair,
when the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,
and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

When the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder,
when the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Welcome

Meditation and Preparation for Worship

How Great Thou Art

Words: Stuart K. Hine, 1949

Swedish folk melody

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great thou art, how great Thou art!
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

The Call to Worship

Pastor: I love you, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

People: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.
For who is God, but the Lord?
And who is a rock, except our God?

Pastor: He is my God who has equipped me with strength
and made my way blameless.
He made my feet like the feet of a deer
and set me secure on the heights.

ALL: For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations,
and sing praises to your name!

From Psalm 18 ESV

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Re - joice the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
Je - sus, the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
Re - joice - in glor - ious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and
joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er -
He had purged our stains, He took his seat a -
keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus
take His ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal
more. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re -
bove.
giv'n.
home.
joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

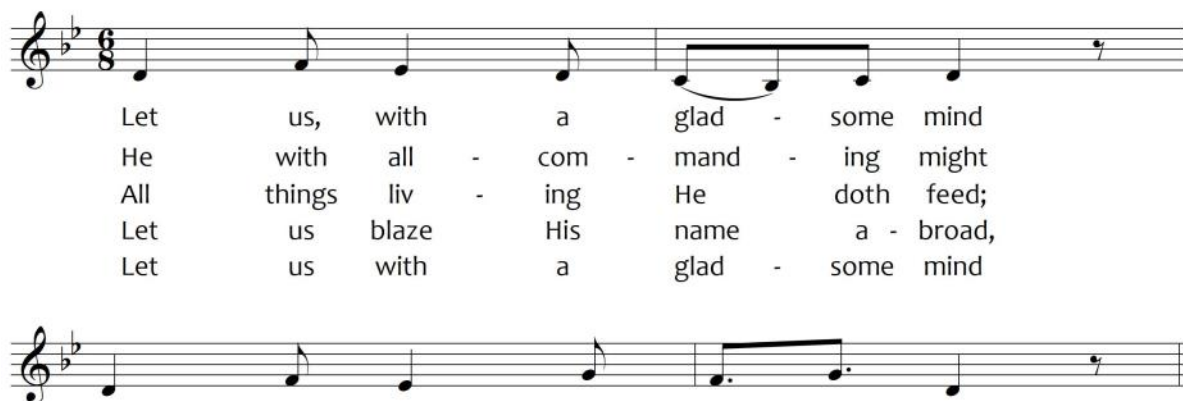
Words by Charles Wesley, 1746. Music by John Darwell, 1770.
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The New Testament Reading

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ESV

Let Us With a Gladsome Mind



The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of two lines of music. The first line has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence. The second line continues the melody with a similar cadence.

Let us, with a glad - some mind
He with all - com - mand - ing might
All things liv - ing He doth feed;
Let us blaze His name a - broad,
Let us with a glad - some mind

praise the Lord, for He is kind:
filled the new - made world with light:
His full hand sup - plies our need:
for of gods He is the God:
praise the Lord, for He is kind:



From Psalm 136. Words by John Milton, 1624. Music: anonymous.

The Morning Prayer

We Bring God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offering plates will be passed, but you may place your offering in one of the offering boxes outside the sanctuary doors or inside the balcony entrance. To give online, please visit highlandspca.org or follow the QR code on page 7 of the bulletin.

Offertory: Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run:
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessing on His name, on His name.

He shall reign with us, He shall reign,
Jesus, our King of kings.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns, the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains.
The weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest, of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

The Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 33:24-27

We Receive God's Word

The Rev. Joseph Wheat

MOSES: FACE TO FACE WITH GOD

“Over and Under”

It Is Well with My Soul

When peace like a ri - ver at - ten - deth my way, when
My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!— my
O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the
sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall re -
lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is
cross and I bear it no more; praise the
sound and the Lord shall de - scend, "Ev - en
well, it is well with my soul."
Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
so," it is well with my soul.

It is well (It is well) with my soul; (with my

soul;) it is well, it is well with my soul.

Words by Horatio Spafford, 1873. Music by Philip Bliss, 1876.

