



The reality is that [we] are already saints, [we] have already been given our halos, because all it takes to be a saint is to belong to God.... You have everything you need to be a saint. You have your identity, your halo, and a choice: to live as who you are or not.

~ Barbara Brown Taylor,
The Company of Heaven

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 5, 2023
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Paul Henderson

SING TO CREATOR, CHRIST, AND HOLY GHOST: ALLELUIA!

Prelude

Variations on SINE NOMINE

Denis Bédard

Opening Words

Sam Potter (8:45)
Tyler Swim (11:15)

Look! A vast multitude—citizens of every nation, speakers of every tongue- standing before the throne of the Lamb.

See how they dwell within God's temple, in the shelter of the One who wipes away their tears.

We join our voices with the saints and with the choir of angels, who forever sing God's praise.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

Processional Hymn (567) †

SINE NOMINE

For All the Saints

Prayer of Praise †

Sam Potter (8:45)
Tyler Swim (11:15)

Glory to the Creator †

MEINEKE

*Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Spirit, One.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

The Saints of Highland Baptist Church

Renee Purtlebaugh

Billy Arnold	Jerry Burske	Keith Eiken	Tom Lee	Jon Newgard	Ray Schnur, Jr.
Beverly Breyette	Jay Callis	Bonnie Hendrix	Marsha Mitchell	Pat Ramsey	Gerald Swim

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for All the Saints

The Gospel Lesson †

David Haas

Blest Are They—Matthew 5:1-12

Soloists: 8:45—Linda Campbell, Dominique Cooper, Phillip Garrett, Richard Ryan, Jim Shelton
11:15—Linda Campbell, John Gulden, Drew Harston, Jenna Proffit, Alison Schureck

Re - jice! _____ and be glad! _____

Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you, Re - jice! _____

_____ and be glad! _____ Yours is the king - dom of God!

THOU IN THE DARKNESS DREAR THEIR ONE TRUE LIGHT. ALLELUIA!

Prayer of Confession

Paul Henderson

“The kingdom belongs to the hopeless,” you tell us; and, “How honorable are those who mourn.”
Sometimes we disregard those among us who are poor in spirit, rather than surrounding them with our care.

When we shy away from those who yearn for compassion because of our own discomfort or distress,
forgive us.

When we rush past those searching for hope because we do not have the “right” words to say,
forgive us. Grant us the grace to turn to others with loving kindness, and invite us to be instruments of healing and justice.

Words of Assurance

YET ALL ARE ONE IN THEE, FOR ALL ARE THINE. ALLELUIA!

The Epistle Lesson

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

1 John 3:1-3 (Pew Bible page 235—NT)

Sermon

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Children of God, We Know This!

Hymn of Response (646) †

CAMACHA

Teach Me Your Way

THY NAME, O JESUS, BE FOREVER BLEST. ALLELUIA!

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Justin Sizemore

Invitation to the Table

Exchange of Peace †

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Reception of the Bread and Cup †

Everyone is invited forward to receive bread and cup. All bread served is gluten friendly. Deacons will receive tithes and offerings in the offering plates as you return to your pew. To make a donation from your phone, text "give2hbc" to 502-747-1212 and open the link.

Holy Banquet, Feast of Love

Norman Gouin

*Holy banquet, feast of love, Christ our life as Bread and Wine,
one in you, we pray and sing and taste of heaven's joy.*

Blest are all now gathered here to share the feast of Christ,
banquet born of sacrifice, of life laid down for love.

Here the myst'ry is revealed, the gracious gift of God:
life poured out like flowing wine for all the world in need.

Rich and poor are equal here, all people, ev'ry race;
young and aging know their worth around this table blest.

Here believers join the song of saints who went before,
savor unity in Christ communion born of Love.

Call to Justice and Offertory Prayer

Elizabeth Gribbins, Noelle Gulden, and Lauren Jones Mayfield (8:45)
Mary Ida Gray, Kay Keegan, and Lauren Jones Mayfield (11:15)

News for the Community

Lauren Jones Mayfield

In response to your decision, ***we welcome you! We covenant to be the family of God for you in this place. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, as we journey in faith together.***

For the ministries that shape the life of our community, ***thanks be to God.***

Doxology †

TALLIS' CANON

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One, Amen.***

Benediction †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

Denis Bédard

Variation on SINE NOMINE

† *For those who are able, we invite you to stand.*

Today in Worship

Highland's deacons (wearing identification name tags) are available at various locations for prayer, questions or information. Deacons are lay ministers of the church who have been called to a ministry of service.

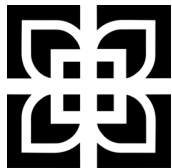
Phrases from today's procession hymn, *For All the Saints*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Listening Assist Devices are available. Please see our sound technician or an usher for assistance. Large print hymn sheets are also available upon request for visually impaired persons. An usher can provide a copy for you.

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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Commitment Season** —Together, we have the opportunity to use our financial resources to support the 2024 Ministry Fund, as well as our Sacred Space for Everyone campaign. Join us as we work to create a world where Love and justice are abundant through generous giving of our financial resources! Pledge cards may be turned in via the offering plate, mailed to the church office, and/or e-mailed to Kathleen Gordon at kathleen@hbclouisville.org.
- **Common Goods Holiday Market**—On Sunday, November 19, we will have the opportunity to purchase hand-made items by local refugee artists. Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Americana, and other vendors will set up a market in the Commons for us to shop for holiday gifts. Join us in supporting local artists and doing some holiday shopping at Highland!
- **Offering for Habitat for Humanity**—During our Thanksgiving services on Sunday, November 19, we will also collect a special offering for Habitat for Humanity of Louisville. Each spring, we partner with local churches to build a home, and as costs continue to rise, we need to do our best to support our contribution. Building volunteer sign-ups will occur in February or March 2024. In the meantime, please consider giving generously to the offering this November.
- **Parking**—During the main parking lot closure, please leave the parking spaces closest to the church (street-side and in the other two parking lots) for our senior citizens, families with young children, and those with mobility issues.
- **Looking Ahead**
 - November 10: Trivia Night and Dessert Auction Fundraiser for Sacred Space at HCM, 1228 Breckinridge Lane, 7:00 PM
 - November 11: Youth Faith-in-Action Day
 - November 12: Party with Your Pastors at Paul and Kim Henderson's home, 4:00-5:30 PM
 - November 19: Sunday Morning Thanksgiving services (8:45 and 11:15); finger food breakfast and family-friendly time of gratitude/reflection at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

*A thinking, feeling, healing
community of faith*

Our Mission... God's Love compels us to cultivate a safe, welcoming community of faith where all are challenged to discover, grow, and serve, as together we boldly live out the worship that is our very lives.

David Bannister
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

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