

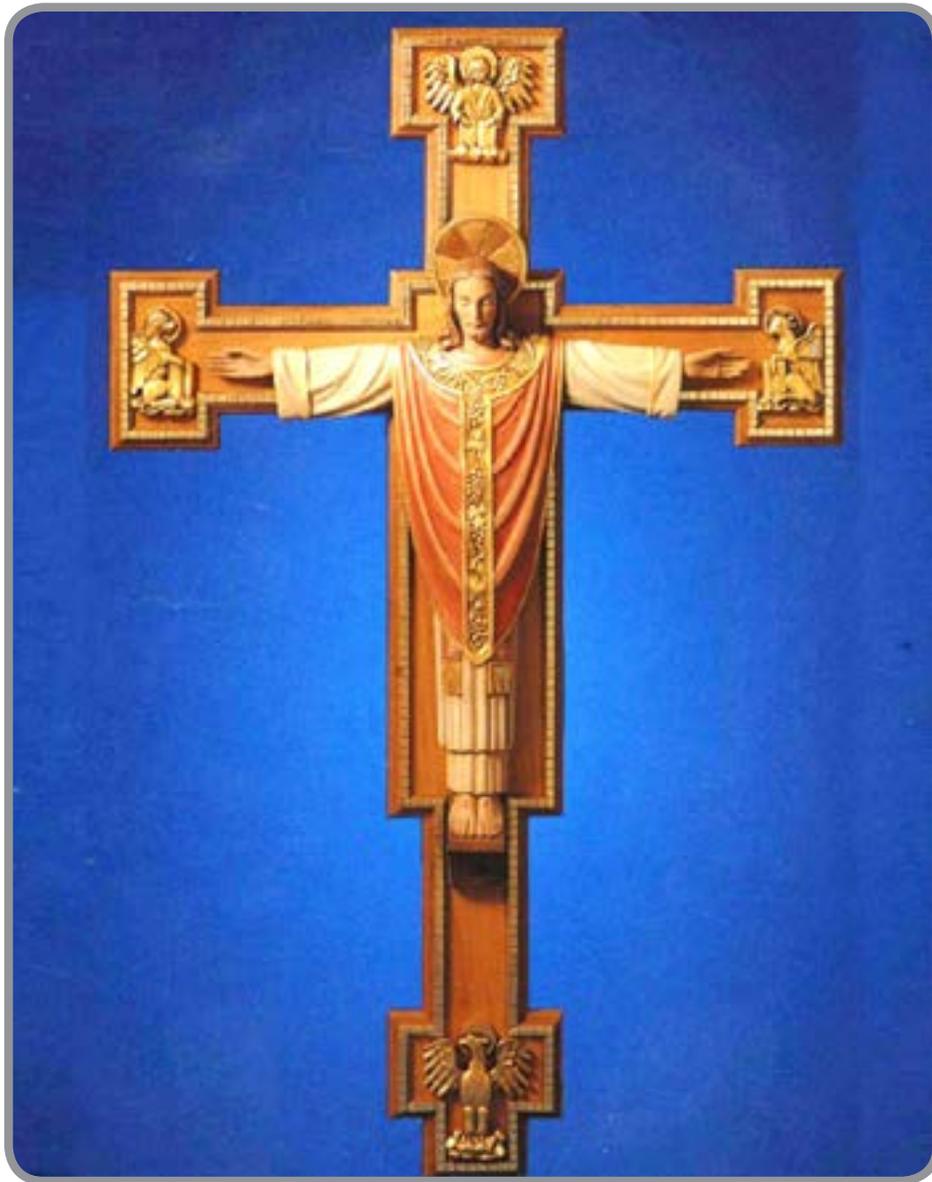


HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

10:30 A.M. SERVICE



Today we celebrate Christ the King Sunday, which is also the last Sunday of the Christian year. The focus in worship is a celebration of the coming reign of Jesus Christ and the completion of creation. All are invited to participate in Holy Communion, which connects us to God's heavenly banquet table where the grace and love of Christ are served in abundance.



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.

