



Highlands
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 22, 2025

Morning Worship - 9:00 - 10:15

Sunday School and Communities - 10:30 - 11:30

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Prelude

Those Who Trust

Words and Music by Don Chaffer, 1999

Gathering Song

Sometimes a Light Surprises

Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings;
it is the Lord Who rises with healing in His wings.
When comforts are declining, He grants the soul again
a season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation, we sweetly then pursue
the theme of God's salvation, and find it ever new.
Set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,
"Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may."

It can bring with it nothing but he will bear us through;
Who gives the lilies clothing will clothe His people too.
Beneath the spreading heavens, no creature but is fed;
and He who feeds the ravens will give His children bread.

Words: William Cowper, 1779,
alt. by Mike Murphy
Music: Mike Murphy, Allie Murphy,
2018

Welcome

Meditation and Preparation for Worship

Jesus, I Come

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come,
into the joy and light of Thy throne, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
ever Thy glorious face to behold: Jesus, I come to Thee!

Words: William T. Sleeper, 1887
Music: Greg Thompson, 2000

The Call to Worship

Pastor: My soul, find rest in God alone.

My hope comes from him.

Truly he is my rock and my salvation.

He is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

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**People: My salvation and my honor depend on God.
He is my mighty rock, my refuge.**

**Pastor: Trust in him at all times, O people!
Pour out your hearts to him, for God is a refuge for us.**

Psalms 62:5-7

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Re - joice, ye pure in heart, re -
Yes, on through life's long path, still
Praise God, who reigns on high, the

joyce, give thanks and sing; your glo - rious ban - ner
chant - ing as you go, from youth to age, by
Lord whom we a - dore: the Fa - ther, Son, and

wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Re -
night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
Ho - ly Ghost, One God for - ev - er - more.

joyce, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics aligned under the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the fourth staff also ends with a double bar line.

Words by Edward H. Plumptre, 1865. Music by Arthur H. Messiter, 1885.

The New Testament Reading

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-21

Be Still, My Soul

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time. The melody is simple and uses a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The first staff contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second staff contains the next two lines. The third staff contains the next two lines. The fourth staff contains the final two lines. The melody is a simple, flowing line that moves mostly in eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are in a traditional hymn style, with a focus on stillness and faith.

Be still my soul! The Lord is on thy side;
Be still, my soul! The hour is hasten - ing on

bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide;
when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

in ev - ery change, He faith - ful will re - main.
sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Words by Katharina von Schlegel, 1752. Trans. by Jane Borthwick, 1855. Music by Jean Sibelius, 1899.
 Arranged by Mike Murphy. © 2018 Murphy Sound

The Morning Prayer

The Offering

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 9 of the bulletin.

Offertory: Count It All Joy

Count it all joy, when you're facing trials of so many kinds.

Count it all joy, when you're facing trials of so many kinds.

Words: James 1:1-8,
 adapt. by Joseph Wheat, 2020.
 Music by Mike Murphy, 2020.

For you know that your trials bring you grace to persevere;
 and you know when you endure, then you'll grow, become more mature,
 lacking nothing more, for Christ is Lord, and Christ has brought you here.

For you know in your pain, you can ask, and He'll give to you
 His wisdom overflowing, with love and with life anew,
 lacking nothing more, for Christ is Lord, and Christ will bring you through.

For you know that your doubt, like the wind, it will toss your heart,
 like a wave that can threaten to undo you when all is dark.

Just believe in the One who has made you,
 believe with all of your heart, and count it all joy,
 count it all joy.

The Old Testament Reading

PSALMS - BOOK TWO

Psalms 40

We Receive God's Word

The Rev. Joseph Wheat

"Those Who Wait"

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1. Great is Thy faith - ful ness, O God, my Fa - ther,
2. Sum mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest;
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
sun, moon and stars in their cour - ses a - bove
Thy own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions thy fail not;
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



as Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
bles - sings all mine, with ten - thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

all I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vi - ded.

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me.

