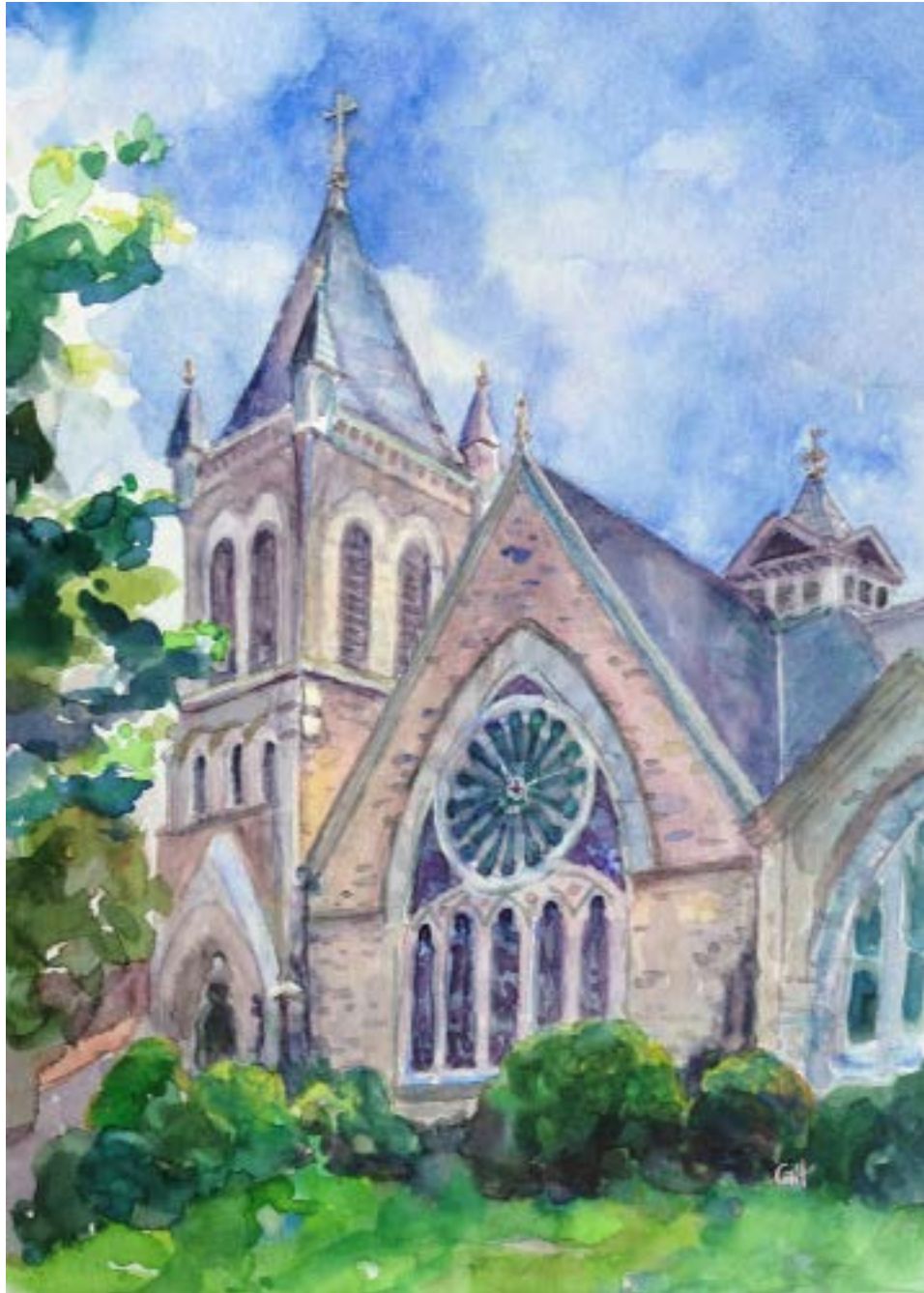


South Highland Presbyterian Church



125th Anniversary Sunday, October 27, 2013



**SOUTH HIGHLAND
PRESBYTERIAN**

Touching Lives Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

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South Highland Presbyterian Church 1888-2013

In 1888 a small band of twenty three men and women left Third Presbyterian Church to form South Highland Presbyterian Church. The Church originally was housed in a small wooden building near present day Southside Baptist Church, but it quickly outgrew this limited space and members began to look for a more permanent home. A prime location on the corner of Twenty-First Street and Highland Avenue was located, and plans were drawn up for that site by local architect D.A. Helmich.

