



Sunday, November 2, 2025

My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God *is* love — so you can't know him if you don't love. My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other. No one has seen God, ever. But if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and his love becomes complete in us — perfect love! This is how we know we're living steadily and deeply in him, and he in us: He's given us life from his life, from his very own Spirit. Also, we've seen for ourselves and continue to state openly that the Father sent his Son as Savior of the world. Everyone who confesses that Jesus is God's Son participates continuously in an intimate relationship with God. We know it so well, we've embraced it heart and soul, this love that comes from God.

— 1 John 4:7, 11-16 (MSG)

Highland, A Place to be Seen, Known, and Loved

Greeters: Denny Davish, Rebecca Frick & Linda Forrey, Sue & Jim Hess, Marty & Jack Hynd

Ushers: Matt Allen, Trixi Ray, Sara Shank, Mike Eyster, Phil Smith, Joan Alexander, Linda Kay Pressley

Welcome Center: Lois Snyder and Shelby Snyder

The chancel flowers are presented by:

The Deacons — In honor of the pastors at Highland
Sandy & Gary Cross— In honor of their children

Today, we at Highland pay tribute to the memory of our members and friends who have died during the past year. The Memorial Garden Committee provides white roses in honor of each person, and they are located in the Narthex near the round mahogany table. Family members are welcome to take a rose after the service in remembrance.

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

Brother James' Air

arr. L. Larson

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: See how God loves us!

People: God loves us enough to swallow up death forever.

Leader: See how Christ loves us!

People: Christ loves us enough to share our loss and grief.

Leader: See how the Spirit loves us!

People: The Holy Spirit loves us enough to offer us words of hope we can trust.

*Hymn #85

What Wondrous Love Is This

Children's Blessing

Sarah Hostetter

Children: God be with you here.

Congregation: God be with you there.

Call to Confession

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Leader: Here in this community of people who seek God, we know we are not saints. We are wrapped in strips of words, of thoughts, of actions which bind us to sin, not to God.

People: But God has promised new hope, new life, fresh mercy if we will confess our sin.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Matt Drumheller

We come to You, Loving God, aware of pain we have caused, distressed by how careless words destroy community and caring. Our desire to get ahead, to be in control, or our failure to love each other, result in broken relationships and failure to trust. Forgive us and have mercy on us. Let us follow Jesus every step of the way. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Leader: Lift your heads, saints of God! Our sin is gone; our hands once full of foolishness, are now empty. God has clothed us with garments of joy to wear to the feast.

People: Our former life has passed, our new life in Christ has begun. All things are new - including us! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7, 11-16

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Sermon

"Count Your Blessings!"

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Offertory

We Would See Jesus

Craig Courtney

Celebration of the Saints

(See insert)

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Distribution of Elements

It's our custom at Highland to eat the bread upon receiving it, representing your individual relationship with God. However, please hold the cup until all are served, representing our relationship as the body of Christ. (Note: The bread in the center of the tray is gluten-free).

Prayer After Communion

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Going in God's Name

*Hymn #526

For All the Saints

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: Embrace the future God offers us today!

People: The home of God is in our midst!

All: We rejoice in the One who is making all things new! Amen.

*Benediction Response

Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

Postlude

Be Thou My Vision

arr. E. Butler

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT



A Place to be Seen, Known, and Loved

Music: Dr. Paul Thorlakson, Director of Music
Organist: Jonathan Lefever
A/V: Gus Beaulieu, Jerry Rothacker

Fundraising

Hurricane Melissa Relief

Hurricane Melissa has devastated the Caribbean, becoming the strongest storm to hit the region in modern history. Communities are facing widespread destruction. Homes, hospitals, and schools have been severely compromised. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is already preparing to respond, partnering with local, community-led organizations to provide both immediate relief and long-term recovery. Your gifts will support PDA's hurricane response and help our neighbors rebuild their lives.

*Please mark your donation **Hurricane Melissa** to ensure it goes directly to this fund.*

Supporting Neighbors Facing Food Insecurity

With the ongoing government shutdown extending into November, many families are at risk of losing their SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. About one in eight U.S. residents rely on this program to help put food on the table, and its disruption could leave millions struggling to afford groceries.

Highland is responding by collecting funds to purchase Giant grocery gift cards for our mission partner, the Transitional Living Center (TLC). TLC will distribute them to their clients and others in the community in need. This effort not only helps local families buy food but also generates additional income for Highland's ongoing hunger relief ministries.

*Please mark your donation **SNAP Fund** to ensure it goes directly to this fund.*

To avoid overlapping with other seasonal giving, we'll receive donations for these efforts beginning **today, November 2** through **Sunday, November 16**.

Please be advised that services are recorded and you may be incidentally captured on video as part of the recording of the service. The back of the right side of the sanctuary as you enter is out of the range of the camera.

- A description of the stained chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.
- **FM sound devices are available.** Please ask an usher for your own personal receiver.
- **Cellphones** should be silenced during the worship service.
- **Video recordings** of the service can be found on the Highland website at www.HighlandPC.org.

In the event of an emergency, please refer to the card in the pew racks for evacuation and re-assembly information.