



You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called
My Delight Is in Her ...

Isaiah 62:4

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 19, 2025

11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Bob Cunningham

FREE OUR HEARTS TO WORK AND PRAISE

Prelude

Emma Lou Diemer

Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

Call to Worship

Cameron Fontes

Be still for a moment. What do you hear? What do you smell? What do you feel under your feet?
Beloved, God is here.

In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.

Take a moment to look around. Whom do you notice? Who isn't here that you expected to see?
Whether this community feels brand new or familiar to you, God is here.

In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.

Take a deep breath. We share this air, this space, this worship home together. In our breathing
and worshipping in this time and place, God is here.

In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.

God is here. May we pay attention and discern how God brings us together in the familiar
and the unfamiliar to be and become the Body of Christ.

May we notice and join in God's work of forming us for community as we worship today. Amen.

Processional Hymn (285) †

CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

Prayer of Praise †

Cameron Fontes

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.

SAVE US FROM WEAK RESIGNATION TO THE EVILS WE DEPLORE

The Gospel Lesson †

Renee Purtlebaugh

John 2:1-11 (Pew Bible page 91– NT)

Prayer of Confession

arr. Joseph Parr

Improvisation on Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Words of Assurance

Paul Henderson

Exchange of Peace

Justin Sizemore

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

CROWN THINE ANCIENT CHURCH'S STORY,
BRING HER BUD TO GLORIOUS FLOWER

Hymn (396) †

MELITA

For Such a Time As This

The Hebrew Lesson

Carol Harston

Isaiah 62:1-5 (Pew Bible pages 678-679 – OT)

Congregational Anthem

arr. Mark Edwards

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Tenor/Bass voices unison: *Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.*

Soprano/Alto voices unison : *Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

All voices parts: *Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed, Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Sermon

Carol Harston

New Year, New Name

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

Hymn of Response (502) †

IN BABILONE

Lord, I Lay My Life Before You

GRANT US WISDOM, GRANT US COURAGE,
SERVING THEE WHOM WE ADORE

Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer

Vance Smith and Kim Fritschi

Offertory

J. S. Bach

How Brightly Beams the Morning Star

News for the Community

Renee Purtlebaugh

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 †

Carol Harston

Postlude

Paul Manz

CWMRHONDDA

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's processional hymn, *God of Grace and God of Glory*, 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. Children's Worship is available for K-2nd graders during the sermon.

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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Work with Center for Congregational Health** — Following worship and a break for lunch, there will be a second church-wide conversation from 2:00-3:30 PM. If you missed this morning's session, please make every effort to attend this afternoon, as the time together will foster important dialogue in this interim season.
- **Worship in January and February** — We will continue to have Bible study at 10:00 AM and one Sunday morning worship service at 11:15 AM on Sundays through February 2. This will allow all of us to worship together on Mary Alice's last Sunday. Our proclaimers in January and February will be: Brian Henderson (Jan. 26), Mary Alice Birdwhistell (Feb. 2), Bob Cunningham (Feb. 9), Justin Sizemore (Feb. 16), and Sally Evans (Feb. 23).
- **Wednesday Nights in January: Moving Faith Forward** — On Wednesdays January 22 and February 5, Carol Harston will continue leading us in her latest work on Moving Faith Forward. Since leaving Highland's ministerial staff in 2021, Carol has been deepening her traumatizing theology research by wondering what it looks like for people to move past their beliefs and grow into spiritual maturity. Carol's vision is a future in which people can live at peace with the past, confident in their ability to face whatever life brings, and open to a revived spirituality that evolves as life changes. We will meet shortly after 6:00 PM each week in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Today: Church-wide conversation with Center for Congregational Health, 2:00-3:30 PM
 - January 29: Cloud of Witness: Justin Boldt, Greg Buntten, and Linda Waller
 - February 2: Mary Alice's last Sunday and reception; QCC at 4:00 PM on Zoom
 - February 9: Regular Sunday Schedule returns: 8:45 Worship, 10:00 Bible Study, 11:15 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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