In 1892 the original sanctuary was built in the Gothic style which was popular in that day and still holds its imposing beauty. The stained glass windows, two of which are rose windows, were part of the original construction and were paid for by the children and youth of the church. This original sanctuary still welcomes hundreds of worshippers each week as it has for one hundred and twenty five years. The church continued to grow, despite a split in 1915, when then pastor Dr. Henry Edmonds formed a new church and more than half of the congregants left with him, to form what later would become our sister church, Independent Presbyterian Church.

In 1927 the church again had outgrown its space and felt the need for a larger educational building. A building campaign was launched and met with success. Keeping the original English Gothic style, a connecting building was built down Highland Avenue which added rooms for the increasing number of church school classes and multitude of other activities that the church sponsored for members and for the neighborhood. The women of the church sponsored ice cream socials (still a church favorite), oyster dinners and bake sales to help defray debt. Members took on the responsibility for keeping the church looking clean and fresh, often sweeping and cleaning the building after the Sunday service.

Again in 1952 church members found the need for another expansion, this time for a small chapel and a fellowship hall for more informal gatherings. Funds were raised and construction begun on a chapel along with a fellowship hall, now known as the Davis Fellowship Hall; these were completed in 1954. The chapel was a beautiful and welcomed addition used for smaller services, funerals and smaller weddings and still sees much use today. The beautiful stained glass windows portray the life of Christ and echo the beauty of the sanctuary.

From its beginnings the mission of the church extended far beyond the walls of the building. Service to the surrounding community and to mission work far beyond Birmingham has always played a large part in the life of the church. The governing bodies of Deacons and Elders have helped to guide the church through difficult times, through WWI and WWII and then as the neighborhood began to change, and members moved farther and farther away from their church home. Tutoring at local schools or supporting missionaries throughout the world were all part of the work of South Highland. Over time, members were not from the local community, but they were committed to serving those in the heart of the city. Active Sunday School classes and Wednesday night dinners kept the fellowship alive and well, and gave members opportunities to search for ways to continue the strong sense of mission that personifies the church. In 1987, South Highland responded to a need to serve food to those in boarding homes in the church's neighborhood who were not provided meals on the weekends. The Sunday Club which continues today was begun to serve these citizens, who needed not only a meal, but a place to go where they would be treated with love and respect.

In 1997 another expansion was undertaken. Through the Legacy Campaign, space was added for a columbarium as well as room to expand the Child Development Center which served the growing numbers of working parents. A small auditorium and bigger youth suite met the changing needs of the South Highland members. Later, the church began a facility for adult day care to provide quality care for those with dementia as well as offer respite for their caregivers. The space vacated by the Child Development Center was adapted for this important work that continues today.

In 2001 South Highland welcomed its 18th senior pastor, the Reverend Dr. Edwin G. Hurley, who still serves us in our 125th year of operation. In these last years, South Highland has continued its ministry to serve the community through a variety of outreach programs. More than 21 homes for Habitat for Humanity have been funded and built by South Highlanders, church members have served as tutors at Ramsey High School and now for the STAIR program in Pratt City. International students from UAB have been welcomed and housed for the holidays and other times by the membership. We have welcomed homeless families to our church through Family Promise of Birmingham, formerly known as the Birmingham Hospitality Network, and members have served at the Firehouse Shelter for homeless men as well.

In addition, South Highland is committed to the ministry abroad with the support of several missionaries as well programs designed to improve living conditions in the poorest parts of the world in the Christian tradition. Indeed as South Highland Presbyterian Church enters its 125th year, we remain committed to our mission as expressed on our website.

“South Highland Presbyterian Church is a dynamic, welcoming, 125 year-old congregation located on the ‘southside’ of Birmingham, Alabama. People from all areas of the city and its suburbs come to this center of Christian life for a community of worship, study, belonging, renewal, growth, and outreach. Our mission is ‘to proclaim Jesus Christ here and abroad; to minister to the community in tangible expressions of the love of God through worship, witness, service and fellowship; and to provide opportunities for spiritual growth.’”

We are here, to become “Fully Alive with the Passion of Christ.” We go forth from here, remembering as the signs on each exit door affirm, “You are entering the mission field.”

Gillian Goodrich

Cover Art

Original watercolor by Gayle Hurley, 2013.

This watercolor painting will also adorn the cover of our 125th Anniversary Cookbook.

RESOLUTION OF THE SESSION OF
SOUTH HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We, the Session of South Highland Presbyterian Church, resolve, declare, and pray as follows:

We thank You, Lord God, for giving us 125 years of South Highland Presbyterian Church; from its founding on October 31, 1888 A. D., You have given us Your blessings.

