

**HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

March 30, 2008

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melissa Head

ORGAN MEDITATION:

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness
Robert Lee, Organ

Johann Cruger

INTROIT, Hymn No. 320: The Lone, Wild Bird
Rob Carlson, Tenor

Prospect

CALL TO WORSHIP

9:30 Helen Jones /11:00 Fairfax Fair

Leader: Spirit of light, let your wisdom shine on us.

People: *Spirit of silence, make us aware of God's presence.*

Leader: Spirit of courage, dispel the fear in our hearts.

People: *Spirit of fire, inflame us with Christ's love.*

Lone Wild Bird

Leader: Spirit of peace, help us be still and listen to God's Word.

People: *Spirit of joy, inspire us to proclaim the good news.*

Leader: Spirit of love, help us to open ourselves to the needs of others.

People: *Spirit of power, give us your strength for each day.*

Lone Wild Bird

ALL: **Spirit of God, come into our hearts, make us y our new creation.**

☩ **HYMN NO. 121:** That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright Puer nobis nascitur

ANTHEM (11:00): Look at the World

John Rutter

Chapel Choir; Lola Carroll, Director; Flora Welsh, Piano

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (unison)

Living God, we acknowledge that we find it hard to hear and believe your promise of new life. Even when we are dissatisfied with our lives, it is easier to cling to what we know than to risk the unknown. Sometimes we find it easier to withdraw, avoid and resist change and thus stay away

from any possibility that requires more of us, and may also offer more to us. Yet you call us to take risks and follow where Christ might lead us. Revive us, O God, to receive the fullness of your grace and the power to live as you intend.

Silent Prayers

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PRESENCE AND LOVE

Leader: God promises to abide with us each moment, and the Holy Spirit draws us into a unity that transcends our daily awareness. Dare to trust, fr God accepts us, calls us and offers us new life in Christ, that we might become all we are meant to be.

People: *We are continually transformed to live boldly and courageously with Christ.*

☩ **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 Marcia Murphy/11:00 Jane Welch

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 16 (page 495)

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

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

SOLO: Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

African-American Spiritual

Amanda Boyd, Soprano; Robert Lee, Piano

NEW TESTAMENT: John 20:19-31 (page 115)

SERMON: "The Other 364 Days"

Rev. Head

☩ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From A Brief Statement of Faith)
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept

☩ *Those who are able, please stand.*

ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

‡ **HYMN No.321:** Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Song 13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Faithful Shepherd

Arr. Lloyd Larson

9:30 Amanda Boyd, Soprano; Robin Sutherland, Mezzo-Soprano; Rob Carlson, Tenor; Edward Caruthers, Baritone / 11:00 Chancel Choir

‡ **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.* (Reprinted THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL, ©1990 by Westminster/John Knox Press. All Rights Reserved.

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‡ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

For the breath of life, for vision to see, for insight to believe, for courage to witness, we give you thanks, gracious God. We experience the signs of your presence with us, and the transforming power of your Spirit among us inspires and enables us to live in your service. May this offering and our daily offerings witness to Christ's grace and peace in the service. May this offering and our daily offerings witness to Christ's grace and peace in the world. Amen.

‡ **HYMN NO. 122:** Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

‡ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE: Excerpt of Faithful Shepherd

arr. Lloyd Larson

POSTLUDE: Rejoice!

Buryl Red

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 30, 2008

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, Lola Carroll, Edward Caruthers, Robert Lee, Robin Sutherland, and Flora Welsh 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 30: Sheila Berman, Attorney-at-Law and former Federal Prosecutor, will speak on “Modern-day Slavery – Human Trafficking.”

April 6: Timir Banerjee, Director of the Society for the Prevention of Aggressiveness and Violence among Adolescents, will be our guest. This program, which is ten years old, is taught in the community, JCPS and Catholic and Lutheran schools.

April 13: To be announced

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 Presbyterian 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.”

REMINDER: *We are having a BLOOD DRIVE TODAY from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the dining room.*

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM, *Faithful Shepherd*, was given by Ben McQuese for Fran Dolbeare.

BANNERS – The Palm Sunday and Easter banners were created by Page Penna and Guinever Smith, and the pulpit banner was created by Sweet Young.

BEST WISHES to Dick and Ann Helm on their 61st wedding anniversary. They were married at Westminster Presbyterian Church by Dr. A.B. Rhodes on March 29, 1947.

PRAYER LIST -- Please remember in your thoughts and prayers David Morrison at Norton, and all others who are dealing with long-term illnesses and grief.

ANOTHER SUPPORT for our Youth Program – In 1991 Presbyterian Women compiled some of their favorite recipes in a small book to benefit the mission trips of the Youth of HPC. That recipe book has been revived and added to by the Chancel Choir. Now you can buy this new edition for only \$5 and it will again add to the funds for the upcoming mission trips of the HPC Youth. It will be on sale in the Fellowship Hall between services and after the 11 o'clock service. Look for contributions by women who are now cooking in celestial kitchens.

HYMNODY TODAY – The opening hymn [#121 - That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright] has been ascribed to the fourth-century Bishop of Milan, Ambrose. The tune, PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, is taken from a fifteenth-century Trier manuscript. It was adapted by Michael Praetorius in 1609. The hymn of commitment [#321 - Holy Spirit, Truth Divine] was written by Samuel Longfellow and published in 1864. The tune, SONG 13, was composed by Orlando Gibbons for another text and was published in 1623. The closing hymn [#122 - Thine Is the Glory] was written by Frenchman Edmond Louis Budry in 1884. The tune, JUDAS MACCABEUS, was composed by G. F. Handel for his oratorio by the same name in 1748.

