

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Highlawn

Presbyterian Church



“The Company You Keep”

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Rock of Ages” Thomas Hastings
Alanna Cushing, pianist arranged by Heather Sorenson

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;*

***Call to Worship**

Based on Psalm 5

Come, let us worship and bow down
in awe of God's steadfast love for us.

For God gives ear to our words;

God listens to the sound of our cries.

Come, let us take refuge in the God of our salvation.

For God is our shield,

our protection in times of trouble.

Come, let us rejoice and sing for joy!

For God is surely in this place!

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #665 "As Morning Dawns" (Psalm 5)**

1. As morning dawns, Lord, hear our cry.
O sovereign God, now hear our sigh.
As first light brings the sun's warm rays,
accept our sacrifice of praise.

2. Before you, Lord, the wicked fall,
and none shall dwell within your hall.
The proud shall never gain a place,
nor evil live to see your face.

3. Your steadfast love shall welcome all
who seek your house and on you call.
O lead us, Lord, in righteousness,
as through this day your name we bless.

4. Let all who seek you then rejoice,
and sing to you with joyful voice.
For you shall bless the righteous, Lord.
Forever be your name adored.

Call to Confession

We let fears control us, we let doubt become the way of life for us. If we but look, we will see our lives, and our world, cradled in God's loving hands. Let us confess our lack of faith, even as we trust the One who has promised to listen to our words, as well as our hearts. Join me as we confess together:

Prayer of Confession

**They can be such giants in our lives, God of Grace.
Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over
us, until we come to believe that you do not care for us.
There seems to be so much wrong in the world, we are
convinced that there is nothing good we can do. The
storms of sin and temptation batter at us, and we**

cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them. Forgive us, God of Hope. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy. If we but open our lives to you, we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers, even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (time for silent reflection and personal confession of sin)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven! **Alleluia! Amen!**

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Time for Children and The Young-at-Heart

Sarah Specht—Director of Christian Education

Anthem "Psalm 139" Allen Pote

Scripture 1 Sam. 17: 1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

**Sermon: Series: “The Company You Keep”
“David and Goliath” Rev. Sharon Bell**

***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

***Hymn #525 “Let Us Break Bread Together”**

1. Let us break bread together on our knees.

Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

3. Let us praise God together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

Pastoral Prayer/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.

***Affirmation – Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and
unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true
God,**

**begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

***Hymn #765 "May the God of Hope Go with Us"**

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

***Benediction**



**Sept. 7th
First Wednesday
Community Night
6:00 pm**

If you need, or would like a ride—
please call the Church Office.

304-522-1676



Members of
 Highlawn Presbyterian Church
 & Friends!

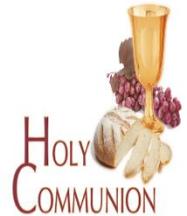
Join us as we celebrate
 Holy Communion
 and enjoy a time of refreshments and
 fellowship.

Wednesday, September 7th

2:00 pm

The Woodlands Retirement
 Community

Private Dining Rm



Volunteers are needed to
 provide donuts or refresh-
 ments after the Worship
 Service for the following
 dates:

Sept 18

Sept 25 **Girl Scouts
 Bake Sale!**

Oct 2 Woolcock

Oct 9

Oct 16

Oct 23

Oct 30 Nan

Liturgists

September Alice Browning

October Howard Aulick

