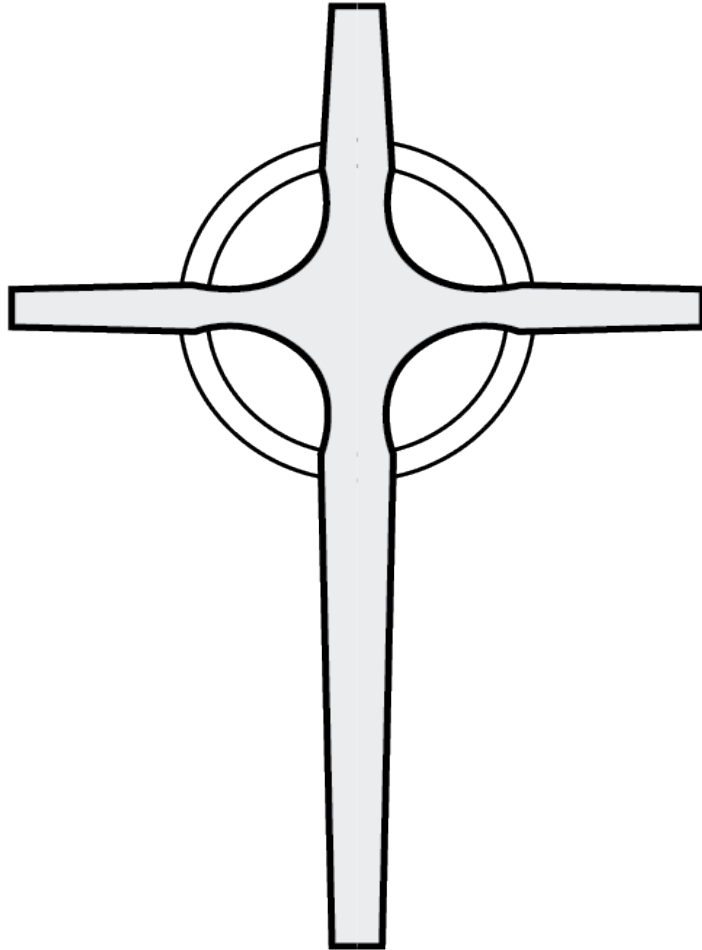
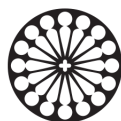


# FULLY ALIVE WITH THE PASSION OF CHRIST



June 28, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.  
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



**South Highland  
Presbyterian Church**

**ALL ARE WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST!**

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## Preparing for Worship

This morning we will sing “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind,” a hymn written in 1872 by John Greenleaf Whittier, a Quaker poet and abolitionist. The text was originally part of a seventeen-verse poem published in *The Atlantic Monthly*, several stanzas of which were later adapted for congregational singing.

The central theme of this hymn is the pursuit of God’s presence through faithful obedience and trust. It pairs beautifully with Psalm 127, our sermon text for today. The psalm opens with the declaration, “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” It’s both a rebuke of anxious self-reliance and an invitation to labor faithfully while resting in God’s providential care.

Whittier’s hymn echoes this same theme. Turning away from “the fever of life” and its “strain and stress,” it asks God to quiet our restless hearts, reorder our lives around his promises, and teach us to trust his faithful provision. Rather than striving to secure our lives through our own efforts, we are invited to receive with gratitude what God freely gives.