- † All children are welcome to stay in worship, or a nursery is provided for ages 4 and younger. An usher will be happy to direct you there. Children ages 4 to 2nd grade are encouraged to come to the chancel when called to the Children's Moment and may then attend Children's Church or return to be with their family. If you are visiting today or this is your child's first time in Children's Church, we ask that a parent accompany the child downstairs in order to provide emergency contact information and meet our staff.
- † Children's bulletins, books, and crayons are available from the ushers for use in worship.
- † Please pick up a guest welcome bag after worship to learn more about Highlands. 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.
- † Parking is free on Sundays at all metered street spaces near the church, at the Hotel Highland Parking Deck on Magnolia Avenue, and in the Highlands Bar and Grill lot on 11th Avenue South.

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Choral Holy Communion Setting: Missa Porte Honoris in F Major – Harold Darke (1888-1976)

PREACHING – THE REVEREND DEB WELSH
LITURGIST – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON
CHILDREN’S MOMENT – REGGIE HOLDER
CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

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

Serving for Altar Guild: Louise Brasher, Stephanie Braswell

Serving as Ushers: Scott Chramer, Dan Sibley

Serving as Acolytes: Jack Halliday, Cade Smith, Hannah Wheeler, Lydia Wheeler

Serving as Communion Stewards: Janet Hughes, Mary-Kate Laird, Warren Laird

Serving as Verger: Brian Bellenger

Serving as Lay Reader: Michele Nailen

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Ellis Landers, Chimer

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRELUDE

Dietrich Buxtehude (1639-1707)

Fugue and Chaconne in C Major in C Major

BuxWV 137

*PROCESSION

Highland Cathedral
Ryan Morrison, *Piper*
Richard Phillips, *Organist*

Irish Melody (1982)
Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb

*COLLECT FOR PURITY

Let us pray: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN
Organ Improvisation: T. Tertius Noble
Descant Setting: Richard Proulx

*COLLECT FOR CHRIST THE KING

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

Let us pray: Almighty God, who gave your Son Jesus Christ a realm where all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; make us loyal followers of our living Lord, that we may always hear his word, follow his teachings, and live in his spirit; and hasten the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord; to your eternal glory. Amen.

***GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (*Sung by The Choir*)

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord, thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 100 (*Sung by The Choir*)

Anglican Chant: Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; * serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; * he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Reggie Holder

***SEQUENCE HYMN 694**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
*Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne
Descant Setting: Anthony Baldwin*

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

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 25:31-46
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Deb Welsh

***INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

God in Christ breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divide us from one another. We are the body of Christ. Around this table, we enact our faith. The Communion Table is open to all who are in love with God and their neighbor and seek forgiveness and healing in this broken world.

***THE PEACE**

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

GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Te Deum in B Flat Major

The Choir

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee. The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee, the Father, of an infinite majesty,
thine adorable, true, and only Son, also the Holy Ghost the Comforter. Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Text, Book of Common Prayer

*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The image shows four staves of musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant. The fourth staff is for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 him thanks and praise."

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (Sung by The Choir)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory: Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

AGNUS DEI (Sung by The Choir)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

MOTET

O Sacred Feast

The Choir

*O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received,
The memory of His Passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace,
And the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia.*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Text, Healey Willan

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN 75

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD 100TH
Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

*THE BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Sevenfold Amen

The Choir

Peter Christian Lutkin (1858-1931)

