

HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 13, 2008

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fairfax Fair

ORGAN MEDITATION: Meditation on “St. Columba”

Irish melody

Robert Lee, Organ

INTROIT: Hymn No. 465: Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather Tōkyō
Amanda Boyd, Soprano; Edward Caruthers, Baritone

CALL TO WORSHIP

9:30 David Hester / 11:00 Melissa Head

Leader: Love the Lord, all you God’s saints.

People: The Lord preserves the faithful.

Leader: Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

People: all who wait for the Lord.

‡ **HYMN NO. 281:** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O Lord, despite your goodness, we confess that there are times when we feel cut off from you and one another. We compound our isolation by living for ourselves rather than for you, by seeking personal gain rather than communal good. Open our eyes to the error of our ways. Strengthen our resolve to serve you by serving others, and keep us aware of your presence with us always. In Jesus’ name and for his sake we pray.

Silent Prayers

‡ *Those who are able, please stand.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

‡ **RESPONSE**, Hymn No. 317:

Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness [Stanza 2]

Geneva

CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

HYMN No. 304: Jesus Loves Me! Bible Buddies may leave at this time.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

9:30 Tom Owen / 11:00 Brenda Kee

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 31:1-5, 14-16 (page 505)

One: Through these words, may we hear the Word of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: He, Watching Over Israel from ELIJAH Felix Mendelssohn

(9:30) Amanda Boyd, Soprano; Robin Sutherland, Mezzo-Soprano;

Rob Carlson, Tenor; Edward Caruthers, Baritone

(11:00) Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT: Mark 8:34-35 (page 44)

SERMON: “Saved to Serve”

Dr. Fair

‡ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From *The Confession of 1967*)

The risen Christ is the savior of all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as God’s reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

‡ **HYMN OF COMMITMENT, No.282:**

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer nur den lieben Gott

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us arr. Douglas Smith
Rob Carlson, Tenor

✠ ***DOXOLOGY,*** Hymn No.139:
Come, Thou Almighty King Italian Hymn

***To Thee, great One in Three, The highest praises be,
Hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.***

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✠ ***PRAYER OF DEDICATION*** (unison)
***Holy God, we give back to you from all that you give to us. Accept these
offerings of ourselves, and use them for your life-giving purposes. We
ask it in Christ's name. Amen.***

✠ ***HYMN NO. 284:*** O God, What You Ordain Is Right Was Gott tut

✠ ***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION***

RESPONSE: The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE: Wer nur den lieben Gott 17th century German tune

PASTORAL STAFF

***Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor
Joel A. Weible, Associate Pastor
Melissa H. Head, Associate Pastor***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jennifer Chilton, by her parents, Stefi and Richard Chilton, and her sisters, Julie and Jessica.

THE ROSE on the pulpit this morning is to celebrate the birth of Drew Thomas Stillwagon, born April 5 to Michelle and Andrew Stillwagon. Three-year-old Ella Soul Stillwagon is thrilled with her new brother. Proud grandparents are David and Gale Hester.

GREETERS this morning for 9:30 are Mary Ellen Harned, Marcia and Bill Murphy; greeters for 11:00 are Hal Hauck and Cathy King.

USHERS this morning for 9:30 are Chester Newhall, Bob Decker, Cedric Denny, Margaret Goldsborough, and Jim Porter; ushers for 11:00 are Tom Appling, Martha Anne Cornwell, Brian Hall, Steve and Sue Latta, Bill Oldham, and Laurie Rothinghouse.

SPECIAL THANKS to Amanda Boyd, Rob Carlson, Edward Caruthers, Robert Lee, and Robin Sutherland for blessing us in worship with their musical leadership this morning.

THE ISSUES CLASS invites you to join them each Sunday at 9:30 a.m., in the dining hall.

April 20: Dewey Hensley, Principal of J. B. Atkinson Elementary School, will speak about the effects of poverty on education and catch us up on the happenings at Atkinson. Highland has a long-standing volunteer presence at Atkinson, with ten members currently reading with students.

April 27: Congressman Ron Mazzoli will speak on “The Political Landscape for Spring 2008.”

PRAYER LIST -- Please remember in your thoughts and prayers Paul Frelick (hip replacement), John Goldsborough (Baptist-East), and all others who are dealing with long-term illnesses and grief.

A SPRING CELEBRATION by our Children's Choirs will take place in the sanctuary on Wednesday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. The children have been working hard to prepare this evening that marks the end of our Children's Music Ministry season. Hope to see you there!

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Fannie W. Caldwell will be held Friday, April 18, at 10 a.m., in the Frank H. and Fannie W. Caldwell Chapel at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Fannie Wells Caldwell, 103 years old, died in Charlotte, N.C., on February 15, 2008. She was the devoted and supportive wife of the late Rev. Dr. Frank Hill Caldwell, longtime professor and president (1936-1964) of the Seminary, and a thoughtful confidant to many in the Seminary community.

