



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

MOTHER'S DAY & BLESSING OF THE INFANTS

MAY 12, 2019 – 10:30 A.M. SERVICE



ALL ARE WELCOME

Highlands United Methodist Church affirms that nothing can separate anyone from the love of God. We invite all to worship, wonder, and discover God's grace as we aspire to create a safe space for all to participate fully in the life of this community of faith. We are called to shine as a beacon of hope, grace, belonging, and respect for all people. Regardless of age, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, family, financial status, nationality, physical or mental ability, past or future, there is room for you at Highlands.



WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!



A RECONCILING CONGREGATION

Visit highlandsumc.net/rmn to learn more about Reconciling Ministries Network.

- † All children are welcome to participate fully in worship. Families are encouraged to sit toward the front so that your children can see and hear all that takes place during worship. Children's bulletins, books, and crayons are available at the Sanctuary entrances for use during worship. A nursery is provided for ages 4 and younger; an usher will be happy to direct you.
- † Children of all ages are invited to participate in the Children's Moment. Following Children's Moment, children will be dismissed to Children's Choir rehearsal. After rehearsal, children ages 4 – 2nd grade may attend Children's Church in the Fellowship Hall; older children will return to worship to sit with their families. If this is your child's first time attending Children's Choir and Children's Church at Highlands, a parent is asked to accompany their child to meet staff and provide contact information.
- † Please visit the hospitality table in the Greeting Space after worship for a homemade treat and information about the Highlands family. Feel free to call or email the church with any questions or pastoral care needs. We would love to have the opportunity to visit with you.
- † If you would like to receive updates from Highlands about our upcoming worship services, study opportunities, and events, text HIGHLANDS to 84576, visit www.highlandsumc.net/email, or contact the church office.
- † Parking for visitors and those with limited mobility is available in the lot located directly behind the church building, just off Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. Parking is free on Sundays at all metered street spaces near the church and at the public parking deck on Magnolia Avenue.

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON

LITURGIST – THE REVEREND DEB WELSH

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

CHILDREN’S MOMENT – REGGIE HOLDER

***Congregation please stand. Words in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.**

Serving for Altar Guild: Beth Douthit • *Serving as Ushers:* Celia & Jeff Davenport

Serving as Acolytes: Jack Halliday, James Halliday, Madeline Solomon

Serving as Verger: Brian Bellenger • *Serving as Lay Reader:* Anne Buckley

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Ellis Landers, chimer

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRELUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

from Cantata 208

Machiko Schlaffer, oboe

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

Descant Setting: Richard Proulx

BLESSING OF THE INFANTS

Brothers and sisters in Christ: The birth or adoption of a child is a joyous and solemn occasion in the life of a family. It is also an occasion for rejoicing in the church family. I bid you, therefore, to join with the parents in giving thanks to God for the gift of these children and their families.

Sam Bennet

Loula Gaskin

Claire Green

Libby Nash

Piper Smith

Gracious God, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named: We come before you with gratitude for the gift of these children, for the joy that has come into their families, and the grace that surrounds them and all of us. Help us joyfully to nurture them within your Church. By the power of your Holy Spirit, fill their homes with love, trust, and understanding. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM 23 (*Sung by the Choir*)

Anglican Chant: Haldane Campbell Stewart (1868-1942)

¹ *The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.*

² *He shall feed me in a green pasture and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.*

³ *He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name’s sake.*

⁴ *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.*

⁵ *Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me;
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.*

⁶ *But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

(The people stand at the Gloria Patri, then sit for the lesson.)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*CANTICLE (*See pew insert*)

Glory to You

John Rutter (b.1945)

1. Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
2. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy name; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
3. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
4. Glory to you, seated between the cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
5. Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
6. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH 33

Austin Meredith

Members of the household of God, I commend Austin to your continued love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together in the body of Christ and Highlands United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS

The Reverend Deb Welsh

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Good Shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: feed us and we shall be satisfied; heal us and we shall be made whole; and lead us, that we may be with you: for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer 895

CHORAL RESPONSE

Keep This Prayer

The Choir

Keep this prayer in our hearts and minds, O Lord. Amen.

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Text, Selected texts from the scriptures

*THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.

GREETINGS AND PARISH NOTICES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd

from REQUIEM

The Choir

Machiko Schlaffer, oboe

*The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for His namesake.
Yea, though I walk thro' the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For Thou art with me: Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:
Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
But Thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Text, Psalm 23

*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Reggie Holder

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*HYMN 138

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

Organ Improvisation: T. Tertius Noble

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:22-30

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (verses 1 & 4)

HYFRYDOL

Organ Improvisation: T. Tertius Noble

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Is So Good

The Children's Choir

*God is so good. God is so good. God is so good. God's so good to me.
God cares for me. God cares for me. God cares for me. God's so good to me.
God is so good. God is so good. God is so good. God's so good to me.*

After the retiring procession concludes, you are invited to be seated in the sanctuary until the conclusion of the voluntary.

