

Today in Worship

Phrases from today’s hymn, *O God Beyond All Praising*, 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 first 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

- 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.
October 28: Exploring Robert P. Jones’ *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy* with the Anti-Racism Team (Mission & Justice)
- **Highlights Class Continues Today:** Designed for those who are new to Highland, this three-week class is a time to learn more about our congregation and its ministries while meeting other visitors and new members. We’ll gather in the Commons, just outside the sanctuary, at 10:00 AM each week through November 1.
- **Global Missions Offering:** October is the month when we collect our Offering for Global Missions. This year’s theme is Transforming Abundance through Christ. Here at Highland, we have chosen to connect with other like-minded Baptists in the United States and around the world by being a part of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship works in the U.S. and globally in a variety of ways, and the offering we collect this month helps support that effort by funding the salaries of the field personnel who work with the CBF.

You may contribute to the Offering for Global Missions by using the QR code above, using an offering envelope found in the pews, or via the Highland website (identifying your contribution for Global Missions).
- **Looking Ahead:**
Wednesday, October 28: Exploring Robert P. Jones’ *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy* with the Anti-Racism Team, 6:00 PM
Thursday, October 29: Byck Elementary Fall Festival, 5:30-7:00 PM
Sunday, November 1: Highlights Class Continues, Commons, 10:00 AM
Wednesday, November 4: An Evening of Prayer and Song, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
Sunday, November 22: Thanksgiving Brunch, 10:00 AM, Fellowship Hall



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 25, 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.

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Invitation to Worship

Carol Harston

Exchange of Peace †

Renee Purtlebaugh

O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING, WE WORSHIP YOU TODAY

WE LIFT OUR HEARTS BEFORE YOU AND WAIT UPON YOUR WORD

Prelude

arr. Brian Childers

EBENEZER

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven
Highland Handbells

Call to Worship

Vicki Runnion (8:45)
Kathy Belcher (11:15)

Matthew 22:34-40 (Pew Bible pages 24-25 – NT)
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children’s Worship (11:15)

Carol Harston

O God who is beyond all praising, we bring our praises as best we can.
We sing of your love. We are in awe of your gifts.
We wonder about your world. We wait for a word from You.
We follow in your ways, and we worship you today.

Processional Hymn (366) †

THAXTED, alt.

O God Beyond All Praising

Prayer of Praise †

Vicki Runnion (8:45)
Kathy Belcher (11:15)

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

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.

BLESSINGS WITHOUT NUMBER AND MERCIES WITHOUT END

Choral Call to Prayer

Malcolm Archer

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer, yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn, to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn. The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past, the fear of what the future holds are present as if meant to last. But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find, the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind. So some have come who need your help, and some have come to make amends as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind, and soul, to disentangle peace from pain, and make your broken people whole

Pastoral Prayer

Carol Harston

A Reading from the Psalms

Paul Henderson

Psalm 1 (Pew Bible page 479 – OT)

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

Holy One, you plant us near streams of living water, that we might be rooted in your holy nourishment. Forgive us when we refuse your sustenance and ignore your call. Help us move through consuming fear into courage and hope, that we may love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

† *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.