HYMNODY TODAY – The opening hymn [#281 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah] was written by William Williams, known as the “Sweet Singer of Wales” and the “Isaac Watts of Wales.” The text was published in 1745. The tune, CWMRHONDDA, was written by John Hughes for a Cymanfa Ganu (singing festival) at Capel Rhondda, Pontypridd, Wales. The hymn of commitment [#282 - If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee] was composed by Georg Neumark and published in 1657. The hymn is based on Psalm 55:22-23. The closing hymn [#284 - O God, What You Ordain Is Right] was written by Samuel Rodigast, who wrote it for a personal friend who was quite ill. The tune, WAS GOTT TUT, was composed by Severus Gastorius for this text which Rodigast had written for him. Gastorius was a cantor in Jena in 1675.

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MEN'S BREAKFAST meets every Thursday morning at 7:00. (Reservations are only needed for the first Thursday of each month.) Please join us for breakfast, prayer and fellowship with your friends.

HEADED FOR THE FINISH LINE! *Like Jacob's Well* should be in our hands by Derby Day – with 280 pages, 160 historic photos and illustrations, and 50 color pictures of our 125th anniversary celebration. The book is the story of this church, its people and their relationship with their world. Its stories include some surprising people with whom we worship every week. At its March meeting, the Session ordered 1000 copies. You can reserve one of them by calling the church office.

WOMEN'S GATHERING will meet on Monday, April 14, 7:15 p.m., at the home of Dorissa Falk (1618 Dundee Way). Please RSVP to the hostess, 451-4567.

THE WRECK OF THE HENRIETTA MARIE -- Your Congregational Life Team is putting together an outing to see this exhibit at the *Frazier International History Museum* on Sunday, April 20, after worship. We plan to have a box lunch in our dining room and carpool (as much as possible) to the museum. The exhibit explores the “terrible reminders of a desperate voyage for hundreds of African men, women and children” but will leave us all with “stories of pride, strength, courage, and determination” as we continue the struggle for justice and love. Cost will be about \$10. Please call the office (451-2910) to reserve tickets.

THE GOSPEL CHOIR returns on Sunday, May 18, to lead both services. Rehearsals begin Sunday, April 27 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please contact Frank Heller at 451-2910, ext 239 or fahiii@aol.com to participate or for more information!!!

YOU ARE INVITED to play bridge with your friends on Tuesday, April 15, 12:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

CIRCLE NO. 7 will meet in the Memorial Lounge on Tuesday, April 15, at 3:00 p.m.

ARE YOU NUTS?? If so, then please join the rest of us who’ve got “Nicaragua Under the Skin.” We’re looking for people who want to help us fulfill the partnership commitment that HPC has made to the tiny village of Mirazul del Llano. (Participating in this group does NOT commit you to go on the next mission trip!) If you’ve got enthusiasm, a sense of adventure, great fundraising ideas, or just acute curiosity, please let Lloyd or Stacy Croft know you want to get involved: 485-1246 or stacyc@insightbb.com.

A LECTURE, “Sexuality and Ethics: New Perspectives,” will be held Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m., in Caldwell Chapel on the campus of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. The speaker will be Margaret A. Farley, recipient of the 2008 Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion for her book *Just Love: A Framework for Christian Sexual Ethics*. A reception and book signing will follow the lecture. (The Grawemeyer Award in Religion is offered jointly by Louisville Seminary and the University of Louisville.)

THE KIDS’ CONSIGNMENT SALE is a great way to turn your gently-used children’s clothing and toys into cash for yourself, donate to our Weekday School and Parent’s Day Out programs, and get a tax write-off! You receive 70% of the selling price and the WDS and PDO programs receive 30%. Donations are also greatly appreciated.

The presale schedule on Thursday, April 17 is: 5:00 All volunteers; 6:00 all consigners and donators; 7:00 WDS and PDO staff and families; 8:00 HPC members and friends. Sale dates are Friday, April 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday, April 19 (half-price sale), 9 a.m. to noon.

The book and bake sales will be held the same dates, and all of the proceeds will go to Kentucky Refugee Ministries. For questions or to help with the sale, contact Liz Kaznak, 568-6913.

Our partnership with HCM and KRM after the sale is perhaps the most meaningful aspect of this event. Several refugee families and other families in the Highlands area connected with HCM come and “shop” from our donated items. This project is an important mission for Highland Pres and gives real purpose to our efforts.

If you wish to volunteer, please email us or call Ann Holmes, 452-1444. For more info, check out the website: www.kidssale.org.

WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP – Only two more weeks for our Wednesday evening fellowship – April 16 and 23. Please make your reservations for dinner by filling out the form below and dropping it in the offering plate.

April 16: Book Club will discuss Lincoln: A Novel, by Gore Vidal. Anyone who has read a history book about Abraham Lincoln is welcome to attend and add to the discussion and to Gore Vidal’s portrait of Lincoln.

April 23: The Children’s Choirs will present their annual program at 6:30 p.m. **Please note: The final dinner/program will be on April 23.**

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Reservations for Wednesday Dinners

Please make reservations for _____ adults, _____ children (12 and under) (___ vegetarian meals), for ___ April 16, ___ April 23.

Name _____