

## Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn, *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*, 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.

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### Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Ministry Council Nominations Open Now:** Each year, our congregation nominates members to serve on the Ministry Council. Ministry Council attends to the business of the church and supports the work of its ministry groups. Ministry Council Representatives serve a three-year term. **Today is the deadline for nominations.** How nominations work: You nominate up to six people using the yellow paper forms that are available during worship services. The Congregational Engagement Ministry Group reviews all nominations and then brings a proposed list to the full congregation for approval.
- As we announced last Wednesday, **Ministry Council will bring an amendment to the bylaws** to our upcoming Quarterly Church Conference (October 18) regarding the number of Ministry Council congregational representatives. The exact language of the proposed amendment will appear in the newsletter in the coming weeks.
- We look forward to **gathering with adults of all ages in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights, 6:00-7:15 p.m.**, for community prayer, faith formation, and faith expression.
  - September 23: Family Roots - More Than an Origin Story with Phil Collier (Faith Formation)
  - September 30: No Wednesday Night Programming due to JCPS Fall Break
  - October 7: Cloud of Witness with Peggy Holthaus, John Kubar, and Alan Spade
- **Looking Ahead:**
  - Today: Pledge Sunday
  - Wednesday, September 23: "Family Roots - More Than an Origin Story" with Phil Collier, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hill
  - Friday, September 25: Mission and Justice Meeting, 5:00-6:30 PM, Children's Commons
  - Saturday, September 26: Trivia Night Fundraiser for Sacred Space, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
  - Sunday, September 27: Choral Evensong and Benediction, Episcopal Church of the Advent, 5:00 PM
  - Wednesday, October 7: Cloud of Witness facilitated by Bob Cunningham, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
  - October 9-11: Women's Fall Retreat, contact Ginger Miller to sign up - 502-599-6569



## HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.



**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**  
CUSTODIANS

**Cheryl Davis**  
OFFICE MANAGER

**Megan Fuller**  
MINISTRY ASSISTANT AND  
INTERIM CARE COORDINATOR

**Roy Fuller**  
DEACON CHAIR

**Carol Harston**  
SENIOR PASTOR

**Paul Henderson**  
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**Robert Kahne**  
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

**John Kubar**  
INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
TO YOUTH

**Walter McWhorter**  
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

**Leslie Morris**  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

**Joseph Parr**  
ORGANIST AND MUSIC ASSOCIATE

**Renee Purtlebaugh**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN  
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Invitation to Worship

Carol Harston

THANKFUL SONGS SHALL RISE FOREVER,  
GRACIOUS DONOR OF OUR DAYS

Prelude

W. A. Mozart

Trio Sonata No. 5, II. Largo

Call to Worship – from Psalm 105

Mary Burks (8:45)  
David Hartley (11:15)

Give thanks to the Lord; call on God’s name.  
**Sing praises! Remember and tell of God’s wonderful works.**  
Glory in God’s holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
**Sing praises! Remember and tell of God’s wonderful works.**  
Seek’s the Lord’s strength; seek God’s presence continually.  
**Sing praises! Remember and tell of God’s wonderful works.**

Processional Hymn (282) †

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spokekn

Prayer of Praise †

Mary Burks (8:45)  
David Hartley (11:15)

Glory to the Creator †

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**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.**

A Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 145:1-8 (Pew Bible page 569 – OT)

Paul Henderson

GIFTED BY YOU, WE TURN TO YOU,  
OFFERING OURSELVES IN PRAISE

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

Assurance of Forgiveness

Exchange of Peace †

Renee Purtlebaugh

Hymn (678) †

COURTNEY

Lord of All Hopefulness

Offertory

James Biery

The Beauty of This Sacred Place

The beauty of this sacred place inspires our hearts and minds to grow. We sing with love, bestowed by grace; from God all richest blessings flow. The meal, the word, the art, the song, are but a glimmer of the whole; with joyful hearts sing all day long, God's blessings satisfy the soul. We look into each person's eyes and see such longing hunger there. Respond with love to others' cries; our neighbors' burdens gladly bear. So many struggle and despair, we hear their silent voices plead; our actions show how much we care, extending help to those in need. The beauty of this sacred place inspires our hearts and minds to grow.

BORN WITH TALENTS, MAKE US SERVANTS  
FIT TO ANSWER AT YOUR THRONE

The Gospel Lesson †

Matthew 20:1-16 (Pew Bible page 21 – NT)  
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children’s Worship (11:15)

Sermon

The Field Is Full of Wildflowers

OPEN WIDE OUR HANDS IN SHARING,  
AS WE HEED CHRIST'S AGELESS CALL

Hymn of Response (671) †

BEACH SPRING

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Faithful Giving Story and Offertory Prayer

Anna Powell and Zach Purol

Offertory

24 Pièces en style libre, Op.31,  
No. 2 “Complainte”  
You are invited to bring your offerings and pledges  
to the front of the sanctuary at this time.

Louis Vierne

News for the Community

Paul Henderson

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 †

Carol Harston

Postlude

Improvisation on BEACH SPRING

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.