



Our humanity comes to its
fullest bloom in giving.

~ Henri Nouwen,
Life of the Beloved:
Spiritual Living in a Secular World

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 27, 2024
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

WE COME, REMEMBERING, AND REJOICING

Prelude

Manz/arr. Thompson

God of Grace and God of Glory
Highland Handbells

Call to Worship

Corey Moran (8:45)
Kelly Young (11:15)

Our good and mighty God invites us
to be a people of generosity.
God shows us
that there is enough.
God invites us
to remember our blessings with joy!
God wants us
to continue our legacy of love.

Hymn of Praise (418) †

EIN' FESTE BURG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Prayer of Praise †

Corey Moran (8:45)
Kelly Young (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.

Choral Anthem

Brad Croushorn

Psalm 118: Alleluia, This is the Day
Rob Lefler, Robert Davis, Cheryl Priddy, Jenna Proffit, soloists

This is the day that the Lord has made; Alleluia. let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord for God is good; Alleluia. God's mercy endures forever. Alleluia. Let the house of Israel say, Alleluia. "God's mercy endures forever." Alleluia. The right hand of God is exalted; Alleluia. The right hand of God has struck with power. Alleluia. I shall not die, but I shall live, Alleluia. and declare the works of God. Alleluia. The stone which the builders rejected Alleluia. has become the cornerstone. Alleluia. By the Lord has this been done; Alleluia, it is wonderful in our eyes. Alleluia.

Dedication of Zoey Elizabeth Ann Davis (11:15)

Renee Purtlebaugh and Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Words of Commitment

Presentation

Prayer of Dedication

And so we are reminded once again of the words of the apostles that,
"Before we loved God, ***God loved us.***"

Song of Dedication

O WALY WALY
Text by Diane Brewer

For this great gift we thank you God and pledge to love as if our own.
To teach and guide through word and deed with joy to watch them as they grow.

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

GRATEFUL, WE COME REMEMBERING

The Gospel Lesson † Mark 10:46-52 (Pew Bible pages 46– NT) Renee Purtlebaugh (8:45)

Prayer of Confession Paul Henderson

Words of Assurance

By God's generous love and abundant mercy we are forgiven!

Exchange of Peace † Justin Sizemore

Hymn (670) † MADILL

Take My Gifts and Let Me Love You

WE'RE GIVEN GOD'S WORD

The Epistle Lesson Mary Alice Birdwhistell

2 Corinthians 9:7-11 (Pew Bible page 180 – NT)
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

Sermon

The Warm Glow of Giving

TURN PRAYER INTO DEED

Hymn of Response (533) † ANNIVERSARY SONG

What Gift Can We Bring

Faithful Giving Story and Offertory Prayer Kelly Garrett (8:45)
Scott Schafflein (11:15)

Offertory Pachelbel/arr. Hopson

Canon
Highland Handbells

News for the Community Justin Sizemore

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 † OLD HUNDREDTH

***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 Joseph Parr

Improvisation on EIN FESTE BURG

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn of response, *What Gift Can We Bring*, 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.

Worship care is available for infants, toddlers and preschoolers during worship. Our greeters are available to help you navigate our building. A Worship Cart with activities to engage children in the pew is located in the Commons.

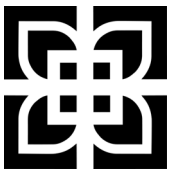
Nearly 65% of people at Highland use online giving to make financial gifts to the church. We invite you to be one of them! Scan the QR code in the section below to be directed to our online giving page.

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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **We continue our pledge season for the 2025 ministry budget as well as our Sacred Space campaign.** You are invited to place your pledge card in the offering plate or you can make a pledge online using the QR code. Your pledges will make a crucial difference as we enter the budgeting process and prepare for needing \$120,000 in additional funds for payment on our renovation loans. We are currently paying \$350 a day in interest on these loans, and every gift we receive now helps to decrease that expense. We hope you will prayerfully consider how you can contribute to our shared work of Love at Highland.
- **We hope you'll join us for a church-wide fall festival on the lawn today from 3:00-5:00 PM!** There will be treats, face-painting, and activities for children and people of all ages. We will vote with dollar and coin donations for the Sacred Space project on the best carved pumpkins by our youth mentor groups. All ages are invited to dress up (no scary costumes, please), and there will be prizes for best costumes for all ages, too. Bring a lawn chair and join us for what we hope will be a beautiful afternoon together!
- **On October 30, Robert Davis and Mary Alice will co-lead the final Wednesday night session on Christian Nationalism** and will facilitate discussion around excerpts from Tim Alberta's book, *The Kingdom, The Power, and The Glory: American Evangelicalism in an Age of Extremism*. We will start shortly after 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Up Ahead:**

Today	Fall Festival on the Lawn, 3:00-5:00 PM
October 29	Cream of the Crop visit to Tribe Animal Sanctuary, 10:00 AM
October 30	Wednesday Night Series Continues: Christian Nationalism
November 6	Service of Unity and Hope, 6:15 PM



**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.

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