

Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 18

9:30 Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 Sunday Worship; Chancel Choir
1:30 HPC Orchestra
5:00 Family Night for Roots & Youth Groups

Monday, September 19

1:00 Staff Meeting - Memorial Lounge
5:00 Finance Committee - Zoom

Tuesday, September 20

10:00 STITCH - Pleune-Mobley 3rd Floor
1:30 Smoketown Mobile Pantry
4:00 Earth Care Committee - Zoom

Wednesday, September 21

9:15 NWS Board Meeting - Session Room
5:30 Children's Music Ministry
6:00 Session Meeting - Session Room

Thursday, September 22

10:00 STITCH - Pleune-Mobley 3rd Floor
10:30 We of the World (WOW) - Zoom
5:30 Deacons - Zoom
6:00 Healing & Wholeness Service - Sanctuary
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 23

Newsletter Deadline

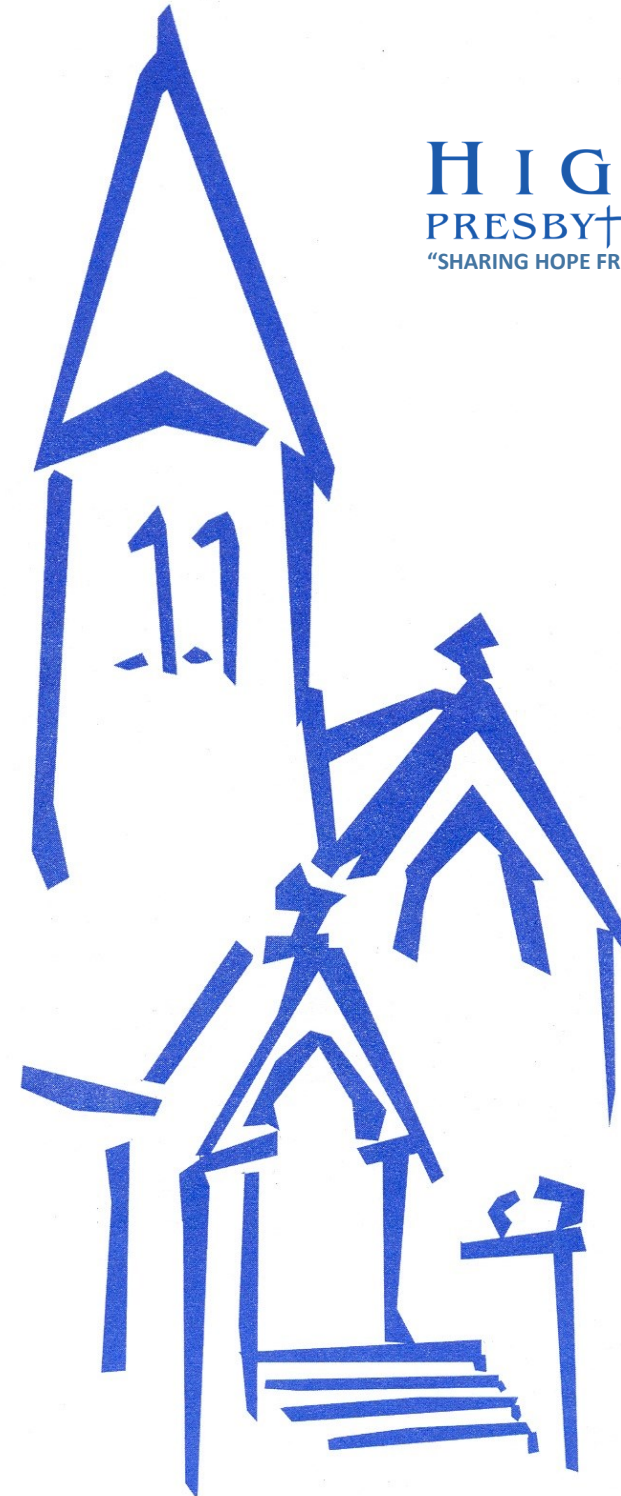
Saturday, September 24

Sunday, September 25

9:30 Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 Sunday Worship; Chancel Choir
12:00 PresFest!
5:00 Youth Group Cookout

Ministerial Staff

Rev. C. Nolan Huizenga, Transitional Pastor
Rev. Megan McCarty, Associate Pastor for Mission and Membership
Rev. Dr. Charles Brockwell, Parish Associate
Dr. Vini Frizzo, Director of Music Ministries
Michael Harper, Interim Director of Ministry with Youth and Families
Rhonda Hibdon, Interim Director of Ministry with Children and Families
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Rev. Dr. Jim Chatham, Pastor Emeritus (1981-2002)
Rev. Dr. Cynthia Campbell, Pastor Emerita (2013-2020)
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11:00am
September 18, 2022

WELCOME TO HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Whether you are visiting for the first time or are a long-time member, your presence is a gift to us. All are welcome in worship and we hope your experience is meaningful and relevant among this church community. Welcome.

