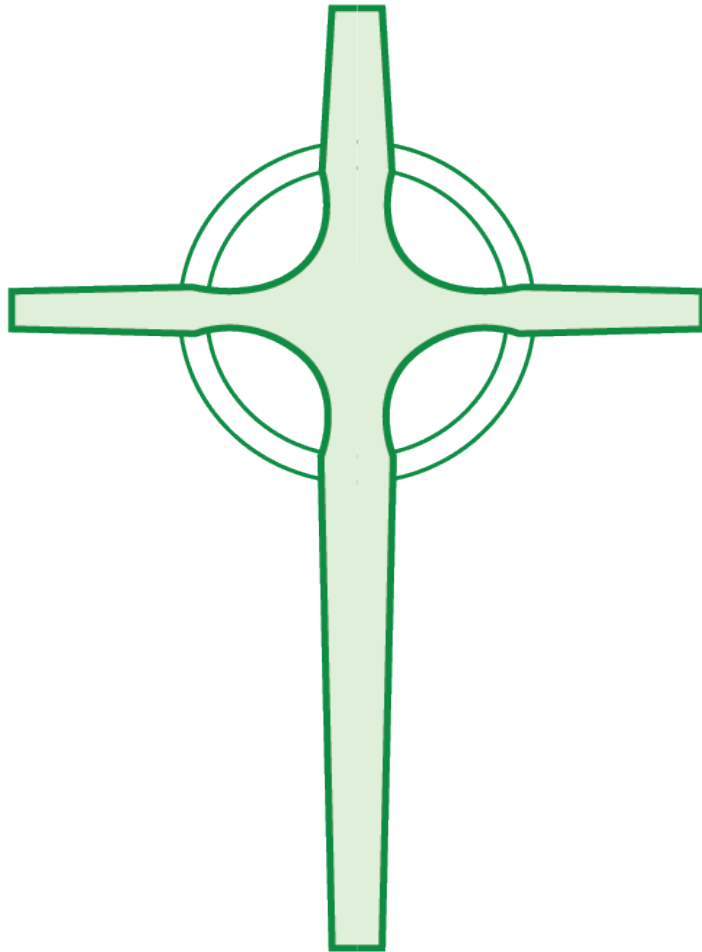


FULLY ALIVE WITH THE PASSION OF CHRIST



April 5, 2026 | 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday



**South Highland
Presbyterian Church**

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST!

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CELEBRATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

*To all who are weary and need rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who fail and desire strength; to all who sin and need a Savior—
this church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME Rev. Cort Gatliff

CHORAL INTROIT: "On Easter Morn, Ere Break of Day" arr. Simon Lindley

PRELUDE: "Risen in Glory!" arr. Lloyd Larson
Highland Ringers

*CALL TO WORSHIP **please stand if able* Rev. Abby Gatliff

Based on John 11 and Revelation 5

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
**To receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!**
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*HYMN: #123 (blue)

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

Entrance of the Word and Light

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess we have not bowed before him

or acknowledged his rule in our lives.
We have followed the ways of this world
and failed to give him glory.
Forgive us, Father of mercy.
Transform us and make us new,
so that we may be your faithful people,
and know the joy of salvation
given to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF GRACE & FORGIVENESS**

Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
O Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths shall show forth your praise.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** REGENT SQUARE

*Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices; Heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.*

***PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00) Ann Roth

*Following the Children's Moment at 11:00, first graders and younger will leave for Enrichment.
Second grade and older return to their parents; please have a Children's Worship Bag for this time.*

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Anthem: "Worthy Is the Lamb That Was Slain" G.F. Handel
Chancel Choir

*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood
to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.*

*Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne,
and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.*

*DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION: LASS UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RECEIVING HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Holly Kitterman (8:30)
Sharon Benton (11:00)

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:1-10
NT pg. 41

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 1:12-18
NT pg. 297

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SERMON

“The Victorious Sacrifice” Rev. Cort Gatliff

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: #122 (blue)

“Thine Is the Glory” JUDAS MACCABEUS

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

*Affirmation of Faith Colossians 2:6-11

Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,**

but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a servant,
 assuming human likeness.
 And being found in human form,
 he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.
 Therefore God has highly exalted him
 and bestowed on him the name
 that is above every other name,
 so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bow,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 and every tongue confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

“...who forever sing to the glory of your name.”



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and



earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

“...Great is the mystery of faith:”



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music: #106 (blue) "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Prayer

Invitation to Sing: If you have ever sung the well-loved Hallelujah Chorus, you are invited to make your way to the Chancel during the closing hymn to sing this morning. Music will be available.

*HYMN: "In Christ Alone" Getty/Townend

Recession of the Word and Light

*In Christ alone, my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe;
this gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on Him was laid: here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORUS: "Hallelujah!" from *Messiah* G.F. Handel

*Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ,
and He shall reign for ever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
Hallelujah!*

POSTLUDE: "Toccata" from *Symphony V* Charles-Marie Widor



WELCOME

Getting Connected at SHPC | To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Pastor Cort Gatliff at cgatliff@southhighland.org.

Special Offering Today: One Great Hour of Sharing | Look in the pew racks for giving envelopes for this year's Easter special offering through the PC(USA). One Great Hour of Sharing supports causes in the areas of disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and refugees, serving individuals and communities. Thank you for your offering of blessing to those in need.

Welcome our instrumentalists today: Stephen Jones and Joshua Thomas, trumpets; Gibson Garner, horn; and Tony McCarly, trombone.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of South Highland members who have died since Easter 2025, by the SHPC Flower Guild.

Events and Happenings:

- **Office Closed Tomorrow** | The church will be closed tomorrow on Easter Monday, reopening Tuesday morning at 8:30.
- **Youth Sunday Next Week** | SHPC's Youth, "Youth Highland," will lead the 11:00 a.m. service next week. The 8:30 service will happen as usual in the Chapel.
- **Mission Workers Join Us** | Next Sunday, our mission partners in Africa, Bob and Kristi Rice, will join us during the Sunday School hour for a special presentation in Davis Family Hall at 9:30 a.m. All are invited as they will be updating us on their recent ministry activities in South Sudan and Ghana; they will also present a Moment for Mission at the 8:30 service. Check with your Sunday School class leader as to whether your class will be meeting next week.

