

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

God of Wonders; Standing on the Promises;
I Thank God; As the Deer

Worship Team: Chris Pinelo, JR Brumley, Neal Sterrett, Sally Osborn

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERING MUSIC

Eleanor Rigby

MESSAGE

Summer Baggage
Loneliness

Rev. John W. Bowling

(I Samuel 21 & 22; Psalm 142)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION LITANY

Lord we come to this table carrying what we always carry:

Our failures and our fears, our grief and our gratitude, our doubt and our longing.
We bring all of it to this table.

We do not come because we are ready.

We come because *You* are.

We do not come because we are clean.

We come because *You* are the one who cleanses.

We do not come because we are strong.

We come because this is where we are *made* strong.

So, as we receive this bread—

Remind us that *You* are the bread of life.

As we receive this cup:

Remind us that the new covenant is in your blood.

And when we depart:

Send us out as people who have been embraced...and share this power with our neighbors.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

No Longer Slaves; The Blessing

BENEDICTION*

*Please stand as you are able.



Special thank you to today's **Ushers & Greeters**,

Lanee Philippe & Mark Browe

Your service is greatly appreciated!

Welcome to Highland United Methodist! If you're looking for information about our church, you can probably find it and much more at highlandmethodist.com

We welcome all visitors today and kindly request you complete a "Connect Card" found either in the pew or by scanning this QR code. We would love to get to know you!



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Highland United Methodist
Parking Survey

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PRELUDE Nun Bitten Wir Den Heiligen Geist Dietrich Buxtehude

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HYMN #374* Standing on the Promises

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY Allein Zu Dir, Herr Jesu Christ Johann Pachelbel

DOXOLOGY*

HYMN #700* Abide with Me vs 1, 3, 5

SPECIAL MUSIC Amazing Grace arr. Paul Haack
John Merryman, Clarinet

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HYMN #664* Sent Forth by God's Blessing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude Cantique Theodore Dubois

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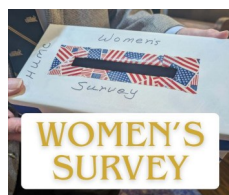
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



It's that time of year again! As students head back to school, we at Highland Methodist want to take time on Sunday, August 16 in both services to pray and bless their upcoming year of learning and growth. Bring your backpacks to worship on Sunday and receive a gift from your church to start the school year!

YOUTH MINISTRY

As we head into the fall, we have a couple of **volunteer opportunities** we'd love your help with!

Monday Morning Prayer & Breakfast

We meet every Monday from **7:20–7:45 a.m.** (our volunteers arrive a few minutes early). We start the week with a short devotional, prayer, and breakfast together. It's become such a meaningful time, and our youth genuinely look forward to it each week. We're currently looking for both **leaders** and **feeders** to help make Monday mornings possible.

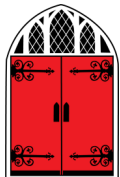
Sunday School Volunteers

Sunday School takes place during the **9:30 a.m. service**, and the youth head downstairs after the worship songs. Don't worry if you've never taught before! Curriculum and resources will be provided, making it a simple, fun, and rewarding way to serve. If you've been thinking about getting involved, this is a great opportunity!

To volunteer contact Madeline at youth@highlandmethodist.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Michelle W—healing
- Marisa C—health concerns
- Ed H—health issues
- Paula—surgery
- Becky W—health concerns
- Megan—Cancer diagnosis
- Jim W—health concerns



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Highland United Methodist Church

August 2, 2026 11:00am
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Grow – Follow – Love

At Highland United Methodist Church, we are a community of imperfect people who exist to **grow** God's kingdom by **following** the examples of Jesus and **loving** with purpose.

We are deepening our spiritual understanding by embracing diversity, enriching lives, mindfully serving, and bringing joy through music and friendship. As United Methodists, we inclusively welcome everyone and follow the Wesleyan call to do no harm, do good, and love God.