

**HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

February 24, 2008

10:30 a.m.

**GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Fairfax Fair

**INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION:** Concertino Ferdinand David  
Nathan Nash, Trombone; Mary Rapier, Piano

**INTROIT:** I Will Joyfully Sing [See Insert] Mary McDonald  
Covenant and Calvin Choirs and  
the Youth Choir of First Presbyterian Church

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Lisa Neumann

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord!

**People:** *Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

**People:** *Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!*

☞ **HYMN NO. 214:** O Come and Sing Unto the Lord Azmon

**REFLECTIONS OF RECONCILIATION** Will Tamplin

**CALL TO PRAYER** Marilyn Wilmoth

Leader: We are not disappointed when we come to prayer in hope.

**People:** *God does not turn away those who approach with faith.*

Leader: As we pray for reconciliation, we move from what has been to the hope of what can be.

**People:** *Let us pray that we may be reconciled with one another, with ourselves, and with our God.*

**PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION** (unison)

*God, our sustainer, we offer our prayer as people that often feel less than whole. We have sensed an incompleteness to our unity whenever differences between us seem more important than the one Spirit that gives us common life. We have practiced a fractional faith. We have divided our loyalties in ways that do not allow full service to ourselves, to one another and to you, our One and only God. Forgive us, reconcile us to you and to one another, and enable us to enjoy again the fullness of your love. We pray aloud with voices united and now in silence with that same unity. Hear our prayers.*

Silent Prayers

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God accepts both our courage and our fears.

**People:** *It is through Christ that we reconcile ourselves to one another and to our loving God.*

Leader: Dare to accept the gift of a new beginning.

**People:** *Amen.*

**REFLECTIONS ON RECONCILIATION**

Amazing Grace arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace and John H. Head  
Parker Keyes, Flugelhorn; Robert Lee, Organ

**CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES** Kristen and Erin Jewell

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Leah Pye

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Psalm 95 (page 550)

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

**ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

**ANTHEM:** Psalm 139 Allen Pote

Paul Suh, Conductor

**NEW TESTAMENT:** Romans 5:1-11 (page 155) Austin Giesel

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

**ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

**REFLECTIONS ON RECONCILIATION** Andrew Reed

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

*Our new life in Christ takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of who we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand except God's grace. The new life does not release us from conflict and unbelief. Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness in our life with Christ, we live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.*

‡ ***HYMN OF COMMITMENT:*** Bring Forth the Kingdom Marty Haugen  
(See insert)

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER*** Lyn Wenzel

***CALL TO OFFERING*** Ryan Perry

Leader: Yesterday is memory. Tomorrow is unknown.

***People: We have only today to open our hearts to others.***

Leader: May our gifts this morning reflect our hope that we may all be one. Let us receive this morning's offering.

***OFFERTORY:*** They'll Know We Are Christians  
Peter Scholtes/arr. Lloyd Larson  
Travis Terry, Bass Guitar; Deborah Kushmaul, Hand Drum

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

‡ ***PRAYER OF DEDICATION*** (unison)  
***We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace, and of reconciliation. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.***

***PRAYER FOR SENIORS*** Melissa Head

‡ ***HYMN NO. 552:*** Give Thanks, O Christian People  
Es Flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

‡ ***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*** Joel Weible

***RESPONSE:*** May the Road Rise to Meet You Austin C. Lovelace  
Marsha Scheusner, Conductor

***POSTLUDE:*** Concertino da Camera Jacques Ibert  
Josh Warren Saxophone; Mary Rapier, Piano

‡ ***Those who are able, please stand.***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**February 24, 2008**

**THE FLOWERS TODAY** are given by Mike and Kathy Reed, to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Parker Keyes, Deborah Kushmaul, Robert Lee, Nathan Nash, Mary Rapiet, Marsha Scheusner, Paul Suh, Travis Terry, and Josh Warren 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.

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 family and friends of Norman Updegraff, a member of Highland since July 14, 1974, who passed away on February 14, and all others who are dealing with long-term illnesses and grief.

**THANKYOU**, Kathy Hobart, Claudette Taylor, and Cynthia Welch, for collating and stapling the Annual Report. Your help was greatly appreciated!

**THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE** was written by Austin C. Lovelace for its conductor this morning, Marsha Scheusner.

