

**HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

February 17, 2008

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fairfax Fair

ORGAN MEDITATION:

O Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Robert Lee, Organ

Sacred Harp

INTROIT: Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord

Gospel Choir; Mary Rapier, Piano; Paul Suh, Conductor

Langley

CALL TO WORSHIP

9:30 Carol Rose Ikeler / 11:00 Joel Weible

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

People: *My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; the Lord will keep your life.

People: *The Lord will keep our going out and coming in from this time on and forevermore.*

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

Cwm Rhondda

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, we admit that we have been timid in our faith, reticent to trust, and slow to follow where you lead. We have been slow to listen and wary in accepting your direction. Work within us, O God, that we may step out boldly in the ways you would have us go, testifying to your grace, forgiving as you forgive us, and working to right the wrongs which surround us. In Christ's name we pray.

Silent Prayers

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ God has come into the world to save us from our sin and give us new life. What is past is gone. In Jesus Christ, we have hope and know peace.

People: *Amen.*

† **RESPONSE,** Hymn No. 303: Jesus, Lover of My Soul

[Stanza 4]

Aberystwyth

CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

HYMN No. 304: Jesus Loves Me!

Bible Buddies may leave at this time.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

9:30 Hannah Thomas/ 11:00 Bob Decker

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 12:1-4a (page 10)

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

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Anthony J. Showalter/arr. Kim Eve

Nancy Fontenot, Soprano; Frances Purifoy, Alto; Paul Suh, Tenor

Gospel Choir; Mary Rapier, Piano

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 4:1-5 (page 154)

SERMON: "Going Boldly"

Dr. Fair

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *A Declaration of Faith*)

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

✠ **HYMN:** He Leadeth Me [Stanzas 1 and 2 – see insert] He Leadeth Me

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go Manchester
Paul Suh, Tenor; Gospel Choir; Mary Rapier, Piano

✠ **DOXOLOGY,** Hymn No. 79:
Kind Maker of the World [Stanza 5] A la venue de Noël

✠ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (unison)
Eternal God, we bring our gifts to you today, aware that they are ours to give only because of your grace. We pray that you will use them to show forth your way of justice, love, and peace. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

✠ **HYMN NO. 275:** God of Our Life Sandon

✠ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE: Lead Me, Lord Wayne and Elizabeth Goodine
[1st & 2nd Times: Gospel Choir / 3rd Time: Choir and congregation]

Lead me, Lord, I will follow; Lead me, Lord, I will go.

You have called me - I will answer; Lead me, Lord, I will go.

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POSTLUDE: What Shall I Render to My God? Southern Harmony

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THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice T. Senn by Brooks Senn.

OUR THANKS to Lee Best who designed the purple drapery, to Jim Porter for installing it, to Esther Elsenheimer who created the Lenten banner, and to Sweet Young who created the pulpit banner.

GREETERS this morning for 9:30 are Scotty Martin, Chester and Joyce Newhall; greeter for 11:00 is Martha Anne Cornwell.

USHERS this morning for 9:30 are Mary Ellen Harned, Wayne Brown and Brenda Kee, Steve Makela, and Margaret Seay; ushers for 11:00 are Jesse and Margaret Turley, Rod Brown, Hal Hauck, Woodford Henegar, Steve Holmes, and Randy Shew.

SPECIAL THANKS to the Gospel Choir, Nancy Fontenot, Robert Lee, Frances Purifoy, Mary Rapier, and Paul Suh 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.

This morning Church Member Melissa Howell will enlighten us about alternative fuels

February 24 – No Class (Annual Congregational Meeting at 10:30)

March 2 – Sara Lynn Cunningham is a licensed, professional environmental engineer and a long-time environmental educator. She will briefly review the important elements of climate change and then outline what individuals and churches can do to reduce their carbon footprints.

PRAYER LIST -- Please remember in your thoughts and prayers the Nicaragua Mission Team – Jerie Britton, Stacy and Lloyd Croft, Peggie and John Elgin, Maureen Kirk, Alex Novak, Phil Tamplin, and Anne Walker – who left yesterday morning and will return on the 24th, and all others who are dealing with long-term illnesses and grief.

PAUL SUH is joining the music staff for the next four months in a volunteer role, Assistant for Adult and High School Youth Music Ministries. He is required to spend one semester working in a church in a music leadership role to fulfill a requirement for graduation from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Paul will work directly with the Director of Music Ministries and assist with the Chancel, Gospel, and Calvin Choirs.

