



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 9, 2025
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

**THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG,
PRAISING MY SAVIOR ALL THE DAY LONG**

Prelude

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on SLANE

Call to Worship

Walter McWhorter (8:45)
John Dickson (11:15)

We gather this morning to remember who we are and whose we are.

We belong to God, and God's love knows no borders.

It's not our nation or our politics that define us.

It's the grace we've seen in Jesus Christ.

That grace is our story, our song, our assurance.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is ours.

Processional Hymn (306) †

MADRID

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Prayer of Praise †

Walter McWhorter (8:45)
John Dickson (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.

**ANGELS DESCENDING BRING FROM ABOVE
ECHOES OF MERCY, WHISPERS OF LOVE**

The Hebrew Lesson

Haggai 2:1-4 (Pew Bible page 863 – OT)

Renee Purtlebaugh

Choral Confession

K. Lee Scott

The Narrow Way

Be near me, Lord, where'er I go; Teach me what you would have me do; Direct whate'er I think or say;
And lead me in the narrow way. Prevent me, lest I harbor pride, Lest I in my own strength confide;

Show me my weakness, let me see I have my power, my all in thee. Assist and teach me how to pray,
Incline my nature to obey; What you abhor, Oh let me flee, And only love what pleases thee.

Be near me, Lord, where'er I go: Teach me what you would have me do; Direct whate'er I think or say;
And lead me in the narrow way.

Assurance of Forgiveness

John Kupar

Exchange of Peace †

Hymn (619) †

ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

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

PERFECT SUBMISSION, PERFECT DELIGHT,
VISIONS OF RAPTURE NOW BURST ON MY SIGHT

A Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 (Pew Bible pages 569-570 – OT)

Chris Caldwell

Sermon

Christian Nationalism Is Sinful and Un-American

WATCHING AND WAITING, LOOKING ABOVE,
FILLED WITH HIS GOODNESS, LOST IN HIS LOVE

Hymn of Response (678) †

Lord of All Hopefulness

COURTNEY

Offertory Prayer †

Bill Campbell (8:45)
Becky Dickson (11:15)

Offertory

Improvisation on ASSURANCE

Joseph Parr

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

Improvisation on ENGELBERG

Joseph Parr

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

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 hymn, *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*, 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 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

- **Highlights Class Today**—If you are new to Highland, whether as a new member or visitor, please join us today from 12:30-3:00 PM for our Highlights Class in the Fellowship Hall. This brief overview of Highland provides lunch and space to meet with fellow newcomers, as well as long-time congregants. Attending the Highlights Class is also a requirement for membership at Highland.
- **Christmas Poinsettias**—Our sanctuary will once again be beautifully adorned with red poinsettias this Advent and Christmas. All members are invited to purchase a poinsettia for \$15 in memory, in honor, or in appreciation of a family member, friend or loved one. You may order poinsettias through our website. You may also submit payment and information by contacting Kathleen in the church office at 502-451-3735. The deadline for ordering poinsettias is Monday, November 24.
- **Highlands Community Ministries Holiday Drive**—This season, our congregation will bring warmth and joy to families in need. Our goal is to contribute to HCM's mission by collecting gift cards and cozy throw blankets. We're excited to be part of this meaningful effort, and we invite you to join us in making a difference! Donations will be collected on Sunday, November 30, during the Hanging of the Green service. Specific items needed: \$25 gift cards for Kroger, Target, or Walmart and NEW throw-sized blankets
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - Today: Highlights Lunch & Class for New Members and Visitors, 12:30-3:00 PM
 - November 12: Quarterly Church Conference and budget presentation at 6:15 PM (in person)
 - November 18: Senior Adult Retreat at Gilda's Club, 10:30 AM
 - November 23: Thanksgiving Brunch, 10:00 AM—signups to bring food begin this week
 - November 30: Hanging of the Green service, 6:00 PM, with reception to follow—signups to bring food begin this week



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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