*RETIRING VOLUNTARY

Allegro non troppo
from Six Short Preludes and Postludes, Set 1, No. 2

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Today, we welcome to our worship service Machiko Schlaffer, oboist with the Alabama Symphony Orchestra.

Highlands Columbarium

With Memorial Day approaching, we remember our loved ones who have passed away and celebrate their memory in our hearts. This is a reminder to each of us that we may want to consider making end of life decisions for ourselves.

Highlands offers a meaningful resting place within our beautiful Columbarium. This is a quiet and reflective area adjoined to our church Fellowship Hall. Many within our congregation have made the decision to choose this option. Those of you who are still undecided, I hope will give prayerful consideration to purchasing a niche.

I welcome the opportunity to visit with you and answer any of your questions that may assist in your decision-making process. I am available for you, so please feel free to call me. I will be happy to speak with you by phone or meet with you in person.

Blessings,
Kathi Ash, Chair
Columbarium Committee
205-872-5085





Mother's Day Hydrangeas Given in Honor of ...

June Hearin by Steve, Lisa, Blaire and Reese Alexander

Suzanne Phillips by Anne Barton

Lee Stayer by Anne Barton

Katherine Courtland by James Courtland

Lindsay Dawson and Mary Elizabeth Neal by Polly Dawson

Kirk Forrester by Bess, Reed, Mack and Sam Forrester

Lisa Reed by Kirk, Tate, Bess, Reed, Mack and Sam Forrester

Carol Forrester by Kirk, Tate, Bess, Reed, Mack and Sam Forrester

Susan Gaskin by Sarah, Jamison, George, Mattie, and Loula

Annie Green by her family

Missie Hudson by Mikah, Emmalynne, Eleanor, Miriam, and Whit Hutson

Janet Hughes Holt by Mark Hughes, Melinda Adkins, Jenny Hughes, Jameson Hughes, Nancy McColl Hughes, and Amelia Adkins

Melinda Adkins by Jenny Hughes, Jameson Hughes, Nancy McColl Hughes, and Amelia Adkins

Michelle Jones by Sam and Nathan Jones

Lynn L'Eplattenier by Chase, Chad, and Aimee

Marsha Long by her loving children and grandchildren

Allison Lowery by Laura Long

Mary Long by Laura Long

Marsha Long by Laura Long

Kay Meredith by Austin Meredith

Linda Bynum by Austin Meredith

Ann Roberts by Warren, Valerie, Wilson, Callie, Graham, and Dixon Nash

Valerie Nash by Warren, Wilson, Graham, and Dixon Nash

Callen Thistle by Renee Peacock and Steve Bair

Ondene Johnson by Tyra Johnson-Pirtle

Susan Reneau Rathmell by Bob and Karen Reneau

Kristin Harper by Nina Reeves

Romona Shannon by Jimmy and Jim Shannon

Carol Stephens by Sandi and Clay Simmons

Greta Simmons by Sandi and Clay Simmons

Whitney Smith by Kirk, Hailey and Piper Smith

Polly Smith by Whitney, Kirk, Hailey, and Piper Smith

Teresa Brown by Whitney, Kirk, Hailey, and Piper Smith

JoJo by Lucas Starnes

Grand Carol by Lucas Starnes

Andrea White by Virginia and Robert White

Marjorie White by Goodloe White

Given in Memory of ...

Nell Alexander by Steve, Lisa, Blaire and Reese Alexander

Frances Wideman by Anne Barton

Alice DeBardeleben by Anne Barton

Dorothy Barton by Anne Barton

Liz Bleiberg by Anne Barton

Peggy Davis by Jon Davis

Paulette Curry by Polly Dawson

Fay Hart by Stan and Marcia Hart

Nan Tontz and Grace Ash by Kathi and Roger Ash and Roxane and Mary Hannah Mackin

Nelda "Mina" Webb by Mary and Georgia Long

Margaret Mills by Judy Mills

Frances Nash by Warren, Valerie, Wilson, Callie, Graham, and Dixon Nash

Beverly Evans Rausch by Andrea Rausch White

A Mother's Day gift to the music fund was given in memory of Sallie Allen Englund from her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

*Thank you for supporting our children's ministries through the purchase of Mother's Day hydrangeas.
Honorees may pick up hydrangeas at the conclusion of the worship service.*



Vision Statement

*Highlands United Methodist Church is a community of disciples of Christ;
a beacon of hope, inviting all to become new persons in Christ
to be sent into the world to share the Gospel and to serve our neighbors;
and a sanctuary for those in need of God's love and grace.*

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