



# Highlands

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**May 19, 2024**

**30th Anniversary Service of Praise and Thanksgiving**

Morning Worship - 9:00

Sunday School and Communities - 10:30

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 19, 2024

## Gathering Song

O God, You've Been Our Help

O God, You've been our help in all the ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our peaceful shelter from the sudden stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719  
Music: Joseph Wheat, Mike Murphy,  
Farris Antoon, 2019

## Welcome

## Meditation and Preparation

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord.  
She is His new creation by water and the Word.  
From heav'n, He came and sought her to be His holy bride.  
With His own blood, He bought her, and for her life He died.

Words: Samuel Stone, 1866  
Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

## The Call to Worship

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.  
Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

**People: I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.  
Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Includes Psalm 34:1-5, 8

## A Mighty Fortress



A migh - ty for - tress is our God, a  
 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our  
 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should  
 That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no



bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; our help - er He a -  
 striv - ing would be los - ing; were not the right man  
 threat - en to un - do us, we will not fear for  
 thanks to them, a - bid - eth; the Spir - it and the



mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For  
 on our side, the man of God's own choos - ing. Dost  
 God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us. The  
 gifts are ours through Him who with us sid - eth. Let



still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us  
 ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is  
 prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for  
 goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al -



woe; his craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cru - el  
 He, Lord Sa - ba - oth His name, from age to age the  
 him; his rage we can en - dure, for lo! his doom is  
 so; the bo - dy they may kill: God's truth a - bid - eth



hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 same, and He must win the bat - tle.  
 sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 still; His king - dom is for - ev - er.

# The Heidelberg Catechism

Q 1. What is your only comfort in life and death?

- A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

## Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to the Son,  
glo - ry be to the Spir - it, Three in One! As it  
was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,  
glor - ious God, for - ev - er, a - men!

Words: 2nd cent.; tr. Music by Robert Brunson. © Robert Brunson

# The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Millie Caroline Autrey  
daughter of Mitch and Corrie Autrey

## Welcome, Child of the Kingdom

Wel - come, wel - come, child of the king - dom! Je - sus died for  
such as thee! As God's fam - 'ly we'll sur - round you  
with His love through e - ter - ni - ty. God has pledged Him -  
self to keep us; in this sign we see His grace  
to be - liev - ers and their chil - dren, cho - sen out of  
ev - 'ry race. Wel - come, child of the king - dom!

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Words and music by Jim Taylor. © Jim Taylor

## The Morning Prayer

## **We Bring God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

*Offering plates will be passed, but you may place your offering in one of the offering boxes outside the sanctuary doors or inside the balcony entrance. To give online, please visit [highlandspca.org](http://highlandspca.org) or follow the QR code on page 7 of the bulletin.*

### **Offertory: Jesus and Love**

Let me tell you the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus' cradle and His glory at His cross of love.

Listen to the story of the Lamb,  
it will be our theme above in heaven.

He saves the weak and weary souls of men,  
when Jesus and love begin.

Let me tell you the story of a sower sowing seeds,  
some won't hear it, some will lose it,  
and some will believe.

Listen to the story of the Lamb,  
it will be our theme above in heaven.

He saves the fruitful harvest seed from sin,  
when Jesus and love begin.

Let me tell you the story of how that song will sing,  
death is vanquished, the Son is reigning,  
praise the King of kings.

Listen to the story of the Lamb,  
it will be our theme above in heaven.

He sings along until the "Amen,"  
when Jesus and love begin.

Words: Mike Murphy, 2011

Music: Mike Murphy, Allie Murphy, 2011

## **The Scripture Reading**

I Samuel 7:12

## **We Receive God's Word**


The Rev. Joseph Wheat

"Ebenezer Presbyterian Church"

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing




Come, Thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my  
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hi - ther  
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er  
by Thy help I'm come; and I hope, by Thy good  
I'm con - strained to be; let that grace now, like a




ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me  
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus  
fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee. Prone to



some mel - o - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a -  
sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of  
wan - der— Lord, I feel it— prone to leave the God I



bove; praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of  
God: He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter -  
love: here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it



God's un - chang - ing love.  
posed His pre - cious blood.  
for Thy courts a - bove.

Words by Robert Robinson, 1758. Music by Ashael Nettleton, 1825.