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

*VOLUNTARIES IN PROCESSION

Voluntary on BETHANY

Ryan Morrison, Piper

Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Prelude in C Major

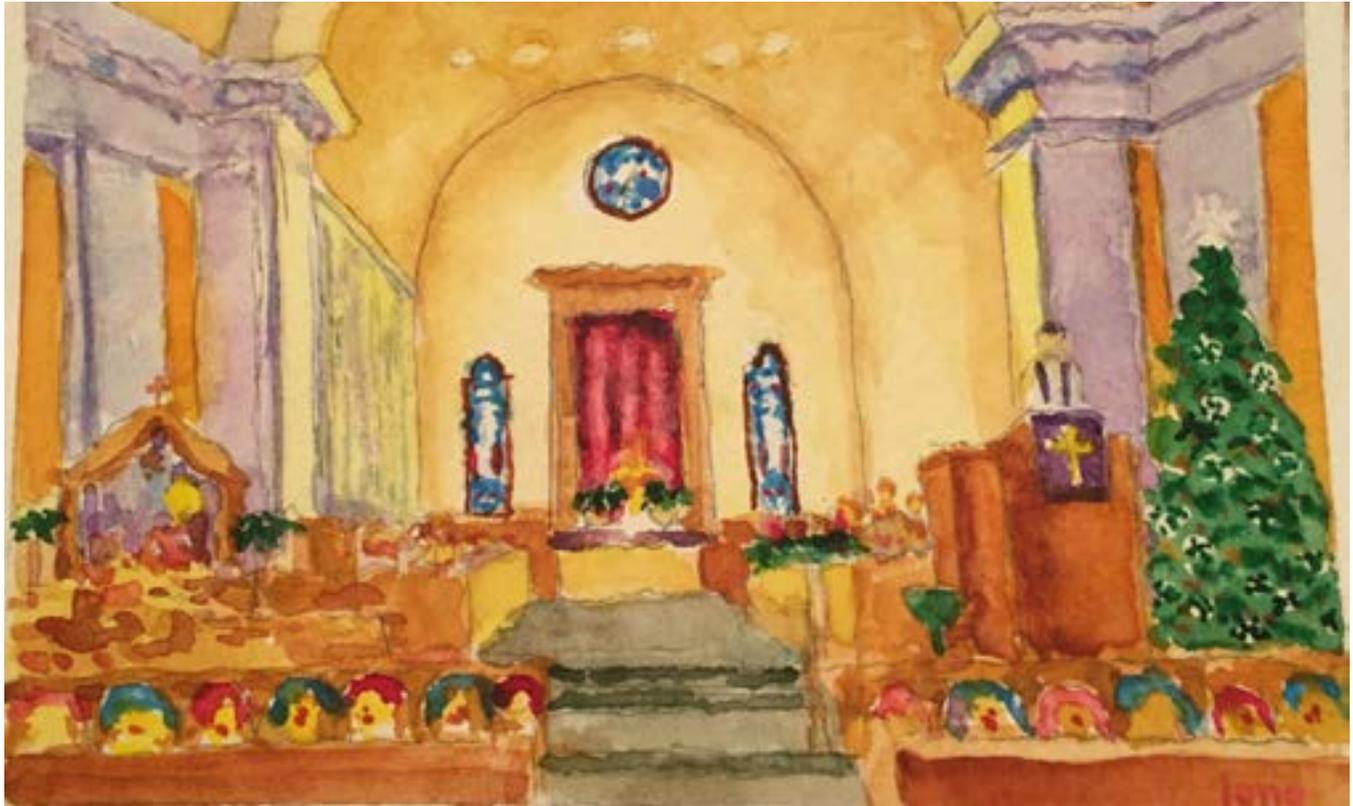
BuxWV 137

Dietrich Buxtehude

*PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

We welcome today in our worship service guest piper Mr. Ryan Morrison.

★ Advent and Christmas at Highlands ★★



Artwork by Richard Long

Sunday, December 3, 2017 – First Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. *Holy Communion in the Chapel*

10:30 a.m. *Advent Holy Communion in the Sanctuary*

Sunday, December 10, 2017 – Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. *Holy Communion in the Chapel*

10:30 a.m. *Morning Worship and Kirkin' o' the Tartan in the Sanctuary*

Sunday, December 17, 2017 – Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. *Holy Communion in the Chapel*

10:30 a.m. *Morning Worship featuring The Choir and members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra*

Sunday, December 24, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. *Morning Worship with String Quartet and Children's Christmas Pageant*

Christmas Eve Services

4:15 p.m. *Music of Christmas, Choral Concert*

5 p.m. *Holy Communion and Candlelight Service*

(Nursery available for 4:15 and 5 p.m. services)

11 p.m. *Holy Communion and Candlelight Service*

**Incense will be used in the 11 p.m. service.*

Monday, December 25, 2017 – Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. *Community Christmas Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall*



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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