Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn or response, *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

Today's cover artwork is by Kazahkstan painter, Nelly Bube.

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:**

Today:	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
Friday, December 4:	A.I. & Faith Gathering, 12:00 PM, Commons

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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Highland Baptist Church

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

8:45 and 11:15 a.m.

Invitation to Worship — Carol Harston

TAKE MY VOICE, AND LET ME SING ALWAYS, ONLY, FOR MY KING

Prelude — William P. Latham

Now Thank We All Our God
Highland Orchestra

Call to Worship — Kimbrough Gossett *(8:45)*, Larry Gray *(11:15)*

Come, let us lift our voices in praise to the Holy God, whose glory fills the heavens and whose love embraces the earth.
We praise you, O God, for you are holy, mighty, and worthy of our song.
Holy God, receive our praise. May our worship rise as a joyful offering, and may our lives reflect the love and grace of Christ.
Holy God, we praise your name! Let us worship God!

Processional Hymn (9) † — GROSSER GOTT

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Prayer of Praise † — Kimbrough Gossett *(8:45)*, Larry Gray *(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.

The Epistle Lesson — Renee Purtlebaugh

I Thessalonians 5:1-11 (Pew Bible page 201 – NT)

Choral Anthem — Fredrick Melius Christiansen

Beautiful Savior

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Savior!
Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

TAKE MY HEART, IT IS THINE OWN, IT SHALL BE THY ROYAL THRONE

Prayer of Confession — Paul Henderson

God of light and hope, we confess that too often we live as though the darkness will never end. We become distracted by the worries of the world, consumed by our own concerns, and forget that you have called us to live as children of the light. We grow weary in doing good, hesitant to love, and slow to encourage one another. Forgive us when fear overshadows faith and when we forget that we belong to one another. Awaken us again to your hope, strengthen us in faith and love, and teach us to build one another up. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Exchange of Peace † — Paul Henderson

Hymn (271) † — JUBILEE (alt.)

Christian People, Sing Together

TAKE MY MOMENTS AND MY DAYS,
LET THEM FLOW IN CEASELESS PRAISE

The Gospel Lesson† — Carol Harston

Matthew 25:14-30 (Pew Bible page 28 – NT)
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

Sermon

Thy Will Be Done

TAKE MY SELF AND I WILL BE EVER, ONLY, ALL FOR THEE

Hymn of Response (490) † — HENDON

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

Call to Justice — Roan Hendrix-Verran

Offertory Prayer — Walter McWhorter *(8:45)*, Mary Ida Gray *(11:15)*

Offertory — arr. David Winkler

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Highland Orchestra

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 † — Carol Harston

Postlude — Joseph Parr

Improvisation on GROSSER GOTT

† 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.