## The Benediction

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*Adults and Youth: Join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following this morning's worship service for a time of fellowship, memories, and thanksgiving! Light refreshments will be served.*

## GENERAL FUND GIVING UPDATE THROUGH MAY 12, 2024

Regular monthly giving provides for the ongoing ministry of Highlands. Although offering plates will be passed during the worship service, you may place your offering in one of the four wall-mounted boxes located outside the main sanctuary doors, just inside the balcony doors, or at the Welcome Desk. Your gifts can also be mailed to the church office or made through online giving at [highlandspca.org](http://highlandspca.org). The QR code to the right links directly to our online giving page.

General Fund Budget through May 31, 2024	\$796,023
General Fund giving received through 5/12/24	\$624,363



Thank you for your support of the ministry and outreach of Highlands!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### All Youth

*Visitors, please join us in anything you see below. The Youth building is behind the church (we call it “The U”).*

- Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. We will join the combined Adult classes in the Fellowship Hall.
- Small Groups are on hiatus for the summer.
- Youth Group is on hiatus for the summer.

Interim Director of Student Ministries: Steve Weeks · [sweeks@highlandspca.org](mailto:sweeks@highlandspca.org)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Midweek at Highlands returns August 21, 2024.**

**The Celebration continues!** Adults and Youth will meet today at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a combined Sunday School. Join us from 5 until 7 p.m. this evening for a picnic supper including Calvin's barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, and birthday cake. The Mississippi Swing Band will provide plenty of good music. Bounce houses and outdoor games will be available for the children.

**Kids' Photo Shoot:** It's time to refresh the photos of our kids on the third floor. Children from 3 years old to 4th grade are invited to participate. Solid color tops or dresses work best. Slots are available in 5-minute increments on May 26 & June 9. Sign up at [highlandspca.org/childrens-ministry](http://highlandspca.org/childrens-ministry) or use the QR code to the right.



**Together This Summer!** Our Session has voted to unite our congregation in one worship service from Sunday, May 19 through Sunday, July 28. We will have one worship service from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m., followed by Sunday School from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. We look forward to being together for worship, the Lord's Supper, baptisms, singing, giving, and fellowship. This change also gives us the opportunity to invite others to join us in our Sunday School and Community ministries immediately following the service.

**VBS Registration is now open:** Twirl the spinner, skip ahead, and play to win at *Twists & Turns VBS 2024!* Join us June 3-7 from 9:00-12:00 each day. Follow Peter as he follows Jesus, often taking one step forward and two steps back. He messed up and stumbled and certainly wasn't perfect. But it wasn't "Game Over," as God continued to work through him to teach others about Jesus. All children who have **completed Pre-K 4 ~ 5th grade** can register using the QR code or at [highlandspca.org/vbs](http://highlandspca.org/vbs).



**Snacks for VBS Volunteers:** We have over 50 youth and adult volunteers planning to serve during the week of VBS, and we'd like to show our appreciation by providing special snacks for them each day. If you'd like to bring something yummy to feed our busy crew, please sign up using the link at [highlandspca.org/snacks](http://highlandspca.org/snacks). Monetary donations are also welcome! Checks should be made payable to HPC.

# CHURCH OFFICERS

## THE SESSION

Jim Brown	Shannon Carroll	Craig Crosland
Carroll Dew*	Richard Dixon	Hap Farber
Scott Jones	Chuck McBride	Bill McDonald
Mac McGehee	Billy Mounger	Clay Parker
Jim Pettis	Clark Robinson	Kevin Russell
Stephen Sellers	Monty Simpkins	Brad Tisdale
Trey Toler	Will Watson	Andrew Wilson
Max Yates		
*Emeritus		

## THE DIACONATE

Randy Assink	Nathan Beavers	Barr Biggs
Trent Butler	T. C. Castleberry	Todd Clark
Bryan Clay	Scott Day	Jerry Eichelberger
Craig Eversole	Thomas Gandy	Mike Green
David Harbaugh	Michael Hawkins	Gary Heine
Chip Johnson	Andy Sensing	Chandler Strain
Andy Thaggard	Steve Weeks	Taylor Wilson

# SERMON NOTES

“Ebenezer Presbyterian Church”

I Samuel 7:12

page 230 in the pew Bible



Celebrate our  
*30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
Sunday, May 19

9:00 a.m. - *Service of Praise and Thanksgiving*

10:30 a.m. - *Combined Adult Sunday School*

5:00 p.m. - *HPC Picnic on the Church grounds*



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