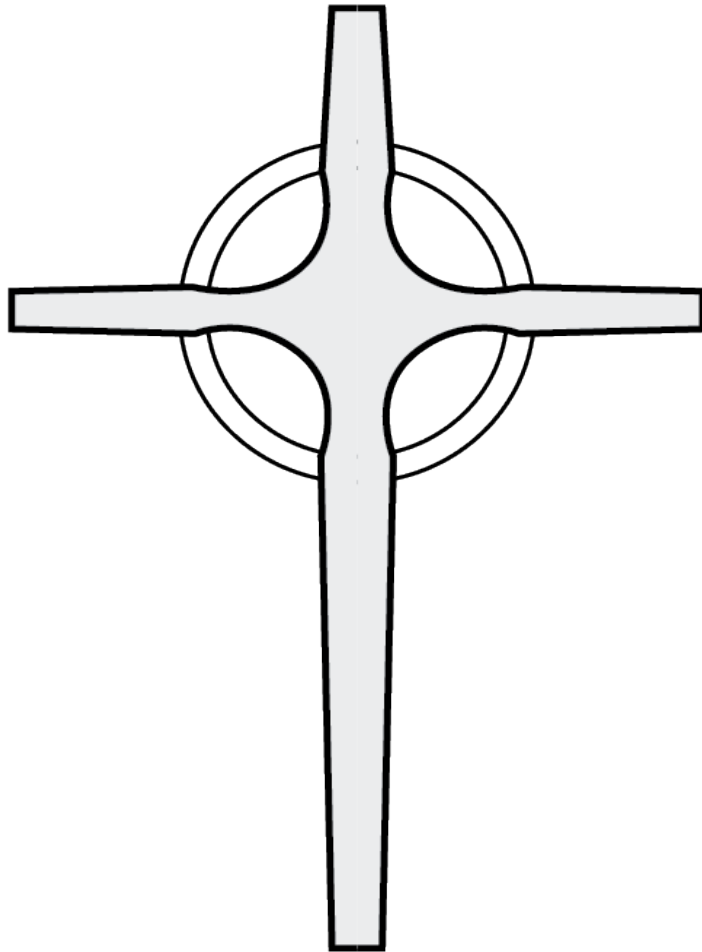


FULLY ALIVE WITH THE PASSION OF CHRIST



June 7, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday After Pentecost



ALL ARE WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST!

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Preparing for Worship

Today we begin a new sermon series studying a section of the Psalms called the Psalms of Ascent. These are songs the Israelites sang as they journeyed to Jerusalem to worship in the Lord's temple. The book of Psalms is the divinely inspired hymnbook of God's people, and within these songs we encounter the full spectrum of the spiritual life: fear, doubt, anger, pain, sorrow, hope, repentance, joy, and praise.

As we study these psalms together, we're going to sing them too. Singing the psalms is a hallmark of the Presbyterian tradition. Reformers like John Calvin believed that if God gave us songs in the Bible, then those songs should play a central role in our corporate worship. For Calvin, the Word of God wasn't only meant to be preached—it was meant to be sung, loudly, by the whole congregation.

When we sing the psalms together, we're joining a rich heritage that stretches across continents and centuries. This morning we'll sing Psalm 121 set to Dundee, a tune from the Scottish Psalter of 1615. In other words, Presbyterians have been singing these words to this tune for over four centuries. Our prayer is that as we sing various psalms in the weeks to come, these ancient words would become deeply embedded in your heart and mind, and that they would sustain you long after this summer is over.

CELEBRATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*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

PRELUDE: "Berceuse" Louis Vierne
Kenny Lewis, Organ

WELCOME Rev. Cort Gatliff

*CALL TO WORSHIP **please stand if able* Daniel Killilea

The Lord is my strength and my might,
and he has become my salvation.
Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?
In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed.
You guided them by your strength
to the sanctuary that your hands have established.
The Lord will reign forever and ever.