The Benediction

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GENERAL FUND GIVING UPDATE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Regular monthly giving provides for the ongoing ministry of Highlands. Although offering plates will be passed during the worship service, you may place your offering 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. The QR code to the right links directly to our online giving page.

General Fund Budget through September 30, 2024 \$1,394,136

General Fund giving received through September 8 \$1,227,770



Thank you for your support of the ministry and outreach of Highlands!

HPC STUDENT MINISTRY

- **JR. AND SR. HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL** meet behind the church in "The U" at 10:30am (immediately following the worship service).
- **SMALL GROUPS TONIGHT:** Dinner at 5:00 pm, fun activity at 5:30, Worship and Small Groups from 6:00-7:00. Pick up and drop off from the Fellowship Hall.
- **MIDWEEK AT HIGHLANDS CONTINUES THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.** Join us for food, fun, worship and *Concise Theology* by J.I. Packer. Dinner is served at 5:15pm in the Atrium. Gather in The U at 5:30, play games at 5:45, worship and teaching at 6:15. All activities end by 7:00.

SAVE THE DATE!

- * 10/5-10/6: Fall Retreat at Twin Lakes
- * 11/2: Father/Son and Friends Event
- * 11/16: Mother/Daughter and Friends Event

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Steak Supper - TONIGHT, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Inquirer's Class continues today in Room 117: If you are interested in becoming a member or just want to know more about Highlands and our Presbyterian beliefs, please consider our Inquirer's Class, which is offered on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. This class is for adults and youth (grades 6-12). 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. Register at highlandspca.org/inquirers or use the QR code.



Midweek at Highlands continues this Wednesday, September 18: Menus and more information are on pages 9 – 10 and at highlandspca.org/midweek.

Mercy Sunday at Highlands – September 22: Representatives from Son Valley, Jackson Leadership, Mission First, Lifeline Children's ministry and the Canton Good News Club will join the various Adult Communities during the Sunday School hour. Please plan to attend these informative and interesting meetings.

Women's Fall Event: September 29, 5:00-7:00p.m. ~ Created to Create ~ Join us for an evening together as Marilyn Tinnin leads us to focus on how we mirror our creative God when we create. We will then walk through exhibits of various Highlands' artists who will display their creations for all to enjoy. Nursery is available upon request to laurie@highlandspca.org by September 25. Bring an appetizer to share. Please register in advance using the QR code or at highlandspca.org/women so we will know for how many to plan.



CRATES FOR UKRAINE 4.0: The Session of Highlands has approved a goal to fund TEN CRATES – a total of \$25,000, for medical supplies which will again be distributed by the churches MTW planted in Ukraine. You may donate (tax deductible) on our website at highlandspca.org/ukraine or by using the QR code at the left. Items will be purchased in bulk and packed by Park Cities Presbyterian Church in Dallas, then sent to our church in Lviv for distribution.



Save the Date!

- October 5-6: YOUTH Fall Retreat at Twin Lakes
- October 27: Harvest Fest
- November 2: YOUTH Father/Son and Friends Event
- November 16: YOUTH Mother/Daughter and Friends Event
- December 8: Highlands Family Christmas

Midweek at Highlands continues Wednesday, September 11!

Join us this Wednesday, September 11 for dinner and our Fall Midweek Series! The meal begins at 5:15pm in the Atrium. Adult elective classes begin at 6:00. Children have playtime at 5:30, music in the sanctuary at 5:55, and teaching time at 6:15 (see facing page for topics). 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 baked chicken, potato casserole, broccoli, Texas toast, and a cookie. A grilled chicken salad is also available as a meal. A kid's meal includes chicken tenders, green peas, 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 to reserve and pay for your meal.



Adult Electives

"Parenting with Understanding"

Room 211

A special Parenting class is being offered as part of our Midweek curriculum this fall. On Wednesdays from August 21 through September 25, Dr. Bill Richardson, Emily Jernigan, Dr. Mike Hillerman, and Joseph Wheat will address topics such as "Cultivating and Retaining Relationships with Your Kids," "Biblical Tips for Parenting Teens," "Navigating a Digital World with Your Teen," "The Rise of Anxiety in Our Kids," "Understanding Anger in Our Kids," and "Parenting for Spiritual Growth in Our Kids."

