



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 19, 2025

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

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Invitation to Worship

John Kubar

ALMIGHTY, VICTORIOUS, THY GREAT NAME WE PRAISE

Prelude

Louis Vierne (8:45)

*Berceuse*

*Andante*

Michael Burkhardt (11:15)

Children's Handbells

Call to Worship (from Psalm 100)

John Gribbins (8:45)  
Knox Ross Azevedo (11:15)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

***Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.***

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and into God's courts with praise.

***For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.***

Choral Introit

Mayo and Bailey (11:15)

*Come, Let Us Sing*

Chorister Choir

Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord, God has done great things! Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord, praises to God we bring. Enter His gates with thankful hearts, enter His courts with praise. Serve the Lord with gladness, serve Him all your days. Enter His gates with thankful hearts, enter His courts with praise. Bless His name forever, joyful voices raise.

Processional Hymn (58) †

ST. DENIO

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Prayer of Praise †

John Gribbins (8:45)  
Crew Ross Azevedo (11:15)

Baptism of Navy Ross Azevedo

Renee Purtlebaugh (11:15)

Call to the Water  
Statement of Faith  
Baptism in the name of **the Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

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.*

## THY JUSTICE, LIKE MOUNTAINS, HIGH SOARING ABOVE

A Lesson from the Psalms

Chorister Choir

Psalm 119:97-104



Lead me, O God. How I love your teach - ings.

Prayer of Confession

Paul Henderson

Assurance of Forgiveness

Zephaniah 3:17 (Pew Bible page 862 – OT)

Music of Assurance

Tracy Craig McKibben (11:15)

*God Rejoices Over Me*  
Chorister Choir

God rejoices over me. I can see God loves me. I can sing because I know God rejoices over me. When I'm fearful, God is there to calm my fears and hear my prayer. When I don't know what to do, God will see me through.

Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

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

# THY CLOUDS, WHICH ARE FOUNTAINS OF GOODNESS AND LOVE

Hymn (48) †

FAITHFULNESS

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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

The Hebrew Lesson

Genesis 32:22-28 (Pew Bible page 29 – OT)

Chris Caldwell

Sermon

*Sacred Friction*

## WE BLOSSOM AND FLOURISH...AND WITHER AND PERISH — BUT NAUGHT CHANGETH THEE

Hymn of Response (298) †

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*God Is Here!*

Offertory Prayer and Mission Moment

Jim Shelton (8:45)  
Terri Connolly (11:15)

Choral Offertory

arr. Eric Nelson

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories ever echoing the triumphs of God's grace. My gracious Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name. Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease, 'tis music in the sinner's ear, 'tis life and health and peace. Christ breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his love can make the foulest clean, his love availed for me. To God all glory, praise, and love be ever, ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

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 †

Chris Caldwell

Postlude

J. S. Bach

*Toccatina in F Major*

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" (one syllable) and "Father" with "Parent," "Holy," or "Divine" (two syllables). We would love to hear what creative language for God you might use in worship, too.

## Today in Worship

Phrases from today's processional hymn, *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

We appreciate the musical leadership in today's 11:15 worship service by our Chorister Choir, Children's Handbell Choir, and their teachers. All children are invited to join in our graded children's choir music program on Wednesday nights, 6:00 PM.

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 11:15 service.

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

- **Pledging Continues**—If you haven't yet made your pledge for Highland's mission and ministries in 2026, please consider doing so. Make your pledge online using the QR code or pick up a copy of the pledge card in the Commons. Thank you for your investment in Highland's future!
- **Global Mission Offering**—October is the month for the Global Mission Offering for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Highland's primary denominational affiliation. Highland's goal for the offering this year is \$7,500. This offering provides support to field personnel in both the US and around the globe as they foster true partnerships between CBF and local, national and international bodies of like-minded believers. You may contribute to the Offering for Global Missions by using the QR code, using an offering envelope found in the pews (identifying your contribution as going for Global Missions) or via the Highland website.
- **An Invitation from the Anti-Racism Team**—You are invited to hear Dr. Mario Ransan speak about the Louisville Solidarity Project, a grassroots coalition of schools and nonprofits whose mission is to address food insecurity among immigrants and others in Louisville and beyond. Dr. Ransan teaches social studies at Southern High School and is an active member of Central Presbyterian Church. Find out how you can help on October 28 at 6:30 PM in the Commons.
- **Looking Ahead:**
  - October 23: Senior Adults lunch at the Overlook Restaurant in Leavenworth, IN, 11:30 AM (bus leaves at 10:30)
  - November 9: Highlights Lunch & Class for New Members and Visitors, 12:30-3:00 PM



## 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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