Highlands ARP Church

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Highlands Highlights



Come for Worship. Stay for Lunch!

Congregational Care invites you to join us after worship on Sunday, April 10th. Bring a large dish to share and join us for our first church-wide meal in a long time. Drinks and bread will be provided. Cold dishes may be placed in the new refrigerator in the Fellowship Hall, and there are plenty of outlets for crockpots. Bring your items during Sunday School or before worship — someone will be there to help.

As an extra treat, one of HPC's long-supported missionaries will be joining us to share her latest news regarding what the Lord has planned for her ministry activity during 2022 in hopefully a post-pandemic environment. We hope that you will make plans to participate - we'd love to reconnect!



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Special Points of Interest

• April 1-3 - Women's Retreat at Pinnacle
Retreat Ctr, Clayton, GA
April 3 - Sunday School
Worship & Communion
Children's Church
Deacons' Meeting
April 5 - Senior Meal Deliveries
April 10 - Palm Sunday
Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
Puppet Show
Covered Dish Luncheon
April 11 - Soup Nite
April 12 - Senior Meal Deliveries
April 14 - Maundy Thursday
April 15 - Good Friday
April 17 - Easter Sunday
Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
April 19 - Senior Meal Deliveries
April 22 - Parents' Night Out
April 24 - Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
Session Meeting
Family Fellowship, Youth
Group & Adult Bible Study
April 25 - Soup Nite
April 26 - Ladies' Bible Study

• April 28 - Ladies' Magical Mystery Tour

<u>From the Pastor</u>

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

(1 Corinthians 15:3-5 ESV)

We often come across stories that are difficult for us to believe. There's just something about the facts that don't line up and so we look for undeniable proof to verify the claim being presented.

In 1957, Lieutenant David Steeves walked out of the California Sierras 54 days after his Air force trainer jet had disappeared. He related an unbelievable tale of how he had lived in a snowy wilderness after parachuting from his disabled plane. By the time he showed up alive, he had already been declared officially dead. When further search failed to turn up the wreckage, a hoax was suspected, and Steeves was forced to resign under a cloud of doubt. It wasn't until more than 20 years later that a troop of Boy Scouts discovered the wreckage of his crashed jet trainer, and his story was verified.

Many today scoff at the claims of Christians who profess faith in Jesus as the only means of salvation. They simply can't understand the great love of God revealed through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. They won't accept that only through His sacrifice are we cleansed and forgiven of our sins, reconciled to the God who made us, and guaranteed a place in heaven.

There is evidence to support what we believe. We can look at the life of Jesus and see that he was a man of integrity. We can read the prophecies in the Bible that foretold His coming and all that He would do to redeem His people. We can look at the miracles He performed and how they reveal that God Himself walked among us. We can even read about the eyewitness accounts of how He died and was raised to life again.

Yes, there is significance evidence that points to the reality of who Jesus really is and how he fulfilled all that was said about him, from his birth, to his life among us, to his death on the cross, to his bodily resurrection to new life, and his ascension to glory. However, it ultimately comes down to just one thing – will we believe in Him. The Apostle John closes out his gospel account in this way when he writes: *"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:30-31 ESV).*

You see, we're Christians because we believe that Christ died for our sins and that he rose again on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that by believing we have life in his name.

Pastor Mark

Highlands Women's Ministry

CULTIVATE YOUR JOURNEY WITH CHRIST



"Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged. The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Ladies' Bible Study

There will be no Bible Study on Tuesday, April 12. We will resume "God Does His Best Work With Empty", Chapter 7, "A Trembling Trust" on April 26. We will begin gathering at 10:00 am and Bible Study will start at 10:30.





APRIL 28, 2022

Join us for a magical tour! The destination is a mystery, and the "magic" of building deeper friendships while having fun is the goal! We meet at the church, and "tour bus" to our destination. Keep an eye out for more details.

May God bless you at Easter, And keep you all year through. May God give you all the faith it takes, To make your dreams come true. May His love and wisdom always help, To guide you on your way. May His light shine down upon you now, To bless your Easter Day.

