



Welcome to Highland Hills Baptist Church!

Whether this is your first time or you’re here every Sunday, thank you for worshipping 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, August 18

- 8:30am Lectionary Breakfast

Wednesday, August 19

- 5:15pm Prayer Time
- 5:45pm Family Night Supper
- 6:30pm Discipleship: Won't You Be My Neighbor?
- 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Family Night Supper Menu, August 19

- Cheeseburgers
- Seasoned Steak Fries

Sunday, August 23

- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship/Rev. Caitlin Childers Brown, preaching

Deacon of the Week: Sara Spivey

HAPPENING AT

Highland Hills

Won’t You Be My Neighbor? Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. In the Great Room

How can we follow Jesus's commands to love our neighbors if we don't know our neighbors? Join us on Wednesday nights as we get to know who our neighbors are and the ways God is active already around us.

Family Night Supper Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. In the Great Room

Family Night Supper returns for the fall semester this Wednesday! Supper costs \$10 per person (up to \$40 per family). If you would like to join us this Wednesday, please contact the church office by Monday, August 10, at 3 p.m. to make a reservation, or visit our website.

Fall Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. In the Choir Loft

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals are back! If you would like to learn more about joining the choir, please see Rich.

Prayer Team Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. In the Spinks-Gurley Room

You're invited to be a part of Highland Hills' Prayer Team. This group is led by Lyn Hicks and Surelle Pinkston. We will meet on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.

College & Career Study: Following the Way Begins Sunday, September 20, at 7 p.m. At the Browns’ Home

College students and young professionals are invited to join us for an 8-week study of Following the Way: Laying the Foundation for a Lifelong Apprenticeship of Jesus. Together we'll explore spiritual practices that help us grow as faithful followers of Jesus and develop habits for a lifelong walk with him. Workbooks are available through the church for \$14. See Caitlin for more information.

Join the Greeter Team!

We are seeking greeters for Sunday mornings! If this is an area you would be interested in serving in, please contact Dianne Fuller by emailing her at drfuller07@gmail.com, or calling her at 478-972-2244.

Caitlin Childers Brown
Pastor and Minister of Service & Community

Ethan Brown
Pastor and Minister of Care & Discipleship

Gerald Carper
Organist

Jackie Brettschneider
Organ Intern

Rich Kosowski
Director of Music and Worship

Cameron Schroeder
Church Secretary
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Janice Vaughn
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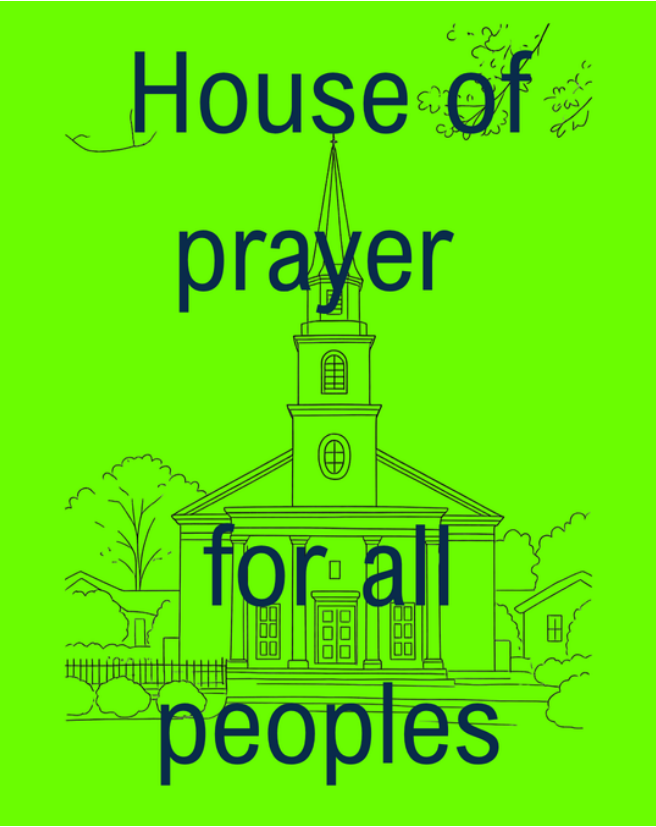
Christy Price
Childcare Coordinator

Charles Barton
Maintenance
Supervisor

Brenda Anthony
Custodian

Dominique Hayes
Custodian

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



August 16, 2026



The Worship of God

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Eleven O'clock

The Chiming of the Hour

The Organ Prelude | “Sweet Hour of Prayer”
Alec Wyton

The Call to Worship
Beloved community, let us draw the circle wide!
And draw it wider still.

We come—laden with doubts, fears, resentments—
to worship the God who gives us faith, courage, renewal.

We come—overwhelmed with remorse, or struggling with what it
means to forgive—
to worship the God who teaches us true restoration.

We come—with identities varied as the colors of the rainbow—
**to worship the God who weaves our many threads into one
tapestry.**

We come, and the circle is drawn wide—and wider—and wider still!
Not by our strength, not by our merit, but through God’s grace.

The Invocation and Welcome to Worship
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*The Hymn of Praise 331
“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”
OLD 100TH ALT.

A Reading from the Psalms | Psalm 133
Eydie Bowden

*How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.*

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Children’s Message
Ethan Brown

*The Hymn of Offering 241
“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”
MANNA

*The Prayer of Giving
Sara Spivey

The Offertory | “Andantino con moto”
from *Fantasistykker for Clarinet and Piano*, Op. 43
Niels W. Gade
Dr. Hannah Faircloth, clarinet

*The Doxology
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
OLD 100TH

*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 Lectio Divina from the Old Testament | Caitlin Childers Brown
Isaiah 56:1,6-8

*Thus says the Lord:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.
And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.*

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Anthem | “Hine ma tove”
Allan Naplan
Music Interns

Dr. Hannah Faircloth, clarinet

*Hineh ma tove uma na'im
Shevet achim gam yachad.*

*How good and pleasant it is
For brothers and sisters to sit together.*

The Message | *All People*
Caitlin Childers Brown

*The Hymn of Response 273
“In Christ There Is No East or West”
M^CKEE

The Opportunities for Service
Ethan Brown

The Passing of the Peace

The Singing Benediction | “The Lord Whom We Love”
*The Lord whom we love, whom we worship and adore,
We will serve throughout this coming week.
He it is who binds us together,
And He it is who sends us apart,
To be God's people, be God's people,
Amen, amen.*



Worship Notes

Prayer
The next few weeks in our worship, we are focusing on prayer in practice, in sermon, and in thought. As we talk about prayer, think about how you best commune with God. As we go through the series, remember how Jesus taught us to pray in Matthew 6: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Amen.”

Highland Hills Music Interns
This morning, our anthem is sung by our music interns from Mercer University. These interns are all students at the Townsend School of Music. We are grateful to welcome them back from their summer adventures this morning and for the ways they share their gifts with us each Sunday.