Words: Thomas Obadiah Chisolm, 1923. Music: William Marion Runyon, 1923

The Benediction

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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

Will Boyd, Jim Scott and Chris Wolfe

Room 209

The Refuge

Adults in their 40s

Leaders: Scott Jones and Andrew Wilson

Room 301

Covenant

Adults in their 50s

Leaders: Clark Robinson and Thomas Gandy

Room 210

Seekers

Adults in their 50s-60s

Leader: John Nordan

Room 211

Crossroads

Adults 60+

Leader: Charlie Saums

Fellowship Hall

For more information, contact Bradford Mercer

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GENERAL FUND GIVING UPDATE THROUGH JUNE 15, 2025

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 June 30, 2025 \$983,458

General Fund giving received through June 15 \$832,985

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



HPC STUDENT MINISTRY

- **JR. AND SR. HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Both groups meet in the Student Center (behind the church) at 10:30am (immediately following the worship service).
- **NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 5:00-7:00PM: RISING 6TH GRADERS JOIN THE STUDENT MINISTRY!** We will have an open gym in the Fellowship Hall with pizza, ice cream, and more.
- **SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2:00-4:00PM - WATER DAY AT THE CHURCH** with slip 'n' slides, water balloons, and games. Water and Powerade will be provided.
- **SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2:00-4:00PM - ICE CREAM AT THE RENAISSANCE.** Meet at the Student Center at Highlands. We'll take the church vans and ride together!

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REACHING Beyond the Walls: Monthly Mercy & Missions Spotlight

For the month of June, please be in prayer for:

Missionaries Daniel and Katy Brink – The Brinks have served in Brussels, Belgium with Mission to the World in Europe since 2016. Use the QR code to learn more.



Mercy Ministry: Jackson Street Ministry, based out of Broadmoor Baptist Church, brings together a network of Christian denominations to serve the homeless in Jackson, Mississippi.



Every Wednesday night, the team heads into the inner city to build relationships, pray, share a devotional, and provide basic necessities. For more details or to get involved, please use the QR code.

CHURCH OFFICERS

THE SESSION

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|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 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 | Stephen Sellers |
| Monty Simpkins | Brad Tisdale | Trey Toler |
| Will Watson | Andrew Wilson | Max Yates |
| *Emeritus | | |

THE DIACONATE

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| Randy Assink | Barr Biggs | Trent Butler |
| T. C. Castleberry | Bryan Clay | Scott Day |
| Jerry Eichelberger | Thomas Gandy | Mike Green |
| David Harbaugh | Chip Johnson | Andy Sensing |
| Chandler Strain | Andy Thaggard | Steve Weeks |
| Taylor Wilson | | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TONIGHT! Highlands at 5–Young Adults and Lighthouse: Join us this evening at 5pm in the Atrium for singing, teaching, fellowship, and food. We will be going through the book of 1 Peter. If you are in your twenties and thirties, come and invite a friend! Nursery provided.

Women's Summer Study Series ~ A Study of Colossians: All women are invited to the Summer Study Series beginning July 9 from 6:00pm-7:30pm to focus on ***Seeing the Unseen: A Study of Colossians***. Four different women will teach us for four consecutive Wednesday nights, finishing July 30. Light refreshments will be served. *Nursery available upon request.* This is a great time to connect with women of all ages and enjoy fellowship. *There is no book for this study. Please read through Colossians several times to prepare your heart.* Contact Laurie Nordan at laurie@highlandspca.org for more information.

HPC Workday July 19: We invite all adults and youth to participate in a Church Wide Workday at Highlands. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve together as we care for our church facilities through a variety of indoor and outdoor projects. To volunteer, please sign up by scanning the QR code. We look forward to serving alongside you!



VBS for the Canton Kids' Club: *True North* is going a little further NORTH! On July 22, 23, 24 from 4-6 pm we will provide refreshments, recreation, music, crafts and a Bible lesson using some of the same props and curriculum from our recent VBS. This will be held at the building located behind Pleasant Green Church of Christ Holiness in Canton, MS. The church van will be available for the youth. There will be one planning meeting to attend prior to the event. If you would like to participate in this local Missions project, please contact Terry Sensing at tfsrn@bellsouth.net.

Save the Date!

- Monday, July 14: HPC Caregiver Group meets at 6:00pm in Room 118.
- Sunday, August 3: Promotion Sunday
- Sunday, August 10: Congregational meeting for the purpose of electing officers.
- Wednesday, August 20: *Midweek at Highlands* begins.
- Sunday, September 7: Men's Steak Supper.



WOMEN'S SUMMER STUDY SERIES

Seeing the **UNSEEN**

A STUDY OF COLOSSIANS

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 9, 16, 23, 30 FROM 6:00-7:30PM ROOM 211

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED
NURSERY AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

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