HYMNODY TODAY – The opening hymn [#281 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah] was written by William Williams in 1745. He was known as the “Sweet Singer of Wales” and “the Isaac Watts of Wales.” The tune, CWM RHONDDA, was composed by John Hughes for a Cymanfa Ganu (singing festival) at Capel Rhondda, Pontypridd, Wales in 1905 or 1907. The hymn of commitment [He Leadeth Me] was written by Joseph H. Gilmore in 1862 during the Civil War. He was giving an exposition of the Twenty-third Psalm and realize the significance of “He Leadeth Me.” Gilmore writes: “...God’s leadership is the one significant fact in human experience, that it makes no difference how we are led, or whither we are led, so long as we are sure God is leading us.” The original hymn had four stanzas. The tune, HE LEADETH ME, was composed by William B. Bradbury in 1864. He added the last two lines of the refrain, “His faithful foll’wer I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.” Gilmore only discovered that his text had been sent by Bradbury when he preached at Second Baptist Church in Rochester, New York and the congregation was singing his text. The closing hymn [#275 - God of Our Life] was written by Hugh Thomson Kerr in 1916 for the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, where Kerr was pastor. It was published in 1928. The tune, SANDON, was composed by Charles Henry Purday for another text in 1860. Kerr wrote the text for this tune.

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THE YOUTH CHOIR from First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, Tennessee will be combining with our two youth choirs next week for Youth Sunday. Under the direction of Marsha Scheusner, the fourteen member choir will spend the weekend preparing and leading worship, serving others in the community, and enjoying fellowship with families from HPC. This is the first leg of the choir exchange. The Calvin Choir will join them April 18 through 20 in Columbia.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 --

The day will begin with a potluck breakfast at 9 a.m. (see announcement below), Sunday school classes will meet at 9:30, there will be only one worship service at 10:30 a.m., and the meeting will follow at 11:30 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to hear reports from all teams, to receive the budget for 2008, and to act on changes in the pastors' terms of call.

POTLUCK BREAKFAST before Annual Meeting! Come one, come all to our **Second Annual Potluck Breakfast on February 24** at 9 a.m.! On this morning of Sunday School, one worship service, and our Annual Congregational Meeting, we want to be sure you are well fed! The Fellowship Committee will provide an egg casserole, coffee and tea, and asks everyone who is coming to bring items such as muffins, sweet rolls, fruit, donuts, and JUICE (please, someone bring juice!). See you in the dining room before Sunday School on the 24th!

HCM LENTEN SERIES 2008 – On Tuesdays through March 11, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., you are invited to attend a Lenten series entitled “The Body of Christ: A Series of Special Services for Lent.” On February 19 at Bellarmine University, Frazier Hall, Room 203, Rev. David Platt, pastor of Deer Park Baptist Church, will speak on “The Hands of Christ to help and heal.” On February 26 at (2005) Douglass Boulevard Christian Church, Melanie Prejean-Sullivan of Bellarmine Campus Ministry, will speak on “The Mouth of Christ to speak God’s Word.” (We will publish the remaining schedule as the time approaches.)

A NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is being offered for February-April, 9:30 a.m.; it met for the first time last Sunday in the Memorial Lounge. If you haven't been coming to Sunday school, now is your chance to recommit to your own spiritual nurture, especially through Lent. “Encounters with Jesus” will be led by Cláudio Carvalhaes, Assistant Professor of Worship and Preaching at LPTS. This is a new Bible study and discussion class that will focus on the transforming power of Jesus' encounters with strange people in the Bible. The class will delve into the stories found in the New Testament, while also exploring the stories of others. Through this exploration, class members will discover and be challenged by what happens when people from different walks of life encounter one another and Christ.

YOU ARE INVITED to play bridge with your friends on Tuesday, February 19, 12:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

CIRCLE NO. 7 invites you to join them on Tuesday, February 19, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Memorial Lounge for Bible study and fellowship.

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.

KNITWITS RESCHEDULED – Snow and slush last Tuesday inspired us to reschedule Knit Wits to February 19, 7-9 p.m. at the home of Carol Pye (2333 Glenmary Avenue).

MENTOR TRAINING for Bellewood's Operation HERO and Project THRIVE will be held Tuesday, February 19, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at (1722) Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church; dinner will be provided. For more information, please call Cindy Cushman, THRIVE, 554-6240, or Danielle Whiteside, HERO, 494-6855.

