

Now I don't know and never will  
What rises in the evening still  
How empty cups keep getting filled  
How healing comes and hope rebuilds

Today I sense that all is near  
Evermore and soon to be  
Within us and between us is  
Is everything we need

~ *Carrie Newcomer,*  
"Everything We Need"



**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**NOVEMBER 17, 2024**

**8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.**

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Invitation to Worship

Paul Henderson

**THE LOVE OF JESUS CALLS US OUR JOYOUS PRAISE TO SING**

Prelude

arr. Camp Kirkland

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
Highland Orchestra

Call to Worship—from 1 Samuel 2:1-2

Missy Smith (8:45)  
David Bannister (11:15)

My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God.  
***There is no holy one like the Lord; there is no Rock like our God.***  
Our God is near in all places and in all times.  
***Let us ponder what God can do as we worship God together.***

Processional Hymn †

HOLY MANNA

*Christians, We Have Met to Worship*

***Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;  
will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;  
Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.***

***Siblings, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him;  
will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that He will be found;  
siblings, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.***

***Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;  
let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new.  
When God calls us home to heaven, at the table we'll sit down;  
Christ will gird himself, and serve us with sweet manna all around.***

Prayer of Praise †

Missy Smith (8:45)  
David Bannister (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.***

Baptism of Grady Cornely †

Call to the Water  
Statement of Faith  
Baptism in the name of ***the Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.***

Baptism Response †

BUNESSAN

*Baptized in Water*

***Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King:  
One with His rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.***

Choral Anthem

Melchior Vulpius

*Now God Be Praised in Heav'n Above*

Now God be praised in heaven above. Praised be God for such great love. Wherein all creatures live and move, Hallelujah! Praise God yet more for conquering faith, which feareth neither pain nor death, but trusting God, rejoicing saith, Hallelujah! God's grace defends us from all ill; the Christ shall be our leader still, till heaven and earth shall do God's will; Hallelujah!

**THE LOVE OF JESUS CALLS US TO KNOW THAT CHRIST HAS FREED US**

A Lesson from the Psalms

Justin Sizemore (8:45)

Psalm 16 (Pew Bible pages 485-486 – OT)

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

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

*Holy One, you are our refuge, and yet we seek comfort and safety in systems of our own making. You offer us guidance, and yet we fail to heed your wisdom. You are always before us and with us, and yet we allow ourselves to be swept away in the currents of anxiety and worry. You reveal to us the path leading to life, and yet we choose to lean on our own understanding. Forgive us, God. Lead us back to your promise of secure rest and fullness of joy. Amen.*

Words of Assurance

Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

Hymn (484) †

ANGEL'S STORY

*The Love of Jesus Calls Us*

Baptism of Sean Cornely †

Call to the Water

Statement of Faith

Baptism in the name of *the Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.*

## THE LOVE OF JESUS CALLS US TO CHALLENGE ALL THAT LIMITS

The Epistle Lesson

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Hebrews 10:19-25 (Pew Bible pages 219– NT)

*Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)*

Sermon

*The Very Best Part of Highland Is You*

## THE LOVE OF JESUS CALLS US TO GO WHERE HE WOULD GO

Hymn of Response (76) †

NEUMARK

*If You Will Only Let God Guide You*

Offertory Prayer †

Bruce Carroll (8:45)

Becky Dickson (11:15)

Offertory

arr. Jeff Winkler

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
Highland Orchestra

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

Ann Mounsey

*Introduction*

## Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn, *The Love of Jesus Calls Us*, 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.

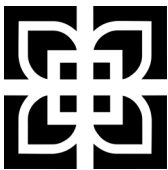
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## Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **On Sunday, November 24, we will gather for Thanksgiving Brunch in the Fellowship Hall at 10 AM, including a time to share our gratitude.** 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 begin our **holiday collections to support our mission and justice partners starting next Sunday!** On Thanksgiving Sunday, November 25, we will collect items for **the La Casita Center**, and at the Hanging of the Green service, December 1, we will collect items for **Highlands Community Ministries**. More information, including a full list of items requested by both organizations, is in the QR code and will be available this week in the newsletter, too. Thank you for your generosity this holiday season!
- **Up Ahead:**
  - November 20: Quarterly Church Conference and Budget Presentation, shortly after 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall
  - 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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*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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