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter





Family Fellowship April 24 at 4:30

No meetings April 3-17

Dear Youth,

I have really enjoyed getting to see you all during Sunday School and Family Fellowship this month. We have had some great conversations in Sunday School with our study of the gospel of Mark. It's been great to be back together during Family Fellowship and I am looking forward to more of our youth coming and meeting together. Please be in prayer for the youth as they continue to grow in their faith and in life.

Thank you!

Pastor Chris





April 3 Lynn Avitabile April 10 Corie Kuykendall April 17 Bonnie Hornby & Marie Bath April 24 Hazel Stephens

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

APRIL 22 5:30 - 8:00 PM

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Need a "date night" with your spouse? Or do you have a friend or neighbor that might enjoy a night out? Then register online for Parent's Night Out! It's for children ages 3 years old to 5th grade. A pizza party dinner will be provided. There will be music, games, crafts, and lots of fun! Sign your child up today for this free event! Space is limited, so register soon.

SAVE THE DATE! IN-PERSON VBS 2022 JUNE 13-17 SEE CORIE IF YOU CAN HELP!

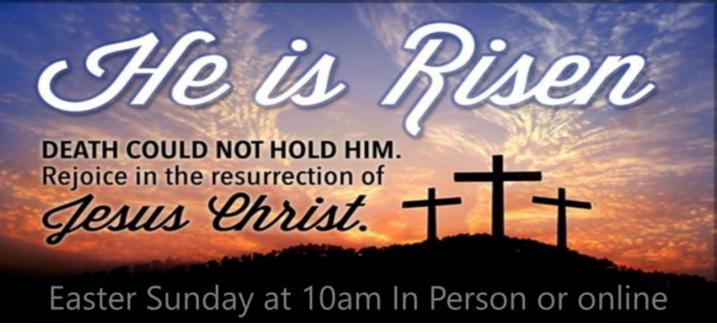




- Palm Sunday & Lunch April 10
- Easter Sunday April 17
- Parent's Night Out April 22
- Community Cookout May 22
- VBS June 13 17

The Highlands Community Outreach Ministry Team would like to encourage you to reach out to someone you know this month and invite them to church. People are usually more open to attending church around Easter, so begin praying now about the person the Lord has laid on your heart, and then invite them to church!





The **Easter Offering** for the ARP benefits the Christian Education Ministry, World Witness, Erskine College and the Bonclarken Conference Center. Please consider giving generously to these special causes beyond your regular tithe. You may also give online at www.highlandsarp.org/ give/ by selecting the ARP Easter Offering.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

PAIN SUNDAY April 10 at 10 am

HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR EASTER WORSHIP 10AM

Hi All,

March came in and went out in a whirlwind! I was out of town on the first Monday of serving, the 13th. Jane and the team served Chili Mac! A huge hit for our guests. Everyone rallied to help prepare and serve. From what I'm told, it was a great evening! On the second Monday, the 28th, we served Egg & Sausage casserole with a side of strawberries! It was delicious and we served 186 meals, leaving no leftovers.



Our senior meal delivery program has lost about eight seniors due to various reasons. We are in discussions with our friends at the CoOp as well as Friends of Gwinnett Seniors to add more seniors to the program. In the meantime, our new insulated meal delivery bags are rockin' it!

Our April Soup Nites are on the 11th and 25th. On the first Monday, we will have Roger and Margo's son, Steven, make his famous Mac & Cheese dinner for our guests! Can't wait! On the second Monday, we are serving Chicken Veggie Rice Bowls. Come by and have fun with us as we enjoy serving our community!