As we prepare to worship together, may Whittier’s words be our prayer:

*Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.*

# 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:** "Andante Tranquillo" from *Organ Sonata 3* ..... Felix Mendelssohn  
*Kenny Lewis, Organ*

**WELCOME** ..... Rev. Cort Gatliff

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *\*please stand if able* ..... Rev. Dr. Edwin G. Hurley

Psalm 89:1–2, 15–16

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

**I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
**who exult in your name all the day  
and in your righteousness are exalted.**

**\*HYMN:** #356 (blue)

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ..... NETTLETON

*Entrance of the Word and Light*

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires  
of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;  
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
 Spare all those who confess their faults.  
 Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises  
 declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
 And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
 that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
 to the glory of your holy Name. 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**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him  
 should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to  
 condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him

John 3:16-17

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

Hayden Taylor Hurley, daughter of Stuart and Tracy Hurley

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ..... The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## 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 Baptisms, 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: "A New Commandment" ..... Malcolm Archer  
*Chancel Choir*

*Love one another as I have loved you.  
A new commandment I give you now  
that you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this will all people know you are my friends  
if you love one another as I have loved you.  
The love I give you the world will receive  
if you love one another as I have loved you.*

## \*DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION ..... OLD HUNDREDTH

*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 ..... Don Miley

NEW TESTAMENT READING ..... Matthew 6:25-33  
NT pg. 7

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING ..... Psalm 127  
OT pg. 704

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

### SERMON

“Unless the Lord” ..... Rev. Cort Gatliff

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” (*see next page*)

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

\*HYMN: “All Glory Be to Christ” (*see back page*)

*Recession of the Word and Light*

### \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “March Magnifique” ..... Mark Williams

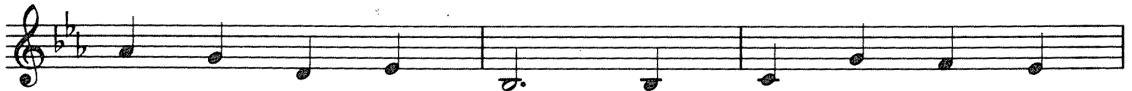


The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in loving gratitude for the lives and service of Ellis and Mary Wanninger by Susan and Ken Laney. Ellis was a U.S. Army veteran who served in World War II and the Korean War. Mary served in the U.S. Navy WAVES during World War II.

# Dear Lord and Father of Mankind



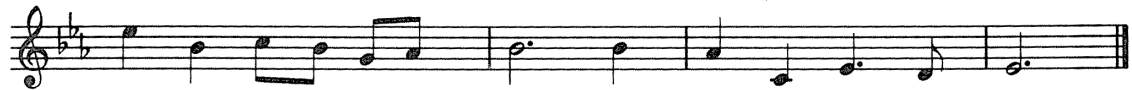
1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -  
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -  
3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O  
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till  
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our  
 2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing  
3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to  
 4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the  
 5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in  
 2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise  
3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -  
 4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the  
 5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth-quake, wind, and fire, O



1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.  
 2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.  
3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!  
 4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.  
 5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

# All Glory Be to Christ



1. Should noth - ing of our ef - forts stand, no leg - a - cy sur - vive;  
2. His will be done, his king - dom come, on earth as is a - bove;  
3. When on the day the great I AM, the faith - ful and the true,



un - less the Lord does raise the house, in vain its build - ers strive.  
who is him-self our dai - ly bread, praise him, the Lord of love.  
the Lamb who was for sin - ners slain is mak - ing all things new.



To you who boast to - mor - row's gain, tell me, what is your life?  
Let liv - ing wa - ter sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price.  
Be - hold our God shall live with us and be our stead - fast light;



A mist that van - ish - es at dawn— all glo - ry be to Christ!  
We'll take a cup of kind - ness yet— all glo - ry be to Christ!  
and we shall ere his peo - ple be— all glo - ry be to Christ!



All glo - ry be to Christ our king! All glo - ry be to Christ!



His rule and reign we'll ev - er sing— all glo - ry be to Christ!

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## WELCOME

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**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](mailto:cgatliff@southhighland.org).

**New Member Discovery Class** | People interested in becoming a member of SHPC should plan to attend our next Discovering South Highland class on Sunday, July 26 at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor. You'll learn about our church's history, leadership, ministries, missions, and much more. The class will continue over lunch following the 10:00 worship service. RSVP to Emily Knight ([eknight@southhighland.org](mailto:eknight@southhighland.org)); also let her know if you will need childcare.