

# Highland Baptist Church

children's Sabbath

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

11:15 a.m.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

**WE PRAISE YOU AND THANK YOU**

Processional

SCHULZ

*Oh Come, Little Children*

Gathering Music

*Shake My Sillies Out*  
*The People in the Church*  
Cherub Choir

Raffi Cavoukian  
American Folk Song

Handbell Prelude

*Andante Cantabile*

Tchaikovsky, arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

Call to Worship – Psalm 150

We praise you, O God, in your sanctuary;  
***We praise you in your mighty skies!***  
We praise you for your powerful deeds.  
***We praise you for your overwhelming glory!***  
We praise you with the ringing of bells.  
***We praise you with dulcimers and xylophones!***  
We praise you with chimes and dance.  
***We praise you with smiling faces!***  
We praise you with wondering questions.  
***We praise you with singing voices!***  
***Let everything that has breath praise God! Alleluia!***



Hymn of Praise †

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*Great God, Our Creator*

***Great God, our creator and maker of all, the Giver of all good things, both great and small, we praise you and thank you for all that is good; for life, health, and strength, for family and food.***

***We praise you, Creator, Redeemer, and Guide. We ask that within us you now will abide. Instruct us and keep us 'til this day is done; remake us like you, God, O great Three-in-One.***

Prayer of Praise †

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.***

Song of Praise

*Thank You  
Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy  
Carol Choir*

Ann Leste  
George Willis Cooke

**WE ASK NOW THAT WITHIN US YOU NOW WILL ABIDE**

Prayer of Confession

Appalachian Folk Song  
arr. M. Burkhardt

*Oh, Every Morn  
Chorister Choir*

Please echo the children on the final refrain:

*Oh, every morn when the sun awakes, I bring to the Lord my morning prayer.*

Words of Assurance

The Gospel Lesson

Second and Third Grade Bible Study Class

John 20:19-22 (Pew Bible page 113 – NT)

Music of Assurance

Donna Butler

*Song of Peace  
Chorister Choir*

Make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me give love. Where there is hurt, I will offer help.  
Where there is doubting, let me be sure. Lord, I want to serve You. Make me an instrument of Your peace.

The Exchange of Peace

## INSTRUCT US AND KEEP US

The Gospel Lesson

Fourth and Fifth Grade Bible Study Class  
John 20:24-29 (Pew Bible page 113 – NT)

Anthem

Kathy C. Bowen

*When Morning Comes, I Sing*

Chorister Choir

When morning comes and wakes with the dawn, I offer praise to the Lord all day long, I sing, for the Lord has done marvelous things. When morning comes, I sing. When morning comes, I rise up to say, "Praise to the Lord for this wonderful day." I sing, for the Lord has done marvelous things. When morning comes, I sing. Praise to the Lord for every new sky. Praise him for mountains and clouds rolling by. Praise to the Lord. Alleluia! I sing, for the Lord has done marvelous things. When morning comes, I sing.

## REMAKE US LIKE YOU, GOD, O GREAT THREE-IN-ONE

The Gospel Lesson

Kindergarten and First Grade Bible Study Class  
John 20:30-31 (Pew Bible page 113 – NT)

Hymn of Response (27) †

BUNESSAN

*Morning Has Broken*

***Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.***

***Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!***

Offertory Prayer

Handbell Offertory

TRADITIONAL CANON  
arr. Karen Lakes Buckwalter

*Dona Nobis Pacem*  
JuBELLee Ringers

News for the Community

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

Renee Purtlebaugh

Choral Benediction

*Go Now in Peace*

*Go now in peace; may the love of God surround you everywhere you may go.*

Postlude

*Morning Reflections*

Joseph Parr

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



## Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn of praise, *Great God, Our Creator*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

We give thanks for Kathy Collier, our children's choir coordinator, whose passion and vision for children leading in worship brought this service to 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.

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 second QR code in the section below to be directed to our online giving page.

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## Thank you for joining us for Children's Sabbath today!

**At Highland, our Ministry with Children and Their Families strives to create a sacred space where families with children have opportunities to experience God's love and encounter the stories of Jesus that form and transform, while participating in the creation of a world where love and justice abound.** We also work to provide parents with tools to nurture the faith lives of their children, as well as their own. Our deep hope is that families are actively exploring together what it means to be faithful followers of Christ in their daily lives.

We do this through **Bible study classes** on Sunday mornings, where children encounter and explore the stories of Jesus. We do this through **children's choirs** on Wednesday evenings (during the school year), the joyful discovery of God's transforming LOVE through music. We do this through **summer camps** that allow children to explore their faith in community, developing the muscles that help us discover, grow, and serve together. We do this through **fellowship**, like preschool playdates and picnics and egg hunts and festivals.

And it is only possible with the leadership of **nearly 100 volunteers each month!** At present, there are 13 teachers of Bible study classes, 17 children's choir teachers, 61 worship care volunteers, and a handful of children's worship volunteers who make our ministry come to life. Our Families with Children Ministry Group also assists in planning for special events.

For more information about Children and Family Ministry at Highland, find us on Facebook, Instagram, or via our bi-weekly e-newsletter, *Family Ministry Happenings*. Use the QR code to learn more about registering for this summer's camps (by April 30!), to find us on social, or to reach out for more information!



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## Notes and News for the Community of Faith

**Please vote today through April 30 for our Pastor Search Committee nominees:** Larry Gray, Robert Kahne, Amy Pacyga, Erin Phelps, Kathey Golightly Sanders, Jess Smith, and Abbi Wolfe. Alternates: Diane Brewer, Ron Smith. Those unable to vote electronically may call the church office to record their vote during the same time period at 502-451-3735.

**The Interim Pastor Search Committee is excited to recommend Rev. Dr. Chris Caldwell to serve as Highland Baptist's Interim Pastor.** For more information about Chris, please go to our church newsletter via the website. Chris will share his faith story in both services on Sunday, May 4 and will be available to meet with interested congregants between services in the Commons. A formal congregational vote will take place during a called business meeting via Zoom on Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 PM. If approved, Chris will begin his ministry at Highland on Monday, May 5.



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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.

