



**Highlands**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**July 13, 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

Rock of Ages

Words: Charles Wesley,  
alt. James Ward  
Music: James Ward.

## Gathering Song

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Awake, my heart, with gladness, see what today is done;  
now, after gloom and sadness, comes forth the glorious sun.  
My Savior there was laid where our bed must be made  
when to the realms of light our spirit wings its flight.

Now hell, its prince, the devil, of all their pow'r are shorn;  
now I am safe from evil, and sin I laugh to scorn.  
Grim death with all his might cannot my soul affright;  
it is a pow'rless form, howe'er it rave and storm.

Now I will cling forever to Christ, my Savior true;  
my Lord will leave me never, whate'er He passes through.  
He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain.  
He shatters hell's dark thrall; I follow Him through all.

He brings me to the portal that leads to bliss untold,  
whereon this rhyme immortal is found in script of gold:  
"Who there My cross has shared finds here a crown prepared;  
who there with Me has died, shall here be glorified."

Words: Paul Gerhardt, 1648  
Tr. John Kelly, 1867  
Music: Johnathan Hillerman,  
Stephen Griffin, 2020.

## Welcome

## Meditation and Preparation for Worship

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred Head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded,  
with thorns Thine only crown.  
O sacred Head, what glory,  
what bliss, till now, was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call Thee mine.

Attr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 12<sup>th</sup> century.  
German translation: Paul Gerhardt, 1656.  
English translation: James Alexander, 1830.  
Music: Hans Leo Hassler, 1601.  
Harmony: Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729.

# The Call to Worship

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Pastor: Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Come, let us keep the feast!**

From Ephesians 5:7-8

## Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Re - joyce 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 - joyce - in glor - ious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

joyce, 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.

joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!

Words by Charles Wesley, 1746. Music by John Darwell, 1770.

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## 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](http://highlandspca.org) or follow the QR code on page 9 of the bulletin.*

### Offertory: The Garden

Words and Music by Mitch Wong,  
Sandra McCracken,  
and Sarah Kroger Quaglia, 2025.

Though I have borne the fruit of sin,  
though I have felt the serpent's sting,  
though I deserve the enmity,  
there in the garden, what do I see?

Christ stands for me, Christ stands for me, there in the garden, He stands for me.  
Where I have fallen, He intercedes. Hallelujah, He stands for me!

With tears of blood that longest night, He took the cup that ought to be mine.  
Though in the darkness, I fell asleep, there in the garden, I wake to see

Christ prays for me, Christ prays for me, there in the Garden, He prays for me.  
Up on the hillside, Gethsemane, hallelujah, He prays for me!

The Lamb of God will lead us home, where pain is past and tears are gone.  
Eden restored, as it should be; there in the garden, O let me see.

Christ waits for me, Christ waits for me, there in the Garden, He waits for me.  
On golden shores of eternity, hallelujah, He waits for me!  
Hallelujah, He waits for me!

## The Scripture Reading

Psalms 52

## We Receive God's Word

The Rev. Joseph Wheat

THE PSALMS - BOOK TWO  
"What Fleeting Sounds Like"

# The Communion Hymn

## In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song; this Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right - eous -  
 world by dark - ness slain. Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious  
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fin - al

ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of  
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save; till on that  
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 hell, no scheme of man can ev - er pluck me from His

cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in all, here in the  
 fied, till ev' - ry sin was on Him laid, here in the  
 me, for I am His and He is mine, bought with the  
 hand till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the

love of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ I stand.  
 death of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ I live.  
 pre - cious blood \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.  
 pow'er of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ I'll stand.

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Be Unto Your Name

Words and Music by Gary Shadler  
and Lynn DeShazo, 1998.

We are a moment, You are forever,  
Lord of the ages, God before time.  
We are a vapor, you are eternal,  
love everlasting, reigning on high,

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
Highest praises, honor and glory, be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer, Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save.  
You are the love song we'll sing forever; bowing before You, blessing your Name.

### Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

Words and music: Jordan Kauflin,  
Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa,  
Matthew Merker, 2020.

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand.  
  
What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.  
 O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess,  
 "Christ our hope in life and death!"

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives Christ, He lives!"  
 And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
 There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,  
 and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross  
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
 3. See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,  
 on which the Prince of glo - ry died,  
 save in the death of Christ my God:  
 sor - row and love flow ming - led down:  
 that were a pres - ent far too small;  
 my rich - est gain I count but loss,  
 all the vain things that charm me most,  
 did e'er such love and sor - row meet,  
 love so a - ma - zing, so di - vine,  
 and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words by Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709. Music: Gregorian Chant. Arranged by Lowell Mason, 1824.  
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# The Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;

praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low: al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host,

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost: O

praise Him, O praise Him, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia!

Words: St. Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225. Trans. by William Draper, 1926. Traditional German Melody, 1623.

## The Benediction

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## GENERAL FUND GIVING UPDATE THROUGH JULY 6, 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](http://highlandspca.org). The QR code to the right links directly to our online giving page.

General Fund Budget through July 31, 2025     \$1,147,293

General Fund giving received through July 6     \$940,847

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).
- **TODAY! 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!
- **SAVE THE DATE!**
  - August 17: Small Groups begin.
  - August 20: *Midweek at Highlands* begins.

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## REACHING Beyond the Walls: Monthly Mercy & Missions Spotlight

*For the month of July, please be in prayer for:*

**Missionary Libby Scanio:** Libby serves with Mission to the World in El Salvador, sharing the Gospel with teens and young adults. In 2024, a Highlands mission team joined her for a week of ministry. She's thankful to partner with leaders she's known since 2015 to advance God's kingdom. Use the QR code to learn more.



**Mercy Ministry: Gateway Rescue Mission** shares the hope of the gospel with the homeless by providing meals, shelter, counseling, and discipleship. To learn more or get involved, contact Highlands Mercy partner Kelli Irby at [kellirby@yahoo.com](mailto:kellirby@yahoo.com) or at 601-906-0927.

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

#### THE DIACONATE

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**

**TOMORROW: HPC Caregiver Group meets at 6:00pm in Room 118.** Our program will be a video provided by Dr. Kim Tarver, who is Clinical Director of The MIND Center and Division of Geriatrics at UMMC. The topic is “Time for a Change: Taking Your Next Step to Wellbeing”.

**We need empty food cans for the Canton Kids' Club VBS!** Any size will do. Please run them through the dishwasher before you bring them. There is a collection box in the HPC kitchen.

**MadCAAP School Supply Drive:** Join us in providing school supplies to children who live in poverty in Madison County. This year, we are supplying 400 packages of No. 2 pencils. You may leave them in the bins in the Atrium by **Sunday, July 20!**

**August 3 is Promotion Sunday!** Children will move to the same class that they are in in school on Sunday, August 3. Sunday School begins at 10:30am. Please take your child to their new classroom so you can meet his/her teachers before you go to your Sunday school class.

**Women's Summer Study Series continues this Wednesday:** All women are invited to the Summer Study Series this Wednesday, July 16 from 6:00pm-7:30pm for ***Seeing the Unseen: A Study of Colossians***. Rebekah Simpson will be our teacher. 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](mailto:laurie@highlandspca.org) for more information.

**HPC Workday this Saturday, 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!



**Highlands at 5 returns July 20–Young Adults and Lighthouse:** Join us next Sunday at 5pm in the Atrium for singing, teaching, fellowship, and dinner. We will continue going through the book of 1 Peter. If you are in your twenties and thirties, come and invite a friend! Nursery provided.

**July 22-24: 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](mailto:tfsrn@bellsouth.net).

### **Save the Date!**

- 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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