



Harriet Tubman mural in Cambridge, Maryland

I said to the Lord,
"I'm going to hold steady on to you, and I know you will see me through."

~ *Harriet Tubman*

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Paul Henderson

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

Prelude

L. Boulanger

Pie Jesu

Text: Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem. Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Translation: Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them rest. Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them eternal rest.

Call to Worship

Rick Finklea (8:45)
Tory Parker (11:15)

We gather to honor the saints who have gone before us, whose faith has inspired us.

We give thanks for their lives which remind us of Your hope and love, O Lord.

In this sacred space, we recognize our connection to the saints that surround us and give us strength to continue the work of justice and compassion.

We gather in hope, surrounded by such a great cloud of witness, ready to be transformed and to transform the world. Amen.

Processional Hymn (567) †

SINE NOMINE

For All the Saints

Prayer of Praise †

Rick Finklea (8:45)
Tory Parker (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

Paul Henderson

Ben Bonnett-Bunten

Don Burke

David D'Amico

Ophelia Helm

John Hendrix

Bill Mosier

Alison Stabler

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for All the Saints

THOU IN THE DARKNESS DREAM THEIR ONE TRUE LIGHT, ALLELUIA!

Prayer of Confession

Justin Sizemore

Holy One, we mourn the saints who have gone before us and yet are inspired by their trust in You.

We know that we, too, are saints-in-process, being formed and transformed as we live out our days.

Reground us when we think more of ourselves than we think of You.

Forgive us when we fail to be co-creators of a world of Love and justice that You envision.

Dwell with us, O God, and make your home among us.

Center us in your Spirit, that in our living we might inspire others to see how you make all things new. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hymn †

AURELIA

O God of Every Nation

O God of every nation, of every race and land, redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand. Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.

From each for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right, from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night, from pride of race and station and blindness to your way, deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.

Lord, strengthen those who labor that all may find release from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase; when hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard; with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division give way to love and peace, till dawns morning glorious when truth and justice reign and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

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

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

The Hebrew Lesson

Ruth 1:8-17 (Pew Bible page 238 – OT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

No Turning Back

Hymn of Response (469) †

Put Peace into Each Other's Hands

ST. COLUMBA

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Renee Purtlebaugh

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 seat.*

Choral Anthem

Ave Verum

W. A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria virgine, vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine, in mortis examine.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for humankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a sweet foretaste in the trial of death!

Offertory Prayer

Rob Thompson (8:45)

Pat Wells (11:15)

News for the Community

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

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

Toccatà in D Minor

J. S. Bach

*In worship at Highland, we aim to speak and sing a theology that reflects an expansive and inclusive God. As we begin the Lord's Prayer today, we will use the words "Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father ..." to offer a fuller image of who God is. Within the prayer, some of us use the word "kingdom" and others prefer the word "kin-dom" to refer to the beloved community of God. We invite you to join us in using your own creative and intentional language as you pray, knowing that no single word will ever capture the essence of who God is.

Today in Worship

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

Today's prelude, sung by our wonderful choral scholar Dominique Cooper, is Lili Boulanger's *Pie Jesu*. Lili Boulanger was a groundbreaking French composer, known for her lyrical and innovative works, and in 1913 became the first woman to win the prestigious Prix de Rome in music. Her life was tragically cut short at the age of 24 by intestinal tuberculosis. This piece was her final completed work and was dictated to her sister Nadia who had a world-renowned career as both a composer and a professor. The piece has a very haunting beauty that acts as Boulanger's contemplation of the end of her life.

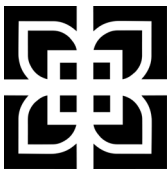
Listening Assist Devices are available. Please see our sound technician or an usher for assistance. Large print hymn sheets are also available upon request for visually impaired persons. An usher can provide a copy for you.

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.

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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Service of Unity and Hope.** We will come together to offer one another a sacred grounding place this Wednesday evening, November 6 at 6:15 PM. We may or may not know the results of the election that evening, but either way, we will be carrying the intensity of emotions surrounding this significant week in the life of our country. It will be good to be together: to pray, to sing the songs of our faith, to be still, and to remember that God is God.
- **Help Needed on Wednesday Nights.** We are looking for 1-2 people to help on the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday of the month with our weekly Fellowship meal. It would mean serving once a month beginning around 4:00 PM. It might include assembling a salad, heating up food, plating desserts, or carrying food to the serving table. Being part of a team is a great way to make new friends and get involved in one of Highland's longstanding traditions. If you are interested, contact Kathy Belcher, 502-216-6471 or klbelcher53@gmail.com.
- **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. We hope you will prayerfully consider how you can contribute to our shared work of Love at Highland.
- **Up Ahead:**
 - November 6: Service of Unity and Hope, 6:15 PM
 - November 8-10: Youth Disciple Now Weekend
 - November 12: Cream of the Crop Potluck Luncheon at 12:00 Noon
 - November 13: Cloud of Witness
 - November 20: Quarterly Church Conference and Budget Presentation, shortly after 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall
(note date change for the QCC)
 - November 24: Thanksgiving Breakfast and Worship



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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