



How do we get in a right relationship with change
that allows us to harness and shape things,
toward community, toward liberation,
toward justice?

~ adrienne maree brown

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Justin Sizemore

**THERE'S A SONG IN EVERY SILENCE,
SEEKING WORD AND MELODY**

Prelude

Robert Sheldon

An American Hymntune
Highland Orchestra

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 37

Justin Boldt (8:45)
Kelly Garrett (11:15)

People of God, be still and rest; wait patiently for God.
All who wait for the Lord will be strengthened.
We're gathered to take delight in the Lord.
We've come in trust. We delight in God's goodness!
God is our aid in times of trouble.
May the Lord help us be still and know as we wait!

Processional Hymn (425) †

FOUNDATION

How Firm a Foundation

Prayer of Praise †

Justin Boldt (8:45)
Kelly Garrett (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.

**THERE'S A DAWN IN EVERY DARKNESS
BRINGING HOPE TO YOU AND ME**

A Lesson from the Psalms

Psalm 37 (Pew Bible pages 501-502 – OT)

Renee Purtlebaugh

Song of Confession

arr. Mary McDonald

I Must Tell Jesus with Blessed Assurance

I must tell Jesus all of my trials; I cannot bear these burdens alone; In my distress He kindly will help me;
He ever loves and cares for His own. I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus, I cannot bear my burdens alone.
I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me, Jesus alone. This is my story, this is my song
praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song praising my savior all the day long.

Words of Assurance †

ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

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

Hymn (57) †

FINLANDIA

Be Still, My Soul

IN OUR DOUBT THERE IS BELIEVING; IN OUR LIFE ETERNITY

The Hebrew Lesson †

Sally Evans

Genesis 45:1-15 (Pew Bible page 41 – OT)

Sermon

Yes, And

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

**FROM THE PAST WILL COME THE FUTURE;
WHAT IT HOLDS A MYSTERY**

Hymn of Response (545) †

PROMISE

In the Bulb

Justice Moment and Offertory Prayer

Nancy Goodhue (8:45)
Missy Smith (11:15)

Offertory

John Tatenhorst

Poem for Orchestra
Highland Orchestra

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 †

Sally Evans

Postlude

Mark Miller

Toccata on Lift Every Voice

In worship at Highland, we aim to sing music with a theology that reflects an expansive and inclusive God. Occasionally, our printed music may use language that limits God. When we are unable to re-print a more inclusive text, we encourage you to use language that better fits your image of God. Our ministers and choir will often replace “He/Him” with “God” or “Love” (1 syllable) and “Father” with “Parent,” “Holy,” or “Divine” (2 syllables). We would love to hear what creative language for God you might use in worship, too.

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn of response, *In the Bulb*, 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.

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 first 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

- **Worship in March** — Our upcoming proclaimers are: Jim England (Mar. 2), Erin Phelps (Mar. 9), Dr. Lewis Brogdon (Mar. 16), and Renee Purtlebaugh (Mar. 23).
- **The Finance Ministry Group has researched the possible sale of the Foree House, Highland's rental house at 2120 Grinstead Drive.** We will have an informational meeting with the congregation on Zoom at 4:00 PM today. Information about the proposal and the Zoom link was sent out on Friday.
- **Children's Bible study and music teacher appreciation month continues!** Honor a children's teacher by making a donation to our Sacred Space Campaign and writing a note of encouragement and appreciation on a paper heart. Visit our table in the Commons outside the sanctuary or in the Children's Commons.
- **The Anti-Racism Team invites you to write a Thank You note to Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde,** Episcopal Bishop and priest of the Washington National Cathedral, for her bravery in defending the marginalized. Notes are available in the Commons.
- **Wednesday Nights: Frank Woggon's book *The Empathic God: A Clinical Theology of At-onement*** Join Frank as he discusses his book in three sessions, February 26, March 12 and 19. We meet just after 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Join us for a church-wide reception to honor Jerre Bassett (30 years) and Kathleen Gordon (5 years)** for their faithful service to Highland following the 11:15 worship service next Sunday (March 2) in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Laissez les bon temps rouler at *A Taste of the Highlands!*** On Tuesday, March 4, Highlands Community Campus transforms into a Mardi Gras celebration with unlimited food and drinks from the best Highlands restaurants and beverage makers. Enjoy all-you-can-eat and drink from 5:30–7:30 PM for \$60. Use the QR code at right to get your tickets today and support your Highlands neighbors through Highlands Community Ministries!
- **Join us for Ash Wednesday on March 5 at 6:15 PM in the sanctuary.** We will gather for a time of prayer, reflection, music, and sharing of ashes as we begin the season of Lent.



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.

Jerre and Frank Bassett
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