Today in Worship

Phrases from today's processional hymn, *Come, Great God of all the Ages*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

Our gratitude to Lauren Jones Mayfield and John Dickson for their leadership in today's service.

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

- **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 soon. You may also submit payment and information by contacting Leslie in the church office at 502-451-3735. The deadline for ordering poinsettias is Monday, November 23.

- **Ballot Vote on Sunday, November 22** – Our congregation will vote by ballot on the 2027 ministry budget, Ministry Council chair (Alan Spade), vice chair (Jesse McClain), and congregational representatives (Carolyn King, Kelvin Thompson, Amy Pacyga, Missy Smith), CEMG members (Robin Ramsay Lee, Janie Blome, Mark Sanders), Trustees (Bob Connolly, Jim Straus), Finance Ministry Group (David Henry, Jason Baker), and Personnel Ministry Group (Doris Hornbuckle, Andrew Schaftlein).

- **Looking Ahead:**

Tuesday, November 10:	Caring for Aging Parents group, 5:15 PM, Commons
Wednesday, Novemer 11:	Budget Presentation, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 15:	Joining Day, 8:45 and 11:15 AM, Sanctuary
Wednesday, November 18:	Cloud of Witness, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
Sunday, November 22:	Ballot vote at the conclusion of 8:45 and 11:15 AM worship services
	Thanksgiving Brunch, 10:00 AM, Fellowship Hall
	A.I. & Faith Gathering, 12:30 PM, Commons
Sunday, November 29:	First Sunday in Advent - Hope
	Hanging of the Green Service, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary

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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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Highland Baptist Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

8:45 and 11:15 a.m.

Invitation to Worship — John Dickson

COME, O COME, IN CELEBRATION, HOUSEHOLD OF THE ONE TRUE GOD

Prelude — C.H.H. Parry

Elegy

Call to Worship – from Psalm 150 — Missy Smith *(8:45)*, Libby Cunningham *(11:15)*

We praise you, God, in your sanctuary.
We praise you for your mighty deeds and according to your surpassing greatness.
We praise you with the trumpet, the lute and harp, the tambourine and dance, the strings and flute, the clanging and clashing cymbals.
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Processional Hymn (5) † — ABBOT'S LEIGH

Come, Great God of All the Ages

Prayer of Praise † — Missy Smith *(8:45)*, Libby Cunningham *(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.

LET REDEEMING LOVE RECALL MINISTRY IN DEDICATION

Call to Prayer — Craig Courtney

If You Search with All Your Heart

When you seek me, you shall find me if you search with all your heart. For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil. For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future. I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared. I will bring you out of bondage I will bring you home to me.

Prayer of Confession — Renee Purtlebaugh

Assurance of Forgiveness

Exchange of Peace † — Renee Purtlebaugh

Hymn (41) † — WELLESLEY

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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

SPEAK THROUGH EVERY DEED AND PERSON, LET YOUR WAY AND WILL BE KNOWN

The Epistle Lesson — Lauren Jones Mayfield

Acts 17:16-28, 32-34 (Pew Bible pages 134-135 – NT)
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

Sermon

To An Unknown God

GUIDE THE CHURCH TO TRUE COMMITMENT, GIVE DIRECTION NOW, WE ASK

Hymn of Response (696) † — ST. DENIO

I'm Coming to Gather All Peoples of Earth

Offertory Prayer — Vance Smith *(8:45)*, Bob Cunningham *(11:15)*

Offertory — Joseph Parr

Improvisation on ABBOT'S LEIGH

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, we say **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 † — Lauren Jones Mayfield

Postlude — Pietro Cattaneo

Postlude on ST. DENIO

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.