

Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 21

Faith Formation Sunday

- 9:30 Sunday School for all Ages
- 11:00 Sunday Worship
- 1:30 Highland Ringers
- 3:30 Roots

Monday, May 22

- 11:30 Presbytery Meeting – Away

Tuesday, May 23

- 10:00 STITCH – Pleune Mobley 3rd floor
- 10:30 Staff Meeting

Thursday, May 25

- 9:00 NWS Board & Teacher Appreciation
Breakfast – Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 STITCH – Pleune Mobley 3rd floor
- 10:30 WOW – Zoom
- 5:30 Deacons
- 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 28

Confirmation Sunday and Pentecost

- 9:30 Sunday School for all Ages
- 11:00 Sunday Worship
- 12:00 Pentecost Potluck - Patio
- 1:30 Highland Ringers

Ministerial Staff

Rev. C. Nolan Huizenga, Pastor

Rev. Megan McCarty, Associate Pastor for Mission and Membership

Rev. Dr. Charles Brockwell, Parish Associate

Dr. Vini Frizzo, Director of Music Ministries

Dr. Brian Allred, Organist

Michael Harper, Interim Director of Ministry with Youth and Families

Rhonda Hibdon, Interim Director of Ministry with Children and Families

Rev. Dr. Jim Chatham, Pastor Emeritus (1981-2002)

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Campbell, Pastor Emerita (2013-2020)

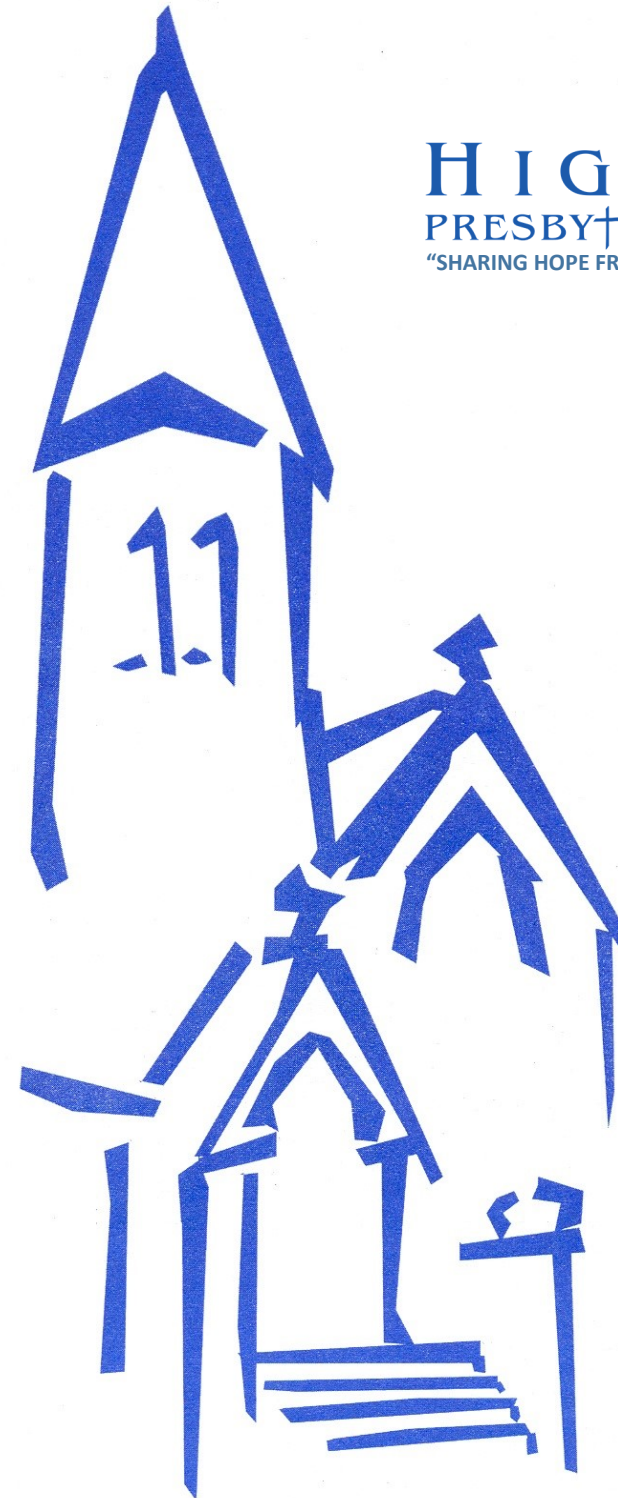
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11:00am

May 21, 2023

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.