In Christ,

Carrie



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Prayer Items

- Bill Wright is doing well at home with his rehab. The stair assist has been installed and he is using a walker. He has 2 weeks of PT at home then goes to the outpatient facility twice a week. Please keep Bill in your prayers.
- Kaity Wright has 1 more chemotherapy treatment remaining. Pray for her strength to return quickly.
- Emma Caughman fell and injured her knee at work. She's waiting an MRI to determine if it's a torn meniscus or ligament, and if surgery will be needed. Thankful that her school was able to work out online classes for her and her employer is helping with the medical bills.
- Lyn Alimena had successful surgery on her right hand. Pray that it heals quickly and well.
- Michelle McCoy received her test results from her bloodwork All of my bloodwork came back negative so there's no evidence of cancer! Praise the Lord! They've discovered that my blood clotting disorder is likely the cause of my enlarged spleen. They're doing more blood work to confirm. I meet with the hematologist again April 18 to go over the blood work and make a treatment plan. My options are to live with it enlarged or have surgery to remove it. Both options come with risks and both further compromise my immune system. Please pray for wisdom as we decide on a treatment plan.
- Please pray for those ladies who are attending the annual retreat with the ladies of Peachtree Corners ARP Church at the Pinnacle Retreat Center in Clayton, Georgia on April 1-3, 2022.

Praíse Items

- Kristy and Ricky Summers welcome their new son, Rhys Jameson Summers, born Tues., March 29th at 8:42 am. He weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz., and measured 19.7" long. Congratulations to their family!
- Friends of the Caughmans, Sue & Norm Rosekrans praise God for bringing their grandson and his wife, who is Ukrainian, safely back to here to Georgia.

If you have a prayer need, please contact your shepherd or email the office to let the congregation know. Please use the <u>highlandarp@gmail.com</u> address.



SUNDAY SCHOOL Sundays at 9am

WORSHIP WITH US

Sundays at 10am



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
					Ladies' Retro	eat, 1st—3rd
3 9am Sunday School 10am Worship, Communion & Children's Church 11:30am Deacons' Mtg	4 Happy Birthday Betty Reinhardt	5 Happy Birthday George O'Farrell Senior Meal Deliveries	6	7	8	9 Happy Birthday John Avitabile
Ladies' Retreat			Spring Bro	eak		
10 Pam Sunday School 10am Worship, Children's Church & Puppet Show 11:30 Covered Dish Luncheon	11 Soup Nite	12 Senior Meal Deliveries	13	14 Maundy Thursday	15 Good Friday	16 Happy Birthday Betty West
17 Easter Sunday 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church	18	19 Happy Birthday Andrea Eklund Lee Hunt Senior Meal Deliveries	20	21 Happy Birthday Elliott Bayne Thomas Tata	22 Happy Birthday Charles Roberts 5:30-8pm Parents' Night Out	23
24 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 11:30am Session Mtg 4:30pm Family Fellowship, Youth Group & Adult Bible Study	25 Happy Birthday Stacie Edmondson Soup Nite	26 10am Ladies' Bible Study	27 Happy Birthday Barbara Fordham	28 Happy Birthday Theodore Edmondson Tyler Edmondson Gail O'Farrell Ladies' Magical Mystery Tour	29	30

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2022 Don Reinhardt 2023 **Charles Roberts** 2023 Jim Whitson 2024 **Bob Statham** 2025 Rob Kuykendall

Deacons:

Class of 2022 Omar Edmondson John Avitabile **Phillip Wallace Betsy Whitson**

Class of 2023 Fru Chifen **Deron Smith**

Class of 2024 Edward Spiller Gene Wade

Worship Times and Activities

Sunday:	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship
	11:30am	Deacons' Meeting (2nd Sunday of the month)
	11:30am	Session Meeting (3rd Sunday of the month)
	4:30pm	Highlands Family Fellowship
Weekly activities*		
Monday:	4-7pm	Soup Nite (2nd & 4th Mondays)
Tuesday:	10:00am	Ladies' Bible Study (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)
		Senior Meal Deliveries
	3-7pm	Blood Drive (every other month)

*See calendar for scheduled events or cancellations.

Monthly Rotation for Ushers:

Week 1 Don Reinhardt Bob Statham Omar Edmundson Phillip Wallace

Lee Hunt
Deron Smith
Edward Spiller
Gene Wade

Week 3 Jim Whitson **Charles Roberts** John Avitabile Rob Kuykendall



Please remember to wear your name tags at church each Sunday. They are located in the hallway just past the youth rooms. It helps those of us who need a gentle reminder of each other's names! When leaving after worship, just place your nametag in the clear boxes on the table - someone will return the tags to their rightful location.

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