

This Week at Highland

Sunday, September 1

9:30 Sunday School
11:00 Sunday Worship
1:30 Highland Ringers
No Youth Group

Monday, September 2 – Labor Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3

9:45 PACT Mobile Food Pantry -
2508 Portland Ave.
10:00 STITCH
12:30 Staff Meeting
4:00 Property Committee – Office Conf. Room
5:30 Fellowship Committee

Wednesday, September 4

1:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting
6:00 Children's Music Ministry
6:30 Church in the World

Thursday, September 5

10:00 STITCH
10:00 We of the World (WOW) – Zoom
1:00 Bridge Club – Memorial Lounge
6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 Choir Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 7

5:00 High School Overnight – Burns Center

Sunday, September 8

9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Children's Parent Meeting - Gym
11:00 Sunday Worship
12:00 Deacon Lunch & Learn – Fellowship Hall
1:30 Highland Ringers
2:00 Roots
5:00 Middle School Youth – Burns Center

Ministerial Staff

Rev. C. Nolan Huizenga, Pastor

Rev. Megan McCarty, Associate Pastor for Mission and Membership

Rev. Adrian White, Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults

Amy Bishop, Director of Ministry with Children and Families

Dr. Vini Frizzo, Director of Music Ministries

Dr. Brian Allred, Organist

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



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HIGHLAND
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rise up, my dearest, my fairest, and go.
Here, the winter is past;
the rains have come and gone.
Blossoms have appeared in the land;
the season of singing has arrived,
and the sound of the turtledove is heard in our land.
The green fruit is on the fig tree,
and the grapevines in bloom are fragrant.
Rise up, my dearest, my fairest, and go.

– Song of Songs 2:10-13

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost • September 1, 2024 • 11:00am

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude - Give Me Jesus arr. Mark Hayes/Dennis E. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements Megan McCarty

† Call to Worship (from Psalm 15) Carol Pye

Who can live in your tent, Lord?
Who can dwell on your holy mountain?
**The person who lives free of blame, does what is right,
and speaks the truth sincerely;
who does no damage with their talk,
does no harm to a friend, doesn't insult a neighbor;
someone who keeps their promise even when it hurts.**
Whoever does these things will never stumble.

† Hymn 399 - God Welcomes All THEMBA AMEN

As the children explore Christian Hospitality this month in Sunday school, they will be learning the hymn "God Welcomes All." Let us gather as a Body of Christ, celebrating the wholeness of God's love for each one of us.

Prayer of Confession
**God of loving action,
sometimes we hear your word and promptly forget it.
Sometimes we claim devotion to you but our tongues betray our hearts.
Sometimes we think faithfulness is all in our minds,
forgetting that you created us for embodied wholeness,
for tangible acts of righteousness.
Forgive us and return us to our bodies, that we may act again in love.**
(silent prayer) Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace
Friends, siblings in Christ, hear this good news and welcome the grace of God:
we are forgiven. We are free to live in the light of love.
Thanks be to God and amen!

† Please rise in body or spirit



Join More Light Presbyterians in Louisville September 20-22! Highland is joining with three other More Light member congregations to host Claudia Aguilar, More Light's director of engagement, for a weekend of conversation, creativity, and worship in Louisville. More Light is a national organization seeking the inclusion and thriving of LGBTQIA+ people in the PC(USA) and beyond. We will help kick off the events on Friday, 9/20 at 6 pm with dinner and a panel conversation on what it means to be a More Light congregation today, and why it matters. There will be additional events at Springdale Presbyterian church on 9/21 and at Central Presbyterian on 9/22! Watch the e-news or contact Megan McCarty at megan.mccarty@hpclouisville.org for more details.

Discover Highland Class - If you are interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church (USA), the offerings we have here at Highland Presbyterian Church, or potentially becoming a member, come to our Discover Highland class on **Sunday, September 22nd!** We will meet directly after worship in the Fellowship Hall and walk over to the Session Room in the Pleune Mobley building. The class will be about an hour long and will include lunch and childcare. Please contact Megan McCarty if you are interested: megan.mccarty@hpclouisville.org.

Louisville Pride Festival Booth Volunteers Needed! On **Saturday, September 14th**, we will have a booth set up at the Louisville Pride Festival! The festival runs from 11:00 am – 11:00 pm. We have broken that time frame into two-hour slots, which can be found with the QR code here. Help us share the love of God with everyone at the Louisville Pride Festival!



Crane Stringers Needed! Thank you to everyone who folded cranes over the past few months! We have reached our crane goal and now need help stringing the cranes onto wire to prepare for the installation. If you would like to help in this endeavor, please contact Carol Pye at cpye@bluegrass.net.

Kentucky Refugee Ministries has seen a massive influx of refugees this year and they would love our help in collecting school supplies for these children! (Find those school supply sales!) Below you can see the list of what's needed. Please drop off these items in the grey bin marked "KRM" in the Fellowship Hall.