*HYMN: #482 (blue)

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN
Entrance of the Word and Light

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

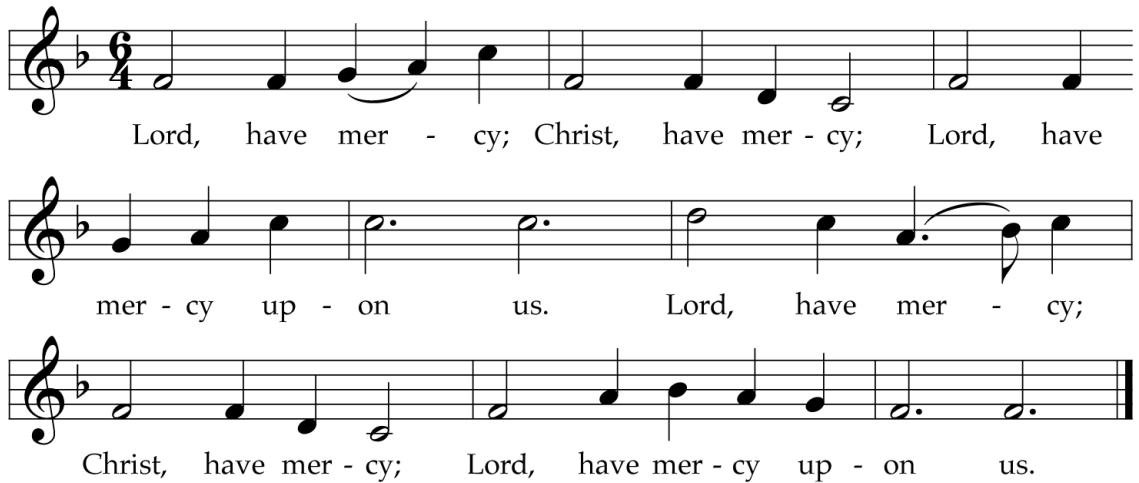
*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you are our keeper,
and your watch over us never fails.
Yet we confess that we live as though you are absent.
We worry as though you are powerless.
We strive as though our security depends on our own effort.
We look to our own strength, the approval of others,
and the false comforts of this world to give us what only you can give.

Forgive us, Lord, for our wandering eyes and our anxious hearts.
Turn us again to you, the maker of heaven and earth.
We ask this in the strong name of Jesus,
who bore our sins and now reigns in glory. Amen.

***INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE**



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

***DECLARATION OF GRACE & FORGIVENESS**

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and does not come under judgment but has passed from death to life.

John 5:24

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** “Gloria Patri”

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

***PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Wells Bartlett Funderburk, son of Hanly and Candace Funderburk

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Jesus Loves Me"

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*Following the baptism, first graders and younger are invited to attend Enrichment.
Parents, please walk your children to the Children's Hall. 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: "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Richard Shephard
Chancel Choir

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence, my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart.
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach Heaven's joys, O Heavens bright Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

*DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION OLD HUNDRETH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RECEIVING HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Beth Atkerson

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 1:3-9
NT pg. 281

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

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SERMON

“Kept By God” Rev. Cort Gatliff

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: #234 (blue)

“I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes” DUNDEE

*THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

*Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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: “In Remembrance of Me”

Prayer

*HYMN: #281 (blue)

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM RHONDDA

Recession of the Word and Light

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Cwm Rondda” Paul Manz



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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given for the glory of God by Barbara Chapman in loving memory of her parents, George and Lois Chapman.

Joining us in worship today is our own Daniel Killilea, longtime member of SHPC and a recent graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Welcome home, Daniel, Jessica, Norah and Zoey!

Events and Happenings:

- **Good Sam Sunday** | It's the first Sunday of the month, so following worship today we will be collecting donations for SHPC's Good Samaritan assistance fund, which helps people in need with utilities and expenses. Look for donation baskets at the door as you leave, or give online at southhighland.org/good-sam. Thank you!
- **Pool Party Today** | All ages and stages are invited to our churchwide pool party this evening from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Patriot Park in Homewood! Come enjoy an evening of swimming, fellowship, and fun with your South Highland family. Pizza will be provided. Get directions and more info **in the SHPC mobile app**.
- **VBS Starts Tomorrow!** | The children of the South Highland community will gather in ancient Rome (Davis Family Hall) starting tomorrow morning at 9:00 for this year's awesome Vacation Bible School. Please be in prayer for the campers and volunteers as the word of God is brought to these young people this week!
- **Summer Saturday Showers** | Our unhoused neighbors will come to the church on Saturdays all summer long for a shower and fellowship. Please consider signing up today to spend a Saturday morning greeting our friends for Saturday Showers. **Sign up in the SHPC mobile app** or visit southhighland.org/saturday-showers. Thank you!