



Highland Hills

BAPTIST CHURCH

The Worship of God

Scout Sunday

February 15, 2026

The Chiming of the Hour

The Organ Prelude

"Lift High the Cross"

Alice Jordan

The Call to Worship

Scouts 170

Loving God, we come to you in worship and thanksgiving. You are greater than we can understand;
open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truths you have shown to us in Jesus.

You are more loving than our hearts can respond to;

help us to give ourselves to you in worship so that we learn what you want us to be.

You are wiser than we can know;

still our minds as we worship you so that we can understand the things you are saying to us.

Loving God, in Jesus you chose to come to the world in humility. You chose the path the world saw as foolish. You used what the world considered weak.

We worship and adore you. Amen.

The Invocation

Scouts 170

The Welcome to Worship

Caitlin Childers Brown

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

*The Hymn of Praise 415

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

The Procession of the Flags

A Responsive Reading from the Psalms

Psalms 15

Scouts 170

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

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Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right
and speak the truth from their heart;

who do not slander with their tongue

and do no evil to their friends

nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

in whose eyes the wicked are despised

but who honor those who fear the Lord;

who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

who do not lend money at interest

and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Children's Message

Matt Smith

The Recitation of the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Outdoor Code

The Blessing of the Scouts

Caitlin Childers Brown

God of creation, bless these scouts:

God of the rain, wash them of dirt and stain.

God of seed and soil, plant love for you in their hearts.

God of the mountains and hills, make them tall and

strong.

God of all growing things, keep them growing, too.

God of the stars, make them shine as a light in the world.

God of the dawn, help them treat each day as a fresh start.

God of the sun, light their paths that they might see the world as you would have it be.

We ask this in the name of the one who has created and continues to create. Amen.

*The Hymn of Offering 183	"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"	RATHBUN
*The Prayer of Giving		Scouts 170
The Offertory	"Andanta from Fourth Organ Sonata"	Felix Mendelssohn
*The Doxology 706	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	OLD 100 TH
A Reading from the New Testament	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Scouts 170
<p>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,</p> <p>"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,</p> <p>and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."</p> <p>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.</p> <p>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."</p> <p>This is the Word of the Lord.</p> <p>Thanks be to God.</p>		
The Anthem	"Be Thou My Vision"	Alice Parker
The Message	<i>We Don't Hike Alone</i>	Ethan Brown
*The Hymn of Response 168	"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"	HAMBURG
The Opportunities for Service		Caitlin Childers Brown
The Organ Postlude	"Fugue in D Major"	George F. Handel
The Benediction		Ethan Brown
<p>Bless the creatures of the sea.</p> <p>Bless this person I call me.</p> <p>Bless the Keys, You make so grand.</p> <p>Bless the sun that warms the land.</p> <p>Bless the fellowship we feel,</p> <p>As we gather for this meal.</p> <p>Amen.</p> <p><i>-Sea Base Grace</i></p>		