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| Packages of loose-leaf paper (wide and college ruled) | Crayons | Markers |
| Scissors (blunt point for young children) | Rulers | Folders with pockets |
| Notebooks (wide and college ruled) | Glue sticks | 3 ring binders |
| Ballpoint pens (not red ink) | Colored pencils | Cap erasers |
| Small pencil sharpeners | Highlighters | Headphones |
| | #2 pencils | Backpacks |

HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

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

Dan Arbough, Shana Funk, Don Seeger, Fred Holper, Christina Davis, Ruth Chaffins, Becky Backert, Mary Bealmear, Communities of Bellewood & Brooklawn, and members of sister congregation Grace Hope Presbyterian Church.
With Martha and Steve Makela and their family, we thank God for the birth of their grandchild Milo McDowell Barber.

IN MEMORIUM

Jean Hemesath
May 27, 1943 - August 23, 2024

Announcements

The flowers today are given to glorify God and in loving memory of Dallas Tidwell by his family.

**Give Peace of Mind to Your Family
Lunch & Learn Sponsored by the Deacons
Sunday, September 8 - 12:00 pm**

Join the HPC Deacons after worship on September 8 for lunch and a discussion on life planning with Larisa Gilbert. Larisa is an HPC member and attorney who specializes in wills and trusts. One of the bravest gifts we can give our family members, no matter our age, is a detailed plan for when the inevitable happens. If we make plans, and communicate them, we empower our families to make the decision in line with our wishes, rather than wondering what we would want them to do. It is a gift of love that allows those we love to acknowledge and rejoice in the goodness our life brought to God's world. So, join us to learn more about planning for the future. Childcare will be provided. Contact Rev. Megan McCarty megan.mccarty@hpclouisville.org for more information. Make reservations by contacting Kathleen in the church office at 502-451- 2910 or kathleen.poole@hpclouisville.org.

Singing Salvation: Understanding Our Hymnal and the Songs of Our Faith

Adult Ed Lunch and Learn with Vini Frizzo, 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 15th

St. Augustine said those who sing pray twice, and for biblical scholar David Alan Hubbard hymns function as "the compacted theological memories of the church in poetic form." For many of us, the hymnal is simply a collection of church songs, and the meaning of a hymn is often solely tied to our personal journey of faith. Yet by looking at the "Anatomy of Hymnody," we can gain a richer perspective that heightens our worship experience by revealing the deeper connections hymns have with our scripture, liturgy, and theology.

Attention Bridge Players: Highland hosts bridge on the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm. If you would like to be included on our player list, please call or email Patti Pinkley at 419.1003 or patti.pinkley@gmail.com. We will meet **September 5 at 1:00pm**.

The church office is closed Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with Young Disciples Amy Bishop
We Belong to God
Children are invited to the front of the sanctuary

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading James 1:17-22, 27 (page 229)

Hymn 333 - How Our Hearts with Joy Abound (Psalm 45)
Stanza 1: Karen Crow, solo; Stanza 2: Chancel Choir; Stanza 3: All

Hebrew Scripture Reading Song of Songs 2:8-13 (page 623)

Sermon Nolan Huizenga

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

† Hymn 14 - For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

Invitation to Generosity Adrian White



Anthem - Shoshone Love Song (The Heart's Friend) Traditional Native American Lyric
Chancel Choir Music by Roger Emerson

† Doxology 717 - For the Life That You Have Given PLEADING SAVIOR

**For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor,
with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing.**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

All are invited to Christ's table. When a guide invites your row, come to the front via the closest inner aisle. A server will hand you a piece of gluten-free bread. Dip the end into the cup of juice, then go ahead and eat. If you need elements free of all common allergens, there is a plate on the communion table. Return to your seat via the outer aisle. If you'd like to be served at your seat, please raise a hand and roving servers will come to you.

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn 520 - Taste and See (Psalm 34)

TASTE AND SEE

Refrains: All; Stanzas: Brian Shaw, solo

Prayer after Communion

† Hymn 303 - God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

CHURCH UNITED

Often a song for commissioning, installation, or ordination, our hymn of the month reflects on September's lectionary readings from James and offers a prayer to have "faith that works" in both our leaders and in ourselves.

† Charge and Benediction

Postlude - For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Mark Hayes/Dennis E. Wagner

Brian Allred, organ

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Welcome to Highland Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Highland Presbyterian Church! We are so glad you have joined us in worship today. Whether you are visiting for the first time, haven't attended in a long time, or are a long time member, your presence is a gift to us. All are welcome in worship and at the table of communion. We hope your experience is meaningful and relevant among this church community. If you are new here, please sign the red friendship pad and include some contact information so we can make you feel more welcome following the service.

Highland Presbyterian Church is a PC(USA) **More Light** Congregation, a **Matthew 25** Congregation, and an **Earth Care** Congregation. For more information about these commitments, please visit our website at www.hpclouisville.org.

We're committed to inclusivity. 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.

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

Children's bulletins and Bibles for beginning readers are available on the rack at the back of the sanctuary.

Our Nursery is on the second floor — to get there walk through Fellowship Hall and go up the stairs near Memorial Lounge. Children ages 3 and younger are invited (not required!) to enjoy that caring space.

Be a part of Highland Presbyterian Church's Music Ministry! We have a strong spiritual connection with music and would love for you to be a part of the music at Highland. **Children Music Ministry** (4-year-old to 5th grade) meets on Wednesdays at 6pm. **Chancel Choir** rehearses on Thursdays at 6:30pm and **Highland Ringers** (bell choir) on Sundays at 1:30. Do you play an instrument? **HPC Orchestra** is always looking for players. Contact Vini Frizzo if you have any questions. vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org