The congregation of Highland Presbyterian Church affirms the worth and dignity of all people. We are all created in God's image, and in Christ we are the children of God. Just as Jesus welcomed everyone into his fellowship, including those who traditionally had been marginalized, we welcome all people to our congregation regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, income, or political beliefs. All are invited to worship, serve, and participate fully in the life and ministry of Highland. We strive to fully embrace everyone and acknowledge our humanity even as we fall short of this desire. Living out our Christian calling, we celebrate the presence, gifts, and companionship of all as we experience this journey of faith together.

If you are new here - Welcome! We want to connect with you. To help us offer a welcome, please leave your name, email, and phone number in a collection plate, as you leave worship. If you want information about joining the church contact Megan McCarty at megan.mccarty@hpclouisville.org or 502-451-2910.

To Enhance your Worship - Large print bulletins (including hymns) and hearing-enhancement devices are available. If you would like either, please ask an usher.

During the Passing of the Peace - We ask that you offer signs of peace from a safe distance.

The Nursery is located on the second floor of the church building. Children ages 3 and younger are invited (not required) to enjoy that caring space.

Prayer Support - Yellow prayer request cards are available in the Welcome Centers. You are welcome to write a request and place in the offering plate.

Offering - During worship we collect an offering. If this is your first time with us, we consider your presence as your offering this day. At this time, collection plates can be found as you exit the sanctuary. These support the ministry of Highland Presbyterian Church to serve this congregation and community beyond us as we "share hope from the heart of the Highlands."

COVID Procedures - As we continue to live through the COVID-19 pandemic, we ask that you continue to follow proper safety protocols as you worship with us. With Louisville currently at the Medium risk level, **masks are optional** in worship. Please continue to practice social distancing, remaining mindful of your own health and that of the more vulnerable among us. This mask policy is subject to change.

Name Tags - We will continue to have Name Tags available to be worn during Sunday morning worship services. You'll find the name tags on a table in the Fellowship Hall, there will also be blank cards if we don't have yours. We ask that you continue to wear them, as we welcome all in worship.

CHANCEL CHOIR - Do you like or want to learn how to sing? Chancel Choir is always looking for new members, and we welcome everyone! Chancel Choir is a great place to meet new people and connect with the divine through music and fellowship. We meet on Thursday evenings at 7pm. Childcare can be provided for Thursday night rehearsals, if needed, please contact me vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org prior to coming with your child.

HIGHLAND RINGERS - Highland Presbyterian Church are proud owners of a 5-octave Malmark Bellcraftsmen set of hand bells as well as a 3-octave set of hand chimes. Highland Ringers meets weekly on **Sundays at 1:30pm** in the sanctuary. If you are interested in ringing, please contact me at vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org.

HPC ORCHESTRA - Do you play an instrument? If so, HPC Orchestra is always looking for folks to play with us. You might think you're too green, but you're not. We tailor the music to fit everyone's level. Think about it! We have loads of fun! Please email me, vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org for more information as we are scheduled to play in service for **September 25th for Music Festival Sunday**. Our first rehearsal will be **Sunday, September 18th at 1:30 pm** in the sanctuary.

We are looking for volunteers for Prefest. The need is: Setup 4-6 people. Setup will start at 9:00 on Sunday. Mostly tables and chairs and everyone can still attend worship. Cleanup 3-4 people to move tables and chairs back inside and empty garbage. Bounce house 3-4 people. We would like to recruit parents to work 30 minute shifts directing traffic and limiting the number of children bouncing at one time. Contact Ralph Bowling at ralbow87@gmail.com if you can volunteer.

Worship Bags Available for Children - Bags are personalized by name. If you are visiting, please find a "visitor" bag in the back of the church. If you plan to return regularly contact Rhonda Hibdon at rhonda.hibdon@hpclouisville.org so a worship bag can be made for your child!

Race Equity Committee - In June the session voted to make the Race Equity Task Force a standing committee of HPC. This committee is being formed with the idea that they will continue figuring out how to do the work of race equity at Highland. They will use Phase 3 of the Race Audit, which can be found on our website, as a starting place to continue the difficult and important work of attempting to become an anti-racist institution. If you are interested in joining this committee, which will meet once/month (after we consult our schedules), please contact Rev. Megan at megan.mccarty@hpclouisville.org.

Free to Good Home - The church has several Filing Cabinets available, first come first served. Cabinets are sitting in the corner of the Fellowship Hall. You must provide transportation.

Announcements

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of members of the Palmer, Long and Pitt families.

The Rainbow Hanging was created by Anne Pope and Betty Smith with the assistance of Sweet Young. It was created as a symbol of the covenant that God made with Noah and every living creature of all generations that humankind would never again be destroyed by water (Genesis 9:8). In subsequent years, it has come to be interpreted as the welcome Highland extends to the LGBTQ community. This welcome is genuine. In 2018, Highland became a More Light Presbyterian Church, which means “working toward the full participation of LGBTQIA+ people in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) – and in society.” All are welcome here.

