



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 31, 2025
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

O LET US GIVE OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Prelude

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on LEONI

Call to Worship

Joey Eubank (8:45)
Kelly Garrett (11:15)

Welcome to the banquet of hope, the buffet of prayer,
the “anonymous” circle of acceptance.

We come because we are invited.

Welcome to a fiesta of joy or a mercy meal of tenderness,
where every seat is a place of honor.

We come because we are invited.

Welcome to a party for God’s love-reveal, where all seating is a circle,
and karaoke is never necessary because we sing our own stories.

***We come because we have an invitation,
not on paper, simply our names. Thanks be to God!***

Hymn of Praise (255) †

SYMPHONY

We Are God’s People

Prayer of Praise †

Joey Eubank (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.

O LET US SHARE EACH JOY AND CARE

A Reading from the Psalms

Renee Purtlebaugh

Psalm 112:4-9 (Pew Bible page 552 – OT)

Song of Confession

Richard Farramt

Lord, for Thy Tender Sake

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives. To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Paul Henderson

***This is the good news: we are new people, graced by the extravagant love of God.
Forgiven, embraced, welcomed, we will offer open hearts and serving hands
to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.***

Exchange of Peace †

BORN OF HIS SPIRIT, ESTABLISHED BY HIS WORD

Hymn (273) †

ST. PETER

In Christ There Is No East or West

The Gospel Lesson †

Jim England

Luke 14:1-14 (Pew Bible pages 77-78 – NT)

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

Sermon

Preferred Seating

HE WILLS US BE A FAMILY DIVERSE YET TRULY ONE

Hymn of Response (254) †

CANONBURY

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

Faithful Giving Story

Justin Boldt

Offertory Prayer

Procter Eubank (8:45)
Cheryl Priddy (11:15)

Offertory

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on ROCKINGHAM

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 †

Jim England

Postlude

Jacques Lemmens

Fanfare

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

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn of praise, *We Are God's People*, 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 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

- **Wednesday Night Activities Continue** — Wednesday night activities have resumed for all ages! Chris Caldwell continues a four-part series this week on the parables of Jesus. We study the parables using a literary and sociological lens. Come prepared to discuss and to use your imagination! If you'd like to make a dinner reservation for one night or for the entire year, email Kathleen Gordon at kathleen@hbclouisville.org and let her know. Also consider if you might volunteer for dessert making, food prep and setup, or dish drying. Contact Kathy Belcher at klbelcher53@gmail.com to volunteer.
- **Volunteers Needed for Louisville Pride Booth** — Join *True Colors*, Highland's LGBTQ+ ministry group, as we celebrate love, inclusion, and community at this year's Louisville Pride Festival on Saturday, September 6. Highland's booth will be open from 11:00 AM-8:00 PM. We're looking for friendly, welcoming volunteers to help staff Highland's booth throughout the day. You can use the QR code above to sign up. Can't volunteer? No problem—come by, say hello, and show your support!
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - September 6: Highland Booth at Louisville Pride Festival, 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 - September 7: Quarterly Church Conference on Zoom, 4:00 PM
 - Oct 10-12: Fall Women's Retreat (unstructured) - for information, contact Ginger Miller at 502-599-6569



**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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