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

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 invite you to give. 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."

Masks Optional - Masking remains at your discretion. Thank you for helping yourself and others stay healthy.

Vacation Bible School - JUNE 26-29 - 9am-12pm, Cost \$20 - Registration is now open for VBS! All children from potty-trained 3-year-olds to rising 6th graders are welcome to join us for Changemakers Lab, an interactive Vacation Bible School where children learn that everyone, using their unique gifts, can make a difference in the world. The deadline for registration is June 4th. Forms are available in the Welcome Centers.

The Louisville Urban League Guild's largest fundraiser is the Jazz Brunch held every spring to raise money for post-secondary scholarships. This year they are planning an extra special Jazz Brunch to celebrate their 75th anniversary as well as raise scholarship monies. The event will be held at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center on **Saturday, June 10, 11:00am - 2:00pm**. Tickets are \$50. There will be live jazz music, silent auction items, door prizes, and of course delicious food. The link to order tickets can be found here: <https://lul.org/event/lul-guild-jazz-brunch/>. We will be attending this fundraiser in conjunction with Grace Hope Presbyterian Church. Please purchase tickets if you are interested in finding out what the Louisville Urban League is up to and how we can better support their efforts as a church!

Help WOW Help Kids - Kentucky Refugee Ministries had a surge in refugees in April. Many need clothing for their children. KRM asked WOW to help with clothing from our free "Store." We are well stocked with most of what the children need, but we would appreciate help with NEW girls' socks and underwear in sizes 4-5, 6-8 and 10-12. We also need \$25 WalMart gift cards (or cash) so mothers can buy shoes that fit their kids. Please leave donations in the church office. Direct questions to Linda Ellison or Debbie Daniel. Thanks!

Save Your Plastic Lids! The Earth Care Green Team is saving lids for Green Tree Plastic's ABC (A Bench for Caps) program, which requires 200 pounds of plastic caps to be turned into a 6' bench (that's A LOT of caps! And A LOT of saving the planet!) There will be a box in the fellowship hall to donate your caps until we hit 200 lbs. Most plastic caps are able to be collected (sodas, baby food pouches, yogurt/cottage cheese containers, creamers, coffee cans, peanut butter containers, shampoo bottles, toothpaste and ointment tubes, etc, etc!) We cannot accept pump lids (like for lotion or soap) prescription bottles or fast food soda lids. For a complete list of what's accepted, please visit their website: www.greentreeplastics.com. Let's save the earth and beautify our campus.

Help Yourself to History - As the history room prepares to move, we've uncovered hundreds of pictures of sweet memories: youth groups, choir outings, church parties and performances, new members. . . Some were taken with an old Polaroid camera. (Remember those?) But pictures are only memories to those who remember. Without names, dates and context they aren't history worth preserving. Please look at the pictures on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Take all the pictures you want. If you see one that the church should preserve, please write caption information with names, dates and information on the occasion and put it in the box of pictures to be saved. What you don't take or flag, will be thrown away. Many thanks.

HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

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

Shirley Wicklander, George Carter, Pam Phelps, Melissa McCloud, Betty Smith, Dan Arbough, Shana Funk, Don Seeger, Bill Carroll, Heidi Blackburn, Charley Palmer, Cheryl Mead, Ginny Cromer, Phyllis Owen, Jan Ward, Communities of Bellewood & Brooklawn, and members of sister congregation Grace Hope Presbyterian Church.

Announcements

Our pulpit banner was created by longtime member Sweet Young.

The “Ascension” banner was created by Susan Price Miller as part of the Easter Vigil series.

Pentecost Potluck! Following worship on **Sunday, May 28th** we'll host our annual Pentecost Potluck! Fellowship Committee will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and veggie burgers (and fixin's). You are invited to bring a side dish or desert! If the weather is good, we'll have some tables on the patio, enjoying the sunshine and one another's company. This will also be confirmation Sunday, so let's celebrate our confirmands, the end of the liturgical season, and kick off summer with yummy food and good company! A few people are needed to be transporters, and to help set-up and take down. Anyone who is interested/available, please call/text/e-mail Todd Brown at (502) 541-6189 or brown4026@aol.com.

