



Sometimes I need
only to stand
wherever I am
to be blessed.

~ Mary Oliver

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 29, 2023
8:45 and 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

John Dickson

Prelude

G. Kirchoff

Sonata X: Vivace
Jane Halliday, violin

O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING, WE WORSHIP YOU TODAY

Call to Worship

Alan Spade (8:45)
Erin Phelps (11:15)

We gather and listen for a word that reveals who you are.

We long for a word that guides and shapes who we are in this very moment.

Today, we claim your invitation to reframe what it means to follow you.

We remember that your blessing is not dependent on outcomes.

We remember that your blessing is given first, without conditions.

As we worship, may your vision be our own.

Processional Hymn (366) †

THAXTED

O God Beyond All Praising

Prayer of Praise

Alan Spade (8:45)
Erin Phelps (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.

AND SING THE LOVE AMAZING THAT SONGS CANNOT REPAY

Anthem

Shawn Kirchner

Brightest and Best of the Morning

The Morning Psalm

Renee Purtlebaugh

Psalm 15 (Pew Bible page 485—OT)

Prayer of Confession

Justin Sizemore

Lord, we hear these words of the Psalmist about the one who is welcome in your tent,
the one you have called upon your holy hill:

Those who love each other care for one another and speak favorably of each other.

As we look at ourselves, we know that we have fallen short at these tasks time and again.

When we have failed to love all those around us, **forgive us.**

When we have failed to care for one another, **forgive us.**

When we have failed to speak favorably of each other, **forgive us.**

We confess not to make ourselves feel better, but to follow through on the calling you have made clear to us:

Help us, Lord, to be a community that does justice, loves kindness, and walks humbly. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Exchange of Peace

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

Introduction of the Candidate

Jan Forren

Faith Story

Paul Henderson

Vote on Candidate

FOR WE CAN ONLY WONDER AT EVERY GIFT YOU SEND

Scripture Reading through Song †

Arr. David Haas

Blest Are They

Re - jice _____ and be glad! _____ Bless - ed are you,
ho - ly are you, Re - jice! _____ and be glad! _____
Yours is the king - dom of God! _____

Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

Sermon

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

You Have Heard it Said, "Blessed are you who..."

WE LIFT OUR HEARTS BEFORE YOU AND WAIT UPON YOUR WORD

Hymn of Response (619) †

ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance

Offertory Prayer

Diane Endicott (8:45)
Charlie Suer (11:15)

Offertory

Arr. Mack Wilberg

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

News for the Community

Lauren Jones Mayfield

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.**

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

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

John Rutter

Toccata in Seven

Today in Worship

Highland's deacons (wearing identification name tags) are available at various locations for prayer, questions or information. Deacons are lay ministers of the church who have been called to a ministry of service.

Phrases from today's processional hymn, *O God Beyond All Praise*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

We welcome Jane Halliday as violinist for our service.

Listening Assist Devices are available. Please see our sound technician or an usher for assistance.

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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **The Music and Worship Search Committee unanimously recommends Paul Henderson today as Highland's next Minister of Music and Worship.** We hope you have had an opportunity to engage with Paul over the weekend. He will be sharing his faith story in both morning services today and will be available for a meet-and-greet in the Commons between 9:45-10:15 AM. We will vote on Paul in both services and the results will be shared at the end of the 11:15 service today. Pending today's vote, Paul hopes to begin ministry with us in mid-March.
- **The Together for Hope: Appalachia Project to move much needed appliances and furnishings from Louisville to Eastern Kentucky is moving right along.** With a new narrowed scope of work, growing volunteer base, and much progress, the rest of the work will be completed soon. However, more help is needed to make this happen! To volunteer, please visit www.tfhope.org/floodrecovery or contact Brent Bowden at brntbwdn@gmail.com.
- **The Mission Minded Women's group collects travel size toiletries throughout the year for the Highlands Community Ministries food pantry.** These include shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, and body wash. Please place these items in the small collection basket on top of the donation bins outside the choir room. Thank you!
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - Sunday, February 5: Quarterly Church Conference on Zoom, 4:00 PM
 - Tuesday, February 14: Senior Adult Valentine's Luncheon, 11:30 AM
 - Sunday, February 19: Guest Proclaimer: Angela Williams Gorrell, Author of *The Gravity of Joy*
 - Wednesday, February 22: Ash Wednesday Service, 6:15 PM
 - March 10-12: Women's Retreat at Loretto (more information soon)



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*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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