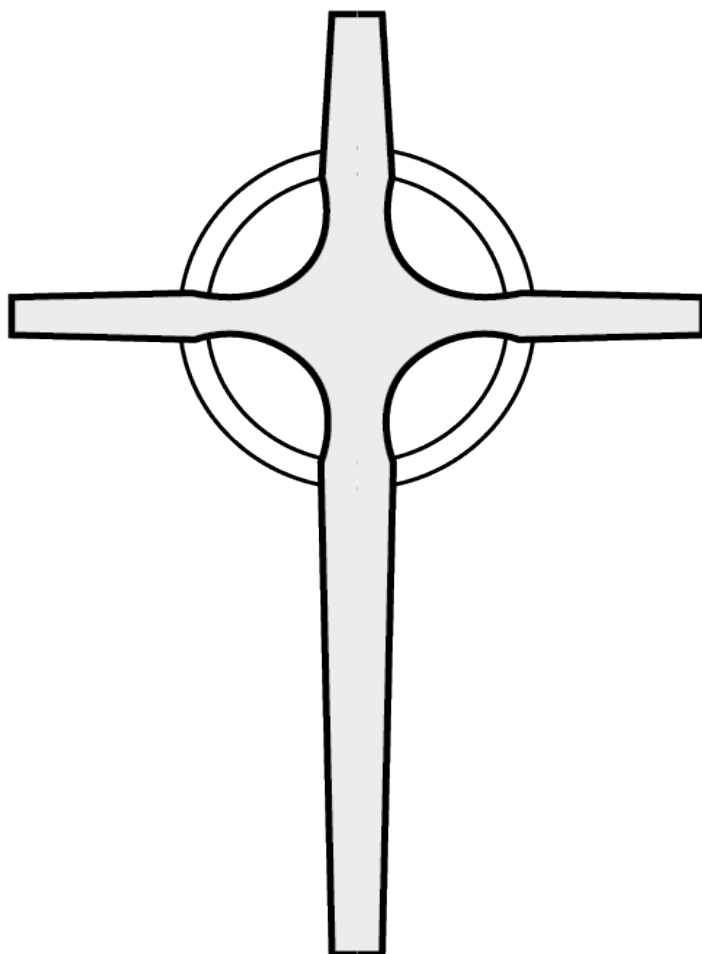
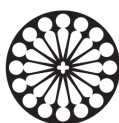


FULLY ALIVE WITH THE PASSION OF CHRIST



October 11, 2026 | 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



**South Highland
Presbyterian Church**

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST!

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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: "The Swan" Camille Saint-Saëns
Kenny Lewis, Organ

WELCOME David Yancey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **please stand if able* Psalm 96:7-8

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.

***HYMN:** "To God Be the Glory (see back pages)
Entrance of the Word and Light

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

***CALL TO CONFESSION** Psalm 51:17

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

***CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, you have made us in your image
and called us to love you and to love one another.
Yet we confess that sin crouches at the door of our hearts,
and too often we let it rule over us.
We compare ourselves with others
and become envious of what you have given them.
We harbor anger and resentment.
We speak words that wound,
withhold love from our brothers and sisters,
and seek our own good at the expense of others.

Forgive us, Lord.
 Give us broken and contrite hearts.
 Turn us from our sin
 and teach us to walk in the light.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ,
 in whom we have redemption through his blood,
 the forgiveness of our sins. 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 Ephesians 1:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,
 according to the riches of his grace.

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

Following the Morning Announcements at 11:00, 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.

A TESTIMONY TO GOD’S FAITHFULNESS Carolyn Ashworth

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Anthem: “Come to the Water” Linda Hasseler

(8:30) Turner Shaw, soloist

(11:00) Chancel Choir

*O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?
And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?
And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
all who labor without rest.
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?
And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:
bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light, come to the Lord.*

*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 Jack Smith (8:30)
Kathryn Michael (11:00)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:21-24
NT pg. 5

EPISTLE READING 1 John 1:5-10
NT pg. 289

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

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

SERMON

“The Anatomy of Sin” Emily Knight

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: “In Christ Alone” (see back pages)

*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.

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: “And Can It Be, That I Should Gain? (see back pages)

Recession of the Word and Light

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Prelude in Classic Style” Gordon Young

WELCOME

Getting Connected at SHPC | To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Assistant Minister Emily Knight at eknight@southhighland.org.

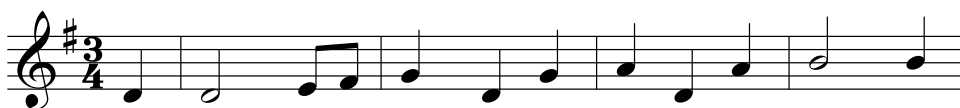
The Flowers in the Chancel Today are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Stephanie Hendrix Thompson, by her loving husband, Wes Thompson, for the love and devotion she had for the church and its missions.

