

DEPART TO SERVE GOD

**Hymn 2223*

"We Are One in the Spirit"

**Charge and Benediction*

**Closing Response 2166, verse 1*

**Christ beside me, Christ before me; Christ behind me - King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me – never to part.**

Postlude

Guests, please join us for Fellowship Hour in the Family Room behind the sanctuary.

Rev. Botts' sermons are available on the Highlands web page:
www.highlands-presbyterian.org.

Large Print Hymnals and Bulletins are available on the table
in the back of the sanctuary.

Infants and toddlers are invited to our nursery, staffed with trained professionals.
Children's Worship Packs are available on the table in the Narthex.

If you are seeking a church, we hope you will consider
Highlands your home. We welcome you!



**Growing in Faith, Knowing Christ's Teaching, Showing God's Love
Highlands Presbyterian Church, February 19, 2012, 10:30 a.m.
Transfiguration of the Lord**

Thought for the Day: "The important thing is this—to be able at any moment to sacrifice what we are for what we could become." (Charles DuBois)

Welcome and Announcements

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Come, let us give thanks to God;

All: For the Lord is merciful and kind.

One: Consider God's many gifts to us;

All: Recall the wonders of the Lord's creation.

One: Offer here your prayers and thanksgiving;

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

**Hymn 150*

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Prayer of Confession

(spoken and silent)

God our Creator, we come to you as a head-strong people. We deny your intentions for us. We seek other ways than Jesus' way. We don't learn from experience and remain bound by past mistakes. We misplace our energy and our dreams. Forgive us, Lord. Hear our prayers and direct us that we may serve you with trust and joy...
(We pray our silent prayers of confession...) **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

One: God's promise to us through Jesus is that each day can be a new start for us. The sins of yesterday may not be forgotten, but they are forgiven. Therefore, be joyful in the newness of life today and in hope for tomorrow.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Indicates to stand as you are able.*

**Our Response 276 , chorus*

Great is Your faithfulness! Great is Your faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Your hand has provided;

Great is Your faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**Passing the Peace*

One: Since God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ, let us forgive and greet one another...the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

The children may leave for Sunday School

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

II Corinthians 4:7-11

Second Reading

Matthew 25:14-28

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Risking to Move Ahead"

Rev. Ronald Botts

**Our Affirmation of Faith*

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

**Hymn 74*

"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Call to Offer Our Gifts

Offertory Anthem

"Sing Out, Be Joyful"

Giovanni Pergolesi

**Doxology 591*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication*

O Lord, from you we have received and to you we give. These gifts we bring now as a response to your love. Bless what we have joyfully offered that it might further your work, both within our congregation and in the wider ministries of the church. Amen.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and 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.