



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 16, 2025
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING, WE WORSHIP YOU TODAY

Prelude

arr. Jeff Cranfill

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Highland Orchestra

Sing to God a new song,
for God has done marvelous things!
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,
for God is still doing marvelous things!
Break into joyful song!
Sing praises with lyre and melody and trumpets!
Let the seas roar and the floods clap their hands!
For God is coming to bring justice.
For God is coming to bring equity.
Sing to God a new song!

Processional Hymn (309) †

ENGELBERG

When, in Our Music, God Is Glorified

Prayer of Praise †

Buddy Lee (8:45)
Erin Phelps (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.

Choral Praise

Michael Burkhardt

O Sing to the Lord a New Song
Jenna Proffit, alto

O sing to the Lord, O sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless God's name! For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praise; The Lord is to be revered above all gods. Honor and majesty are now before the Lord; Strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar and all its fullness; Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the Lord.

BLESSINGS WITHOUT NUMBER AND MERCIES WITHOUT END

The Hebrew Lesson

Chris Caldwell

Isaiah 65:17-25 (Pew Bible page 682 – OT)

Prayer of Confession

Paul Henderson

O God, still creating, we hear your promises of a new day of joy and peace, and we are skeptical.
We expect things to go on the same as they always have, from bad to worse.
The past will keep us guilty, the future will make us afraid,
and the present will burden us with too little time and too much to do.
Forgive our lack of faith, our quickness to believe that you do not hear us, and our pessimism about tomorrow.
Do a new thing in our hearts, and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care; through Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Exchange of Peace †

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

O Day of Peace

O day of peace that dim-ly_ shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, Guide us to just - tice, truth, and
 7 Then shall the wolf dwell with the_ lamb, Nor shall the fierce de - vour the small; As beasts and cat - tle calm-ly_
 love, De - liv - ered from our sel - fish schemes. May swords of hate fall from our hands, Our hearts from
 12 graze, A lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e mies shall learn to love, All crea - tures
 en - vy find re - lease, Til by God's grace our war - ring_ world Shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace
 find their_ true ac - cord; The hope of peace_ shall be ful - filled for all the earth shall know the Lord.

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

WE LIFT OUR HEARTS BEFORE YOU AND WAIT UPON YOUR WORD

A Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 98 (Pew Bible page 540 – OT)

Chris Caldwell

Sermon

Sing a New Song

MAKE A JOYFUL DUTY OUR SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

Hymn of Response (366) †

THAXTED, alt.

O God Beyond All Praising

Call to Justice and Offertory Prayer †

Rebecka Allen (8:45)
Troy Burden (11:00)

Offertory

God of Grace and God of Glory
Highland Orchestra

arr. Manz, orchestration arr. Maples

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 THAXTED and JERUSALEM

Joseph Parr

Today in Worship

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

Today's cover art: Edward Hicks's *The Peaceable Kingdom* is a 19th-century painting that portrays a serene vision of harmony among animals and humans, inspired by the biblical prophecy of Isaiah. The indigenous people in the portrait represent the efforts of William Penn (a Quaker) to foster the equitable treatment of native Americans.

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.

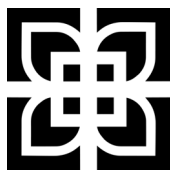
Worship care is available for infants, toddlers and preschoolers during worship. Our greeters are available to help you navigate our building. A Worship Cart with activities to engage children in the pew is located in the Commons. Children's Worship is available for K-2nd graders during the 11:15 service.

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

- **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.
- **Holiday Giving Opportunities**— This season, our congregation will bring warmth and joy to families in need—in the ways they need it most—through three of our partner organizations doing incredible work in our community: The Solidarity Project, Highland Community Ministries, and La Casita. Collection boxes are available in the Commons now through November 30, or you may bring your items to the Hanging of the Green service on Sunday, November 30 at 6 pm. The items each organization has requested of us can be found using the QR code or by referencing the church newsletter throughout this month.
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - November 18: Senior Adult Retreat at Gilda's Club, 10:30 AM
 - November 20: Trans Day of Remembrance, Highlands Community Ministries Campus, 1228 E. Breckinridge, 7:00 PM
 - November 23: Thanksgiving Brunch, 10:00 AM—use the QR to sign up to help
 - November 30: Hanging of the Green service, 6:00 PM, with reception to follow—use the QR code to sign up to help
 - December 2: Sorting Soiree at La Casita, 6:00-8:00 PM
 - December 7: Second Sunday of Advent (Peace), Crosses on the Lawn
 - Children's Advent Service, 6:00 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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