TRIVIA NIGHT – The Youth Groups have organized our third annual Trivia Night on Sunday, March 2, at 5:00 p.m. (competition starts at 6 p.m.), in the dining room. Contestants will be asked ten questions in ten categories which have been contributed by members of the congregation. Some questions will be simple, some moderately challenging, and some real toughies. The youth are selling tables for the competition, ten seats to a table, \$10 a seat. Each table will be a team which will compete for a grand prize, the team with the most right answers wins! There will also be a chili dinner, a bake sale, and soft drinks. All proceeds will be used to support the youth to defray their costs of participating in mission trips. Please join us for this fun and worthwhile project.

PLEASE NOTE: The Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 18, for Presidents' Day.

A GENTLE REMINDER – The church campus is *smoke free*, and this includes the restrooms. Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners and refrain from smoking. Thank you!

OUR LYRIC CHOIR will join more than 140 other children from nine other churches to participate in the Children's Choir on Saturday, March 15, 12:30 to 1 p.m., at Second Presbyterian Church. Let's support our children in the Lyric Choir by attending this wonderful festive music service!

THE PARENTS' DAY OUT PROGRAM of Highland Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce registration for the 2008-2009 school year. Established as a sitter service approximately 40 years ago, the PDO program has grown to serve many children and families of the church and community. Parents' Day Out serves children from age 3 months to age 4. Registration for new families will be held Monday, February 25, in the Fellowship Hall. Registration will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. For more information, please call Amy Fitzgerald, PDO Director, 451-6506.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend the official announcement of an UPS Foundation Grant for the Kentucky Refugee Ministries Family Center, on Tuesday, February 19, 4:00 p.m. at the Pleune-Mobley Center. The Family Center will eventually be located on the second floor of PMC when the renovations to the space are completed. The Family Center received an initial grant from the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering in 2006, which helped to get the Family Center started in March of 2007. The Center is open three days a week at Highland Baptist Church. We then applied for and were awarded a grant from the Cralle Foundation which will be available this February. Finally, we were awarded the UPS Foundation Grant which will enable us to pay the necessary staff and expenses to make this Center financially viable for years to come. Please come and help us celebrate!

PRESBYTERIAN UNION invites you to join them for a luncheon/discussion on Tuesday, March 4, 11:30 a.m., at Vincenzo's (105 S. 5th Street, The Courtyard Room). Lunch is a buffet salad and entree, dessert and iced tea for \$12 (including gratuity). The speaker will be Lyle J. Stucki, President, Louisville Kentucky Stake (15 congregations) of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, who will speak on "Mormonism: What We Believe." If you plan to attend, please notify Ann or Ivan Schell by Monday, March 3, at 894-8440 or adschell@bellsouth.net.

A **FREE RECITAL**, featuring John Edward Hankins, baritone, and Deborah Dierks, piano, will be held on Sunday, February 24, 3 p.m., at Central Presbyterian Church (318 W. Kentucky). The program is entitled, "Dressed in Black – The Dark Side of American Art Song." A reception will follow.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held Friday, March 7, at Highland Baptist Church. Registration is at 10 a.m., and worship at 10:30. Everyone is invited and childcare will be provided. Please bring canned goods for Dare to Care. (Sponsored by Church Women United in the Louisville area)

WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP – Our Wednesday evening fellowship: dinner at 5:30, followed by the programs at 6:30 p.m.. Reservations for dinner are needed. Please fill out the form below and drop it in the offering plate, or call the church office (451-2910) no later than the Monday before each gathering. Dinner is \$6/plate for adults (13 and over), and pizza will be available for children (12 and under) at \$1/slice.

Wednesday programs include: Children's Choir rehearsals (4-year-olds through fifth graders), a Spirituality Seminar led by Rev. Lynn Gant March (on March 5 her topic is "Simplicity" – What are the "gifts" of being simple? Biblical basis for simplicity; ecological ways to express simplicity; meditation on Matthew 6:25-33); a Speaker's Forum (second Wednesday); Book Club (third Wednesday) will discuss Jayber Crow by Wendell Berry; and *This We Believe: HPC Stories of Faith* moderated by Cameron Lawrence (fourth Wednesdays). Please check our bulletins, newsletters, website, bulletin boards, or call the office for up-to-date schedules including speakers, books being discussed, and menus! In addition to all of this, Team and Session meetings will continue to meet on first and third Wednesdays, respectively. See you in the dining room.

Reservations for Wednesday Dinners

Please make reservations for _____ adults, _____ children (12 and under) (____ vegetarian meals), for ____ February 20, ____ February 27, ____ all of February.

Name _____