

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 29, 2025

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship Justin Sizemore

PRAY AND PRAISE THEE WITHOUT CEASING, GLORY IN THY PERFECT LOVE

Prelude Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Andante Cantabile

Call to Worship

Genene Nisbet (8:45)

Casey Boggs (11:15)

"My people, I call to you."

We look to the halls of power, to the weapons of the mighty, the tools of the merchants, but we do not hear your voice.

"My people, I call to you."

We look to the confident and the secure, but we do not see your grace.

"My people, I call to you."

We look to the poor, and you are present. We listen to the voiceless, and you speak to us.

We open our broken hearts, and you enter.

"My people, I love you, and I am with you."

We give you thanks. We give you our lives, and we worship you. Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise (566) †

ST. ANNE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Prayer of Praise †

Genene Nisbet (8:45) Casey Boggs (11:15)

Glory to the Creator †

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.

Anthem Martin Shaw

With a Voice of Singing

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered all people, alleluia. O be joyful in God all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of God's name. Make God's praise to be glorious.

TAKE AWAY OUR BENT TO SINNING; ALPHA AND OMEGA BE

The Gospel Lesson †

Renee Purtlebaugh

Luke 9:58-62 (Pew Bible page 69 – NT)

Prayer of Confession

Paul Henderson

We struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit, but often find ourselves bound by actions that don't matter. We know the whole law is summed up in the single commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. Yet we sometimes create fences around ourselves to keep neighbors outside and tell ourselves we have no responsibility.

Even in our own back yard we can be unkind to one another. We wish it were different. When Jesus calls us to follow him,

it is easier to find excuses to instead go home or to the workplace to finish something "more important" first. Yet we long to be guided by the Spirit.

Silent confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Paul Henderson

Exchange of Peace †

Hymn (281) †

BEECHER

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BREATHE, O BREATHE THY LOVING SPIRIT INTO EVERY TROUBLED BREAST

The Epistle Lesson

Chris Caldwell

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (Pew Bible pages 186-187 – NT)

Sermon

The End of Freedom

THEE WE WOULD BE ALWAYS BLESSING, SERVE THEE AS THY HOSTS ABOVE

Hymn of Response (660) †

MARYTON

O Savior, Let Me Walk with Thee
In this hymn, we offer the word "Savior" as an alternative to the word "Master."

Offertory Prayer †

Missy Smith (8:45) Bill Ockerman (11:15)

Offertory

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Andante Cantabile

News for the Community

Doxology †

Justin Sizemore

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

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 † Chris Caldwell

Postlude Joseph Parr

Improvisation on MARYTON

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn, *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling,* will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

The sanctuary flowers are given by the Swim family in remembrance and honor of Gerald Swim who left us two years ago today.

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 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

• Sanctuary Choir Trip and Home Concert— Singers from Highland's Sanctuary Choir have joined forces with singers from Second Presbyterian Church and the *Louisville Master Chorale* to create *Coro Louisville*. This newly formed choir will begin residency in London, England July 17-24 singing in the Royal Chapel of St. George's, Windsor, and Winchester Cathedral directed by John Dickson. We ask for your prayers as we prepare and finally, share our love of ancient and modern sacred music with others in the UK!

On July 13, *Coro Louisville* invites everyone to Second Presbyterian Church (3701 Old Brownsboro Road) for their home concert. The concert begins at 3:00 PM with doors opening at 2:30. The free concert will include a large portion of the repertoire they have learned for their overseas concerts. The singers would love to receive your support as they share their music at their one and only home concert! We hope to see you there!

• Looking Ahead:

June 30-July 4: Passport Youth Camp in Berea, KY

July 7-10: Children's Discovery Camp

July 12: Trivia Night & Dessert Auction for the Sacred Space Campaign, 7:00 PM
 July 13: Coro Louisville Home Choir Concert at Second Presbyterian Church, 3:00 PM

July 14-17: Children's Advocacy Camp

August 10: Gather 'Round

August 13: Wednesday Evening Activities Resume and Cloud of Witness



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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