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MEN'S BREAKFAST meets every Thursday morning at 7:00. Reservations are needed for this Thursday, April 3. Please call the church office (451-2910, ext. 221 or 224) to make your reservation, and join us for breakfast, prayer and fellowship with your friends.

PRIME TIMERS – You are invited to attend the next get-together of the Prime Timers on Sunday, April 13, 12:30 p.m. for lunch and a program in the dining hall. The program will feature some of our members of the Adult Mission Team who recently traveled to Nicaragua. Please RSVP to Ginny Costel, 561-5439.

NEW MEMBER/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER CLASS -- 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/prospective 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, April 19, from 9 to 11:30a.m.** (*Childcare is available upon request!*). Call the church office (451-2910) to let us know you're coming!

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.

THE DARE TO CARE Food Pantry at Highlands Community Ministries needs your help in three ways: 1) A charitable foundation will make a monetary contribution for each pound of food brought to HCM through April. You can take contributions directly to the pantry or drop a donation in the barrel at Kroger on Bardstown Road. 2) A pantry volunteer is needed for Tuesday or Wednesday of each week; volunteers generally sign up for two days a month. 3) You can use a Kroger Gift Card, which donates 4% of your grocery purchase back to the Individual and Family Assistance Program. Questions? Call Lynn Humphrey, IFAP Director, at 451-3626, or Highland member Carol Pye, 473-8152. Thank you!

THE CONTAINERS located at the front door of the sanctuary, in the Fellowship Hall, and at the door of the Sunday School building are for you to place items for the Food Pantry at Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church. When you do your shopping, 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 would be greatly appreciated!

WORK DAY – We hope you can join us on Saturday, April 12, 8 a.m. to 12 noon for our next Work Day! This is a rain-or-shine event and we will be working inside and outside. Bring your gloves, rakes, gardening tools – what you bring can be put to good use. The more work we as church members can accomplish, the less money we need to spend on maintenance projects, leaving more money for other vital church needs. Thanks for your help!

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 ticket and watch future mailings and bulletins for more details.

A SPRING CELEBRATION by the Children's Music Ministry 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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is "Rainforest Adventure." The Adventure can be enjoyed by potty-trained 3's through 5th graders, and registration forms will be available April 1. An initial meeting for VBS volunteers will be held on Wednesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers are asked to contact Ann Holmes, 452-1444, or Shannon Brunner, 896-6073.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION invites you to join them for a luncheon/discussion on Tuesday, April 1, 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 Rev. Jerry Van Marter, Presbyterian News Service, who will speak on "Presbyterian Mission in Russia and Other Assorted Questions About the PCUSA." If you plan to attend, please notify Ann or Ivan Schell by Monday, March 31, at 894-8440 or adschell@bellsouth.net.

THE U of L EARLY MUSIC ENSEMBLE, directed by Jack Ashworth, will present a concert of Renaissance and Baroque music on Friday, April 4, 7:30 p.m., at St. Brigid's Catholic Church (corner of Hepburn and Baxter Avenues). The program includes music by Spanish masters Cristobal Morales and Tomas Luis de Victoria in addition to Baroque chamber music for various combinations of strings, flute, trumpets and harpsichord. The concert is free and open to the public.

KIDS CONSIGNMENT SALE – Please make note that the Spring consignment sale will be held Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19; the hours on Friday are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Saturday (half-price sale) from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information or to volunteer, please call Ann Holmes, 452-1444.

LOW CARBON DIET – a five-week program to lose 5000 pounds. Most people have heard of global warning, but few people understand that if we don't do something about it soon, it could be too late to reverse serious consequences. The primary cause is carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere through the burning of fossil fuels – gasoline, coal, and oil which power our homes, transportation, and factories that produce the goods we consume. Large-scale solutions re necessary, but there are also dozens of things each one of us can do to begin making a difference. This workshop, full of positive, practical advice, will be held five Mondays (April 14-May 12, 7-8:30 p.m.) at the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center (1924 Newburg Road). Suggested donation is \$30, which includes the workbook. For more information or to register, please call Ms. Terry Schumann at the Passionist Monastery, 451-2330, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENTOR TRAINING for Bellewood's Mentoring Programs will be held Tuesday, April 1, 5:30-8:00 p.m., at (1722) Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be provided. For more information and/or to register, please call Cindy or Danielle at 479-3732, or email dwhiteside@bellewood.org or ccushman@bellewood.org.

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. On April 2, the topic will be *Worship and Service: How are they spiritual disciplines? How can you encounter God in a deeper way through communal worship? How is worship, service, and service, worship? Define self-righteous service and true service; a Speaker's Forum on the second Wednesday; Book Club (third Wednesday) will discuss Lincoln: A Novel, by Gore Vidal; 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.*

Please note: There will be no dinner or programs on April 9.

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Reservations for Wednesday Dinners

Please make reservations for _____ adults, _____ children (12 and under) (____ vegetarian meals), for __ March 26; ___ April 2, ___ April 16, ___ April 23, ___ April 30.

Name _____