Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn, *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

Our thanks to John Dickson for his musical leadership in today's service.

Today's cover artwork was created by Catalan sculptor Josep Maria Subirach. The bronze doors of Barcelona's Sagrada Família feature the Lord's Prayer in Catalan, surrounded by the words "Give us this day our daily bread" in 50 languages, reminding us that prayer unites cultures and generations.

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

- **Hanging of the Green Reception** – Join us following the Hanging of the Green service for good food, holiday decorations, and celebrating the start of Advent with our Highland community. Want to help? Sign up using the QR code.

- **Looking Ahead:**

Sunday, November 22:	Ballot vote during the 8:45 and 11:15 AM worship services
	Thanksgiving Brunch, 10:00 AM, Fellowship Hall
	A.I. & Faith Gathering, 12:30 PM, Commons
Monday, November 23:	Sorting Soiree, 6:00-8:00 PM, La Casita Center
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
Sunday, December 6:	Second Sunday in Advent - Peace
	Children's Advent Service, 6:00 PM
Wednesday, December 9:	Youth Christmas Party, 6:00-7:30 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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Highland Baptist Church

Reign of Christ Sunday

November 22, 2026

8:45 and 11:15 a.m.

Invitation to Worship — Carol Harston

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING ALLELUIA! AMEN!

Prelude — Joseph Parr

Improvisation on DIADEMATA

Call to Worship – from Psalm 95 — Kelly Garrett *(8:45)*, Linda Tomes *(11:15)*

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, making a joyful noise with songs of praise.
For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. God's hand holds the depths of the earth, the heights of the mountains, the sea, and the dry land.
We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. O come, let us worship God together!

Processional Hymn (306) † — MADRID

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Prayer of Praise † — Kelly Garrett *(8:45)*, Linda Tomes *(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 Anthem — arr. Mark Hayes

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam! O, praise him, Alleluia! Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him! Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening find a voice! O praise him! Alleluia! All ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye! Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care! O praise him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the father, praise the son! And praise the spirit three in one! O praise him! Alleluia!

The Hebrew Lesson — John Dickson

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (Pew Bible pages 788-789 – OT)

PRAISE IS HIS GRACIOUS CHOICE: ALLELUIA! AMEN!

Prayer of Confession — Renee Purtlebaugh

Assurance of Forgiveness

Exchange of Peace † — Renee Purtlebaugh

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

Hymn (371) † — NUN DANKET

Now Thank We All Our God

LET ALL WITH HEART AND VOICE, BEFORE HIS THRONE REJOICE

The Gospel Lesson † — Carol Harston

Matthew 25:31-46 (Pew Bible pages 28-29 – NT)
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

Sermon

On Earth as It Is in Heaven

HIS LOVE SHALL NEVER END: ALLELUIA! AMEN!

Hymn of Response (223) † — DIADEMATA

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Congregational Life: Ballot Vote

Offertory Prayer — Becca Jaggers *(8:45)*, Kelly Young *(11:15)*

Offertory — Joseph Parr

Improvisation on NUN DANKET

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 † — Albert Hay Malotte

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom,and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Postlude — Healey Wilan

Chorale Prelude on Italian Hymn

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.