Welcome to Highland Hills Baptist Church!

Whether this is your first time or you're here every Sunday, thank you for worshiping with us at Highland Hills this morning. We are a diverse fellowship and believe that the Body of Christ and the world are better when we are transformed together. We don't claim to have all the answers, but offer a space for holy wrestling. At Highland Hills, everyone is welcomed to come and encounter God, and that includes you.

If you're new here, please help us get to know you better by filling out one of the guest cards found in the pew racks and placing it in the offering plate as it comes by.

Children's Ministry

A few notes for our families with children: First, we are so glad you are here! While children five and under may play and explore downstairs in our children's classrooms, older children are invited to experience the worship service alongside their families. Children's bulletins are available in the foyer and the right-side entrance to the sanctuary. Quiet toys and fidgets are also available in the right-side hallway in our resource corner. Please return them after the service so they will be available next week.

Hearing Devices

If you are interested, hearing devices are available in the back of the sanctuary by the sound booth.

How to Join Highland Hills

Church membership at Highland Hills is more than joining a list, it is a commitment to be a part of our faith community. It is a sacred act of being willing to be together, care for one another, and to serve alongside each other. We believe that our faith is enriched and strengthened in the messiness of community. To learn more about joining Highland Hills, please speak to one of our ministers or deacons.

Opportunities This Week

Tuesday, November 24
- 8:30am Lectionary Breakfast at Z-Beans
- 5:45pm Family Night Supper
- 6:30pm Thanksgiving Communion Service
- 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 25
- Church Office closed

Thursday, November 26
- Church Office closed

Family Night Supper Menu, Tuesday, November 24
- Turkey
- Green Beans
- Dressing
- Sweet Potato Casserole

Sunday, November 29
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship/First Sunday of Advent/Rev. Ethan Brown, preaching

Deacon of the Week: Buddy Marshall

HAPPENING AT
Highland Hills

Thanksgiving Dinner & Communion Service
Tuesday, November 24, at 5:45 p.m. In the Great Room

Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Communion Service! Make a reservation to join us for supper at 5:45 p.m., or bring your own supper and join us around the tables. At 6:30 p.m., we'll have a special Thanksgiving communion service!

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving
November 25 - 26

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, November 25, and Thursday, November 26, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Tear Open the Heavens
Advent 2026

This Advent, join us as we take up Isaiah's ancient prayer – *O that you would tear open the heavens and come down* – and ask what it means to pray it now.

All Church Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 9, at 5:45 p.m. In the Great Room

Save the date! Our annual All Church Christmas Party will be on December 9. This will also be our last Family Night Supper meal until January.

Lessons in Carols
Sunday, December 13, at 11 a.m.

Join us in worship on December 13 as the Sanctuary Choir leads us in Lessons in Carols.

Elf Workshop
Sunday, December 13, at 12 p.m. In the Great Room

Following worship on December 13, we will gather in the Great Room for an Elf Workshop for all ages! We will enjoy lunch together and make Christmas gifts for our members who are homebound. Please call or email the church office to let us know that you are coming.

Caitlin Childers Brown
Pastor and Minister of Service & Community

Ethan Brown
Pastor and Minister of Care & Discipleship

Gerald Carper
Organist

Rich Kosowski
Director of Music & Worship

Cameron Schroeder
Church Secretary
Ministry Associate

Jackie Brettschneider
Organ Intern

Christy Price
Childcare Coordinator

Charles Barton
Maintenance Supervisor

Brenda Anthony
Custodian

Dominique Hayes
Custodian

Christ the King Sunday



Allegory of Mercy

November 22, 2026

The Worship of God

Christ the King Sunday
Eleven O'clock

The Chiming of the Hour

The Organ Prelude | "Come Thou Almighty King" — Albert Travis

The Call to Worship — Lauryn Smith
Jesus Christ is the Ruler of all rulers.
Exalt the name of Jesus!
Jesus Christ is the Lord of all lords.
Exalt the name of Jesus!
Jesus Christ is the Name above all names.
Exalt the name of Jesus!

The Invocation and Welcome to Worship — Caitlin Childers Brown
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*The Hymn of Praise 158 — DUKE STREET
"Jesus Shall Reign"

A Reading from the New Testament | Matthew 25:31-46 — Anne Heath

> *"When the Son of Man comes in all his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it htat we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least*

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> *"of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."*
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> This is the Word of the Lord.
> **Thanks be to God.**

The Children's Message — Scott Nash

The Moment of Silence — Cameron Schroeder

> *"To know God is to do justice. . . It is not enough to say that the love of God is inseparable from the love of one's neighbor. It must be added that the love of God is unavoidably expressed through the love of one's neighbor."*
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> -Gustavo Gutierrez

*The Hymn of Offering 376 — AR HYD Y NOS
"For the Fruit of All Creation"

*The Prayer of Giving — Buddy Marshall

The Offertory | "Blessed Jesus; We Are Here" — Max Reger

*The Doxology — OLD 100TH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

> *Praise God from whom all blessings flow,*
> *Praise God all creatures here below,*
> *Praise God above ye heavenly host,*
> *Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

A Reading from the New Testament | Ephesians 1:15-23 — Ethan Brown

> *I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*
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> This is the Word of the Lord.
> **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem | "God Exalted Him" — Tom Fettke

The Message | *The Eyes of Your Heart Enlightened* — Ethan Brown

*The Hymn of Response 255 — SYMPHONY
"We Are God's People"

The Opportunities for Service — Caitlin Childers Brown

The Organ Postlude | "Rejoice the Lord is King" — Healey Willan

The Benediction — Ethan Brown
May the wisdom of the Creator guide us,
The peace of Christ embrace us,
And the love of the Holy Spirit empower us,
To join in the work of God dawning all around.

Worship Notes

Christ the King Sunday

Today, we remember Christ as Lord, not only in our lives but over all creation. Christ the King Sunday marks the end of the church year. Next week we will begin the story of our faith all over again with the season of Advent as we await the appearance of the Christ Child. Today, however, Christ is revealed and revered as Lord. All evil and sin are vanquished before his reign and broken lives are restored in the light of the new creation. Today, we confess our hope in this King and his Kingdom as we wait for the reality of God's ultimate rule. Today, we are reminded to live each day with the light of this Kingdom around us already.