Session has called a congregational meeting after 11:00 worship on **Sunday, May 28**, for the congregation to vote on a slate of nominees for an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee who will begin the search process for our next Youth Ministry leader. The Congregational Nominating Committee is charged with discerning that set of nominees. If you have names to suggest for serving on the APNC, we'd love to hear from you! Please email those to Laurie Anderson (laurie2420@gmail.com) by noon this Sunday, May 21, if possible. Or you can bring suggestions or questions to any one of us — find us in the back of the sanctuary right after worship this Sunday!

Your Congregational Nominating Committee:

Laurie Anderson, chair	Alex Novak	Patricia Connally	Patti Pinkley
Steve Holmes	Janet Raderer	Ann Lacy	

Nolan Huizenga and Megan McCarty, pastoral liaisons

Youth Postcard Sales - Looking for a way to support the faith formation of our youth while also creating a stronger connection with them? That's exactly what our postcard program is designed to do. Beginning in March, you can order your personalized set of postcards that will be handwritten by a youth and sent from both of the youth summer trips. Our high schoolers will be going to a Montreat Youth Conference in June and our middle schoolers will be going to a conference at Massenetta Springs in July. Forms are in the Welcome Centers. Cost for this subscription is \$50. Three ways to pay:

- ✦ **Check.** Please send to the church office and indicate “youth postcards” in the memo line
- ✦ **Credit Card.** Click “GIVE” on the church website and select “Youth Postcards”
- ✦ **Venmo.** Send to @HPC1011 and include “youth postcards” on the memo line

Seventh Sunday of Easter • Faith Formation Sunday • May 21, 2023 • 11:00am

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name arr. D. Bish

Welcome and Announcements Nolan Huizenga

† Call to Worship Will Gahan

We may not know the time or the place,
but we know that God is restoring the world.
We may not see the risen Christ before us,
but we know his spirit rests on us.
We may not know what God is doing next,
but we come together in faith, excited to discover it!

† Hymn 640 - Open Your Mouth and Praise the Lord! OPEN YOUR MOUTH

Invitation to Confession Lauren Wood

Scripture tells us that our sufferings are known to Christ, that we can cast all our anxiety on Jesus, who restores, supports, strengthens and establishes us. Knowing this, let us come to God in a spirit of openness. Let us pray together:

Prayer of Confession

**Christ our Savior,
as you ascended, you left the work to us.
You called us to keep the movement going,
to witness to the ends of the earth,
to pray, to heal,
to glorify you through our thoughts, words, and deeds,
to show the world a glimpse of the goodness you have given us.
We have fallen short of this call.
We have hidden ourselves in fear,
sought our own comfort,
and resigned ourselves to the status quo.
Forgive us, and strengthen us to do your will,
that we may be signs of your coming reign.**
(silent prayer) Amen.

† Please rise in body or spirit

Assurance of God's Grace

Listen to this prayer:

"Protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

This is the prayer that Christ prayed on our behalf.

This tenderness and care for us shows us who Jesus is — the one who hears our prayers, responding to our longing for forgiveness with mercy.

Thanks be to God, praise be to Christ, glory be to the Holy Spirit.

† Passing the Peace of Christ

As God's own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Hymn 487 - These Treasured Children

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Stanzas 1 & 2 (only)

Children 5th grade and younger are invited to the front of the sanctuary during second stanza.

Time with Young Disciples - Presentation of 5th Grade Bibles

Rhonda Hibdon

Hymn 487 - These Treasured Children

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Stanzas 4-5

Prayer for Illumination

Martha Makela

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31 (page 668)

New Testament Reading

Acts 1:1-11 (page 118)

Sermon

"Holy Waiting"

Megan McCarty

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Appreciation for Faith Formation Leaders & Recognition of High School Graduates

† Hymn 383 - Dream On, Dream On

DREAM ON

David Gambrell, guitar

Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the *Confession of 1967*, 9.22

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are.

They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Reyn Schadt & Thomas Connally

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 Generosity

Martin Hall

With thanksgiving for God's gifts to us, let us offer ourselves and the fruits of our labor for God's work in the world.

Anthem - Rain Down (insert)

Jaime Cortez / arr. by John Carter

Please sing the refrain provided in insert

Karen Crow, mezzo-soprano and Chancel Choir

† Doxology - Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Spirit now who makes us one:
Praise God for all that love has done.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Great God, to you we give our thanks; your steadfast love endures forever. With gratitude we bring our gifts to you. Bless us and our gifts, that our lives and our resources may be a source of healing and hope, of joy and justice in our world. Amen.

† Hymn 297 - In Christ Called to Baptize

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† Charge and Benediction

Postlude - Te Deum

M. A. Charpentier