

Highlawn

Presbyterian Church

NOVEMBER 14, 2021
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Those who wish may stand * Words in **Bold are Congregational Responses*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “I've Got Peace Like a River “ Traditional
Alanna Cushing, pianist Arranged by Mark Hayes

***Call to Worship (1 Samuel 1 & 2)**

Leader: Come worship the Lord who is in our midst today.

People: There is no Holy One like our God.

Leader: Like Hannah of old, we raise our voices to praise the Lord of strength.

People: There is no Rock like our God.

Leader: We prepare to listen and learn with open hearts and open minds.

People: There is no Source of knowledge like our God.

Leader: We trust that righteousness will come on the heels of God's judgment.

People: There is no Justice like our God.

Leader: May the Son of our God lead us into faith.

People: There is no Guide like our God.

Leader: Come worship the Lord who is in our midst today.

*** Hymn #643 “Now Thank We All Our God”**

1. Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Call to Confession

God promises forgiveness through Jesus Christ. In humility and faith, let us approach God in honest confession.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, too often we settle for the way things are. We embrace what is comfortable and disengage from the work of necessary change. We fail to hope for a new day and a new world because our present reality feels good enough. Forgive us. Have mercy upon us. Fill us with the passion to live and work towards a world made just and equitable and new. Amen.
(time for silent reflection and personal confession of sin)

Assurance of pardon (Matthew 9:2)

“When Jesus saw their faith, he said... ‘Take heart...your sins are forgiven.’” Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Worship + 2: Missions – Anne Myers

“Blessing of the Christmas Boxes”

Time for Children and The Young-at-Heart

Sarah Specht—Director of Christian Education

Anthem

Scripture: I Samuel 1:4-20, Hebrews 10:11-25, Mark 13:1-8

Sermon: “How to Provoke One Another””

Rev. Dr. Ed Thompson

***Hymn # 824 “Near to the Heart of God”**

1. There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before thee,
near to the heart of God.

2. There is a place of comfort sweet,
near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God. [Refrain]

3. There is a place of full release,
near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God. [Refrain]

***Offering**

Presenting God our tithes and offerings

***Doxology #606**

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

Prayer of Thanks for the offering by God's people

Sharing Concerns and Joys

Please wait for one of the ushers to hand you a microphone so that all may be able to hear your prayer request. If you are joining by Zoom or Facebook– please send your prayer requests to the office at: office@highlawnpc.org

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

***Apostles Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

***Hymn: #39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

***Benediction**

**WEEK AT
A GLANCE**

Sunday:

Youth—

Thanksgiving Meeting

Wednesday:

NO Bible Study—

Nov 17th & 24th

Sharon will be out of town

Saturday:

Yoga 9—10:00 am



welcome

Rev. Dr. Ed Thompson

General Presbyter

The General Presbyter works with and for the churches of this presbytery. He has been charged to: help the Presbytery relate, listen to, and understand each other; work with the Leadership Team to develop a vision and strategic direction for the presbytery; affirm and support the creative ministry of pastors and sessions; communicate to pastors and to sessions the validity and value of their ministry; and to be the administrator of the presbytery, supervising, motivating, and coordinating the work of the staff.

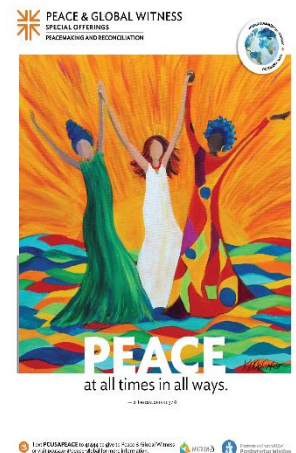
We're honored to have you with us today!



A special thank you!

In honor of Betty Barrett, we were able to send a donation of \$293.75 to Harmony House and \$881.25 to the Presbytery.

The total received for the Peacemaking Offering was **\$1,175.00.**



PLEASE JOIN US!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE
THERE WILL BE A WORK PARTY
AND

"HANGING OF THE GREENS"
TO DECORATE THE CHURCH

*LUNCH WILL BE
PROVIDED BY THE CHURCH*

