

Yes, I know I'm just an outcast  
I shouldn't speak to you  
Still I see your face and wonder  
Were you once an outcast too?

God help the outcasts  
Hungry from birth  
Show them the mercy they don't find on Earth

Please help my people  
The poor and down trod  
I thought we all were the children of God

~ *God Help the Outcasts*  
from *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**NOVEMBER 10, 2024**  
**8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.**

## O PRAISE THE GRACIOUS POWER

Prelude

J. S. Bach

*O Mortal Lament Thy Sin So Great*

Call to Worship —from Psalm 42

Otter Bright (8:45)  
Erin Phelps (11:15)

Our souls long for you, O God.

***When shall we behold your face?***

Our souls are uneasy.

***When shall hope lead us to praise you again?***

During the day, your steadfast love sustains us.

***During the night, your song washes over us.***

Our hope leads us to praise you.

***We praise you, Gracious Power, with our song of hope.***

Processional Hymn (357) †

MARION

*O Praise the Gracious Power*

Prayer of Praise †

Otter Bright (8:45)  
Erin Phelps (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.***

A Lesson from the Psalms

Renee Purtlebaugh

Psalm 42 (Pew Bible page 504– OT)

## O PRAISE THE TIDE OF GRACE

Choral Confession

Alfred Fedak

*What Does the Lord Require of You?*

What does the Lord require of You? Happy are they who trust in the Lord; a glad heart brings peace to strife.

Happy are they who trust in the Lord, and a gentle tongue is a tree of life. Sons and daughters of every race are brothers and sisters in God's sight. Comfort the grieving, help those in need, turn darkness into light.

What does the Lord require of you? Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God. Humility comes before honor, and wisdom is the fountain of life. The path of the wise leads upward, into life.

And at its end, we lift our eyes to heaven. O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death; living Bread that gives all thy creatures breath, grant my spirit ever by thy life may live, to my taste thy sweetness

never failing give. Praise the Lord.

Words of Assurance

Paul Henderson

Exchange of Peace †

Renee Purtlebaugh

Hymn (670) †

RESIGNATION

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

## O PRAISE PERSISTENT TRUTH

The Gospel Lesson †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Mark 12:38-44 (Pew Bible pages 48-49– NT)  
*Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)*

Sermon

*God Helps the Outcasts*

## O PRAISE THE POWER, THE TRUTH, THE LOVE, THE WORD, THE TIDE

Hymn of Response (688) †

PLEADING SAVIOR

*Show Us How to Stand for Justice*

Call to Justice and Offertory Prayer

John Gulden (8:45)  
Noelle Tennis Gulden (11:15)

Offertory

Daniel Locklair

*The Peace May Be Exchanged* from Rubrics

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

Buxtehude

*Praeludium in G Major*

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

## Today in Worship

Phrases from today's processional hymn, *O Praise the Gracious Power* 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.

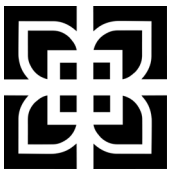
Nearly 65% of people at Highland use online giving to make financial gifts to the church. We invite you to be one of them! Scan the QR code in the section below to be directed to our online giving page.

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### Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **On Sunday, November 24, we will gather for Thanksgiving Brunch in the Fellowship Hall at 10 AM, including a time to share our gratitude with one another as a congregation.** There will be no Bible study classes for any ages to allow the entire church family to participate that day. The deacons invite you to bring a dish to share that morning using the QR code. Thanksgiving Worship will follow brunch in the sanctuary at 11:15 AM.
- The end of the year includes some beloved traditions in worship at Highland, and starting on November 24, **we will consolidate our schedule into one Sunday morning service so that we can experience the richness of the holiday season together.** There will be no 8:45 worship starting on November 24th through the end of the year, and we will continue with our current schedule of Bible study at 10 AM and worship at 11:15 AM.
- **We will soon begin our holiday collections to support Highlands Community Ministries and the La Casita Center.** More information coming soon on how you can support these mission and justice efforts in our community.
- **We continue our pledge season for the 2025 ministry budget and the 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 12: Cream of the Crop Potluck Luncheon at 12:00 Noon
  - November 13: Cloud of Witness: Brooke Hasl, Penny Mosier, and Andrew Schafflein
  - 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
  - November 27: No Wednesday Evening Activities
  - December 1: Advent Begins - Hanging of the Green Service, 6:00 PM



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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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