FAMILY NIGHT SEPTEMBER 18 - TOPIC: Curiosity - 5-6:45 PM: Today is our first scheduled family night! There is literally something for ALL AGES. This will be a time to equip our children, youth and parents with practical skills for navigating our disrupted world using a faith-based lens. Childcare will be provided for those 2nd grade and younger.

Here's the schedule for the evening:

- 5:00 - Dinner together (pizza, with suggested contribution of \$5/person)
- 5:25 - Big group time (those 2nd grade and younger off to childcare)
- 5:40 - Divide into age groups (Roots, Youth, Parents) to discuss topic of the day
- 6:30 - Relationship Building (3rd grade - parents together)
- 6:45 - End of evening

Healing & Wholeness Service - Our Book of Common Worship describes the purpose for a Healing & Wholeness service in this way: “Relying on Christ’s grace and the Spirit’s gifts, the church seeks to shepherd its members through times of danger and death, illness and loss, crisis and celebration, struggle and sin.” We come together as church to seek and offer comfort. What needs healing in your life? Join us in the sanctuary on **Thursday, September 22, at 6 p.m.** as we seek the strength of God’s presence for meeting the challenges that face us. There will be quiet prayer, reflection and music. Our pastors will also be available for a time of personal prayer. All are welcome. God will meet you there.

Fall Adult Education - Once a month, **following the 11 a.m. service**, we will gather in the Pleune-Mobley dining room for lunch, followed by a speaker and a question-and-answer period. This fall’s theme is **“The Church as a Source of Hope.”**

October 9: A representative from Housing Partnership, Inc. will discuss the \$500,000 loan that HPC made to foster home ownership west of Ninth Street. RSVP to Kathleen in the church office by **Friday, October 7 at noon.**

November 13: Jim McGee, staff therapist at Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Center, will discuss mental health.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost • September 18, 2022 • 11:00am • Order of Worship

Prelude - Salut d’Amour (Love’s Greeting) Edward Elgar
Julia Cash, violin and Brian Allred, piano

Welcome and Announcements Megan McCarty

Introit - I Will Joyfully Sing Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir

† Call to Worship Melissa Worthey

Beloved children of God,
in supplication and prayer,
with intercessions and with thanksgiving,
we come to worship God.
In hope and in humility,
with joy and with concerns,
we come to worship God.
In faith and in uncertainty,
with questions and with conviction,
let us worship God.

† Hymn 772 - Live into Hope TRURO

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Holy God, we confess that we are too concerned with our own peace. We seek the comfort of silence and ignore the cries of the oppressed. We are inwardly focused, missing your call to serve the world in justice and love. Forgive us, O God. Equip us to fulfill your will for a world in which all know dignity, and all are treated with equity, as your beloved children.
(silent prayer)
Amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace
God our Judge is also our Savior.
The good news is sure:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

† *Please rise in body or spirit*

† Passing the Peace of Christ
The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Time with Young Disciples Rhonda Hibdon
Children 5th grade and younger are invited to the front of the sanctuary
for Time with Young Disciples during the singing of “Be Still and Know.”
Be still and know that I am God. (x3)

Prayer for Illumination Dorissa Falk

New Testament Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (page 208)
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Luke 16:1-13 (page 79)
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The Spiritual Discipline of Shrewdness” Megan McCarty

† Hymn - Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor (Insert) BENJAMIN
Stanza 1 - Solo - Brian Shaw; Stanzas 2-3 - All

† Affirmation of Faith *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33*
**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church’s mission.
His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.
His service to people commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity
that marks human relations, and the awful consequences
of the church’s own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s
victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life
and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who 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, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Offering

Anthem - Wealth Won't Save Your Soul Hank Williams
Jennifer Trentham and Karen Crow, vocals;
Dan Bowman, guitar; Vini Frizzo, banjo; and Brian Allred, piano

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We give you thanks and praise, O God, for you have chosen the poverty of the world
to make your people rich in faith. Help us to put our faith into practice through the
offering of our lives—giving food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, and shelter to
the poor; all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, your Word made flesh. Amen.**

† Hymn - 766 - The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound MC KEE
Stanzas 1-2 - All; Stanza 3 - High Voices; Stanza 4 - Low Voices; Stanza 5 - All

† Charge and Benediction

Postlude - How Firm a Foundation arr. by Craig Courtney
Brian Allred, piano

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HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

This week, please include the following people in your daily prayers:

Shirley Wicklander, Dennis Robertson, George Carter, Pam Phelps, Melissa McLoud,
Betty Smith, Ilam Smith, Maryann Smith, Dan Arbough, and Jane Cox.
Grace Hope members who have suffered bereavement, illness, and personal trauma
during this time.