Events and Happenings:

- **Blessing of the Animals** | All creatures great and small, and their owners, are invited to a special service on **today at 2:00 p.m.** outside the Chapel. Rev. Dr. Larry Michael will lead the service and Roy Glover will provide music.
- **AI, Technology, and Being Human** | Artificial intelligence is rapidly changing the way we work, communicate, create, and understand ourselves. What does Christian faith have to say about it? Join us **next Wednesday, October 14** at 6:00 p.m. as Rev. Dr. Tony Sundermeier, senior pastor at First Presbyterian Atlanta, joins our Being Human series for a conversation about AI, technology, and what it means to be human. Family supper served starting at 5:00 in Davis Family Hall.
- **Usher Crew Openings** | We have room for new volunteers on our team of ushers! You'll serve about every 4-6 weeks greeting worshipers, handing out bulletins, collecting the offering, etc. No experience is necessary, and you'll get a cool name tag! If you are willing to help, please reach out to Isabeth Gannon at isabethg@gmail.com or (205) 222-6344.
- **Weekly Mahjong** | Come and see what Mahjong is all about! Weekly gatherings take place on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Builders Classroom. No previous experience is necessary. For more info, contact Isabeth Gannon.
- **Social Justice Book Club** | Criminal justice is the topic for the next discussion of the Social Justice Book Club. Join us on **Sunday, October 25** at 6:00 p.m. to talk about *Reforming Criminal Justice: A Christian Proposal* by Matthew T. Martens. You need not have read the book in order to participate. For more information, contact Laura Chapman.
- **Habitat Fall Kickoff** | SHPC continues our decades-long partnership with Habitat for Humanity this fall with a building project in Roebuck. Kickoff day is **Saturday, October 31**, and we need all hands on deck to get this project started! There also will be a Women's Build day on November 21, and many other opportunities to join the crew. Please indicate your interest by completing the form at bit.ly/shpc-habitat. We'll see you on the job site!

- **All Saints Sunday Nov. 1** | Planning is underway for this year's All Saints Sunday, when we remember in our services South Highlanders who have passed away in the last year, as well as other loved ones of members. Families will also gather for a luncheon and remembrances. If you fall into either category, please contact Jeannie Jones at 205-933-0790 or jjones@southhighland.org so we can make sure you are invited.
- **Men's Retreat Signup** | All guys of all ages are invited to the 2026 Men's Retreat and Camping Trip, **November 6-8**. Join us at the Morris Farm in Fort Deposit for a weekend of eating guy food and doing guy stuff. There's room to camp, or a few beds are available in the house. Cost is \$25 ages 12 and up. Please complete the form at bit.ly/guy-stuff-2026.
- **New to SHPC Dinner** | Folks who have been visiting South Highland are invited to an informal gathering at the home of our pastors, Cort and Abby Gatliff, on **Sunday, November 8** from 5:30-7:00 p.m. It will be a chance to chat with some SHPC members and get a feel for what it's like to be part of this community. Please sign up at bit.ly/new-to-shpc.
- **Got Vases?** | The SHPC Flower Guild is seeking small-to-medium size clear or green glass vases, many of which may be crowding a shelf at your home. If you can spare some, please drop them off on a table outside the Flower Room in the library reception area. Thank you!
- **Thinking About Christmas Yet?** | Calling all little voices! This year's Christmas pageant will be presented at Christmas Together on Sunday, December 13. If you want your child (or grandchild!) to participate, **please sign them up online** at tinyurl.com/pageant-26 by Friday, October 9. You'll be committing to at least 5 rehearsals (Wednesdays or Sundays) plus dress rehearsal on Saturday morning, December 12. Get more info from Casey Blighton.

To God Be the Glory



1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done; so
2 O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, to
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and



loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his
ev - ery be - liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of
great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and



life an a - tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that
fend - er who tru - ly be lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a
high - er and great - er will be our won - der, our glad - ness, when

Refrain



we may go in.
par - don re - ceives. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the
Je - sus we see.



earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re -



joice! O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the



Son, and give him the glo - ry; great things he has done.

In Christ Alone

G D G A D/F#

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

3 G D/F# Em7 G/A D G D G

light, my strength my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
 world, by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

6 A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A D D/F#

ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Till on the
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

9 G D/F# Asus A D/F# G Bm7

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 Asus A G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A

cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of
 hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

16 D Am7 Em7 D A7sus D

stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

And Can It Be, That I Should Gain?



1 And can it be that I should gain An
 2 'Tis my mystery all! Th'Im-mor-tal dies! Who
 3 He left His Fa-ther's throne a-bove, So
 4 Long my im-pri-soned spi-rit lay Fast
 5 No con-de-mna-tion now I dread; Je-



in-t'rest in the Sa-vior's blood? Died he for
 can ex-plore His strange de-sign? In vain the
 free, so in-fi-nite His grace; Emp-tied Him
 bound in sin and na-ture's night; Thine eye dif-
 sus, and all in Him is mine! A-live in



me, who caus'd his pain? For me who
 first-born se-raph tries To sound the
 self of all but love, And bled for
 fused a quick-'ning ray, I woke, the
 Him, my li-ving Head, And clothed in



him to death pur-sued? A-ma-zing love! how
 depths of love di-vine! 'Tis mer-cy all! let
 A-dam's help-less race; 'Tis mer-cy all, im-
 dun-geonflamed with light; My chains fell off, my
 right-eous-ness di-vine, Bold I ap-proach th'e-



can it be, That thou, my God, shouldst
 earth a-dore, Let an-gel minds in-
 mense and free; For, O my God, it
 heart was free; I rose, went forth and
 ter-nal throne, And claim the crown, through



die for me?
 quire no more.
 found out me. A-ma-zing love! how
 fol-lowed Thee.
 Christ my own.



can it be That Thou, my



God, should die for me!

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