**WE WELCOME** the Youth Choir from First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, Tennessee, under the direction of Marsha Scheusner. The eleven member choir has spent the weekend preparing for this service, 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.

**HYMNODY TODAY** – The opening hymn [#214 - O Come and Sing Unto the Lord] is a versification of Psalm 95 from The Psalter of 1912. The tune, AZMON, was composed by Carl Gotthelf Glaser in 1828. The hymn of commitment [Bring Forth the Kingdom] was written and composed by Marty Haugen. It is based on Matthew 5:13-16. The closing hymn [#552 - Give Thanks, O Christian People] was written by Mary Jackson Cathey to celebrate the ministry of a fellow Christian educator. Cathey said the hymn was a tribute to her friend and all others who serve Christ through work in the church. The tune, ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN, was harmonized by George Ratcliffe Woodward from a seventeenth-century Memmingen manuscript.

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**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 26 at (2005) Douglass Boulevard Christian Church, Rev. David Platt from Deer Park Baptist Church, will speak on “The Mouth of Christ to speak God’s Word.” On March 4 at Strathmoor Presbyterian (2001 Hawthorne Avenue), Rev. Tom Grieb of St. Paul Methodist Church, will speak on “The Eyes of Christ to see our needs.” On March 11, at Deer Park Baptist Church (1733 Bardstown Road), Rev. Derek Penwell of Douglass Boulevard Christian, will speak on “The Heart of Christ beating with love.”

**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.

**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.

**TRIVIA NIGHT** – The Youth Groups have organized our third annual Trivia Night next 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.

**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.

**PRESBYTERIAN UNION** invites you to join them for a luncheon/discussion on Tuesday, March 4, 11:30 a.m., at Vincenzo's (105 S. 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:adschell@bellsouth.net).

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8**, we will have another Work Day at the church, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Come enjoy fellowship with other church members as we work to clean up our campus, both inside and out. Bring yard tools and gloves. A babysitter is available if needed; to reserve a babysitter, please call Janet Raderer, 897-5986, so that we can have someone to watch your children.

**NEW MEMBERS** – The Session met on February 20 and received into membership: Daniel Ellis, Larry and Patti Hartog and their children, Rachel and Ted, David Hendrix, and Jim Kimmel. Please make yourselves known to them and welcome them warmly into our congregation!

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** – Friday, March 7, there are two opportunities to participate in this world-wide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. On Friday, March 7, at Highland Baptist Church (1101 Cherokee Road) – registration at 10 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m., and lunch at 11:30 a.m.; and at Strathmoor Presbyterian Church (2201 Hawthorne Avenue) – refreshments at 6:15 p.m., registration at 6:45 p.m., and worship at 7:00 p.m. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service. For 2008, the WDP Committee of Guyana developed the theme, *God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding*. Everyone is invited. Please bring canned goods for Dare to Care.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS SCHEDULED** – Anyone and everyone -- whether you're thinking about joining, have recently joined, or have been a member for a while and are *still* looking for answers – is invited to our next Saturday morning new member class. In addition to forming new and lasting relationships, you'll learn more about the church Universal, Presbyterian, and Highland. It is a wonderful way to be a part of our rich heritage and get involved in personal and meaningful ways in this community. Save the date: **Saturday, March 15, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.** (*Childcare is available upon request!*). Call the church office (451-2910) to let us know you're coming!

**LET'S FILL THEM UP FAST!** The containers located at the front door of the sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall are for you to place items for the Food Pantry at Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church. When you do your shopping, pick up one or two extras to help fill these containers. Non-perishable items such as macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, Tuna Helper and tuna fish, peanut butter, crackers, soup, canned meat, cereal, canned vegetables, canned fruit and canned pasta are a few of the possibilities. There will also be a container at the door of the Sunday School building so that the youngsters can participate.

*A FREE RECITAL*, featuring John Edward Hankins, baritone, and Deborah Dierks, piano, will be held on this afternoon at 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.

*OUR LYRIC CHOIR* will join more than 140 other children from nine other churches to participate in the Children’s Choir Festival 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!

*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.

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***Reservations for Wednesday Dinners***

Please make reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ adults, \_\_\_\_\_ children (12 and under) (\_\_\_ vegetarian meals), for \_\_\_ February 27; \_\_\_ March 5, \_\_\_ March 12, \_\_\_ March 19, \_\_\_ March 26, \_\_\_ all of March.

Name \_\_\_\_\_