"God's Answers"

Danny Ketchum - Room 209

The great strength of the Reformed Faith is its willingness to provide biblical answers for life's most intriguing questions. Topics will include: How Reliable is the Bible? What kind of Man was Jesus? How Can I Know God's Will? What is Hell Like? What is Heaven Like? and more. This study is open to all adults.

For Men: Let's Study Ephesians

Brad Mercer - Room 210

A group discussion class for men based on Sinclair Ferguson's book, *Let's Study: Ephesians*. This is a great opportunity to build relationships with other men as we study God's Word together. Our focus will be Ephesians 4-6 and the second half of Ferguson's book. This is the practical/application section of the book. We will cover topics like fellowship, gifts, work, marriage, parenting, and spiritual warfare. Books will be provided.

For Women: In All Things - a Devotional Bible Study on Unshakeable Joy

Leigh Taylor & Olivia Strain - Room 212

Melissa Kruger's accessible and practical Bible study of the book of Philippians invites you to discover a joy and contentment that will carry you through every circumstance of life.

Continued...

For Women: Forever: Why You Can't Live Without It

Robyn Farber & Sissy Jackson - Room 301

Is this all you're living for? Instead of embracing the world's motto, "You only live once," follow Paul David Tripp as he unpacks the biblical truth of the world as a broken place, longing for a second chance. Come alive as you discover the meaning and redemption all this brokenness can bring to your life today.

Midweek

Elementary Age Kids

Fall, 2024

5:30-5:55 ~ Playground/Fellowship Hall

5:55-6:15 ~ Music in Sanctuary

6:15-7:00 ~ Teaching time

Grade:	Room:	Teaching topic
Pre-K 4	305	Bible Stories
K-5	306	Beginning Kid's Quest Catechism, Vol. 2
1st & 2nd Grades	307	Kid's Quest Catechism, Vol. 3
3rd & 4th Grades	310	The Names of God
5th Grade	311	The Secret of Handling Money

Women's Weekly Daytime Bible Studies

Wednesday

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

In All Things: Unshakeable Joy ~ A study of Philippians by Melissa Kruger

9:30a.m. ~ Room 210 ~ Becky Brown

What a Royal Mess: A Study of I & II Kings by Susan Tyner

Thursday - Begins September 5

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

Precepts: Isaiah Part 1 ~ Zoom is also available.

Friday

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

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Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

College

Current College Students

Leaders: Jim Brown and Chuck McBride

Room 212

Young Adults

Adults in their 20s-early 30s

Leaders: Gabe May and Wesley Rule

Room 118

Lighthouse

Adults in their 30s

Leaders: Drew Coker, Jim Scott, Chris Wolfe

Room 209

The Refuge

Adults in their 30s-40s

Leaders: Scott Jones and Andrew Wilson

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

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Nursery opens at 8:45am <i>Age as of September 1, 2024</i>	Kids' Sunday School 10:30am
<p><u>Room 104</u> Infants <i>after shots - crawling</i></p> <p><u>Room 105</u> Toddlers <i>crawling - 23 months</i></p> <p><u>Room 106</u> 2 year-olds</p> <p><u>Room 108</u> 3 year-olds</p> <p><i>Nursery is provided for Sunday School & Worship.</i></p> <p>For more information, please contact Julie Crosland at julie@highlandspca.org.</p>	<p><u>Room 305</u> K4</p> <p><u>Room 306</u> K5</p> <p><u>Room 307</u> 1st grade</p> <p><u>Room 309</u> 2nd and 3rd grade</p> <p><u>Room 310</u> 4th grade</p> <p><u>Room 311</u> 5th Grade</p> <p>For more information, please contact Laurie Nordan at laurie@highlandspca.org.</p>
<p>Youth Sunday School 10:30am - 11:30am The U (behind the church) Michael Hawkins, Director of Student Ministries mhawkins@highlandspca.org <u>JrHi (6th to 8th Grade)</u> <u>SrHi (9th to 12th Grade)</u></p> <p><i>Both groups meet together for fellowship, then go to their respective classrooms for teaching time.</i></p>	

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For additional contact information, please call the church office at 601.853.0636
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