We look back upon the previous 125 years and see the wonders that You have done for us; You have provided us buildings in which to do Your work, You have raised up for us leaders with vision, You have brought to us Your people.

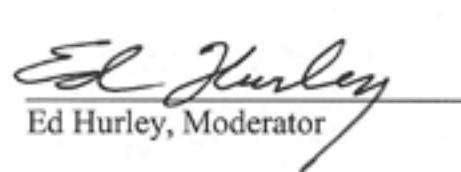
We thank you for the presence of the Holy Spirit among us, working through us, and guiding us.

We look forward to a future with Your continued presence among us as we do Your work in this and many places.

We pray for Your guidance, for Your strength, and for Your courage in the years to come as we work to bring Your kingdom to the world.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

This resolution of the Session of South Highland Presbyterian Church is made on the 21st day of October in the year of our Lord 2013.


Ed Hurley, Moderator


Lee Cleveland, Clerk



CELEBRATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10:30 A.M.

Radio Station AM 850 and FM 92.5 at 11:00 Service

October 27, 2013

REFORMATION SUNDAY
STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY
125TH ANNIVERSARY OF
SOUTH HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PREPARING

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. James J. Truesdell

PRELUDE

"Allegro" from King Arthur

Henry Purcell

Jim Zingara and Brad Sargent, Trumpet
Jeff Koonce, Trombone

Martin Cochrane, Euphonium
Andrew Bullard, Tympani

RINGING OF THE ALL SAINTS BELL

PRAISING

CHORAL INTROIT

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN FESTE BURG

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Rick Atkerson
from 1 Thessalonians 1

Grace and Peace to you.

And also to you.

We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember you before our God and Father. Your work produced by faith. Your labor prompted by love and Your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We worship and praise our God.

Your faith in God has become known everywhere. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us.

We worship & praise our God.

We speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our lives as well, because you have become so dear to us.

We worship and praise our God with joy and thanksgiving the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF ADORATION "Fully Alive"

NATIONAL HYMN

Words written by Richard and Suzanne Barr

Long, long a - go, a stor - my Wed - nesday night,
Built on a base of red clay, ore and stone,
All through the years, South High - land has re - mained
Time mar - ches on, more le - ga - cies to build;

7
Nine wo - men met, God's will they hoped to find. On as they toiled, to
Rose Win - dows wel - come all God's chil - dren home. Stone walls stand strong, through
Wi - thin the Ci - ty's heart through strife and shame. Dai - ly we wel - come
With God's great might, may his will be ful - filled. Year fol - lows year, with

13
Christ their lives were sworn: South High - land Church, that rain - y night was born.
out the years un changed; God's bless - oing oe'r, through fu - ture years re - main.
All wi - thin its walls; Ful - ly a - live, Christ's pas - sion shown to all!
chan - ges still to come, Yet through it all, South High - land is our home!

"The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the foremost."
"He Himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls."
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
O LORD, open our lips.
And our mouths shall show forth your praise.

†*RESPONSE TO PARDON

"Gloria Patri"

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

(Please sign friendship pad, pass it down the row and return it.)

CHORUS OF PEACE

"The Household of God"
Commissioned for the celebration of the 125th Anniversary

Terre Johnson

See all a - round you the peo - ple of God, Gath - ered to nou - rish, in - vi - ted to love;
Ne - ver - more al - iens, come from a - broad, For there are no strang - ers in the house - hold of God.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Rev. Dr. David Weitnauer

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

"Psalm 51"

South Highland Children's Choir

Create in me, O God, a clean heart, put a new and right spirit within me

The Rev. Dr. James J. Truesdell
Jane Marshall

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

used in 100th Anniversary Celebration of South Highland Presbyterian Church

Mighty Creator God, by whom we are marvelously made, we confess with shame the misuse of your gifts to us. Hear us, and look upon us with mercy. Giver of lips to speak the truth, forgive us when we speak it not in love. Giver of minds to seek the truth, forgive us when we shut our eyes to that we do not wish to see. Giver of wills to stand for principle, forgive us when we merely are stubborn, or when we make principles out of trifles. Giver of hands to work with diligence, forgive us when we work only for ourselves. Giver of grace to conquer temptation, forgive us of our self-righteousness when we have won, and disdain for those who have fallen. Giver of life and time and talents for your service, forgive us for allowing our selfish concerns, our busy-ness with trivia, our failure in self-discipline, to prevent us from fulfilling your purposes. Forgive us for buried talents, for neglected opportunities, for offering to your service less than our best. Sound your call again in our ears. Open our eyes to your mission before us. Stir us, your church, to be the apostolic band you sent us to be; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The Rev. Dr. Edwin G. Hurley

125TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITIONS

GREETINGS FROM CO-CHAIRS OF 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

John & Mary Margaret Yeilding

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF SHEPPARDS AND LAPSLEY AND THE PCUSA

The Rev. Robert S. Hay, Sr.
Associate for Nurture, Presbytery of Sheppards & Lapsley

GREETINGS FROM THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. Cody Watson
Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship

GREETINGS FROM NEIGHBORING SOUTHSIDE CONGREGATIONS

Rabbi Jonathan Miller
Sr. Rabbi Temple Emanu-El

VIDEO PRESENTATION

Doug Barr

***HYMN**

“Serving With Christ’s Passion”
Words written by Jeff T. and Cathie Bonner

ST. GERTRUDE

125TH ANNIVERSARY ANTHEM

“The Household of God”

Terre Johnson

*Commissioned for the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of
South Highland Presbyterian Church*

Ser-ving with Christ's pa - sion, for our God and King; We, the love of Je - sus,
Go - ing to all na - tions, tea - ching God's own Word. Sha - ring liv - ing wa - ter:
7 Faith - ful thru the a - ges, keep - ing hope a - live. On this ho - ly cor - ner,
to our neigh - bors bring; Hel - ping those with bro - ken hearts, da - maged minds and souls;
Christ the liv - ing Lord! Stew - ards of the bless - ings, come from heav'n a - bove;
13 for One Twen - ty Five! Show - ing Christ to neigh - bors, whe - ther great or small,
By the pow'r of God, we strive to make them ful - ly whole. Ser - ving with the
Of - fring our lives in wor - ship ser - vice and love.
18 Rich and poor to - ge - ther love South High - land all!
pas - sion of Christ our Lord and - King;
21 We, the love of Je - sus, to our neigh - bors bring.

See all a - round you the peo - ple of God, Gath - ered to nou - rish, in - vi - ted to love;
Ne - ver - more al - iens, come from a - broad, For there are no strang - ers in the house - hold of God.

*Prophets, apostles a foundation formed,
Built to withstand all eternity's storms.
Christ marks the corner, its strength He upholds,
And gathers His children in the household of God.*

*Now they are asking God's kingdom to see,
Treasures and riches, extravagant, free;
“Look,” He is saying, “around you, within!
You are my kingdom, it's here in your midst!”*

*“Look to your neighbor and seek not yourself.
Offer your love and you'll see me, as well.
This is the secret of riches for all:
Welcome all My beloved in the household of God.”*

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR GOD’S WORD

The Rev. Dr. Sterling Edwards

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joel 2:23-32
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

The Rev. Peggy McClure
OT, pgs 1038-1039

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 65
Responsively
Leader - Odd **People - Even**

The Rev. John Tarrant
OT, pg 649

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 1:1-11
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

The Rev. Susan Laney
NT, pgs 239-240

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 6: 17-38, 43-49
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel Henderson
NT, pgs 239-240

*(children ages 3-5 may leave the Sanctuary for Enrichment and children grades 1-5
may leave for the Children's Worship Service after the scripture)*

SERMON

**125 Years of Great Explorations - Love
3 - The Big Three - Heritage of Witness - Faith, Hope, Love**

The Rev. Dr. Jim Speed
The Rev. Richard Brooks
The Rev. Dr. Dana Waters III
The Rev. Noelle Read
The Rev. Dr. Edwin G. Hurley

*“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of his household, built on the
foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.” Ephesians 2:19-20*

“...nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because The kingdom of God is in your midst.” Luke 17:21

RESPONDING

*HYMN#441 (blue)

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”
STANZAS 1 & 3

ST. THOMAS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

The Rev. Dr. John Homer
pg 14 (blue)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Edwin G. Hurley
The Rev. Dr. James J. Truesdell
The Rev. Susan Laney
pg 16 (blue)

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PRESENTATION OF 2014 PLEDGE CARDS

The Rev. Dr. Edwin G. Hurley

OFFERTORY

“Thee We Adore”

David Maxwell

Please come forward at the instruction of the ushers down center and outermost aisles to place your 2014 stewardship pledges, on the communion table and return to pews down side aisles.

Those unable to come forward may give their pledge cards and/or offerings to the ushers at the pews.

A handrail is available on outer sides of steps. Those uncomfortable climbing the steps may give their pledge card to the usher at the foot of the steps.

Additional pledge cards are in the pews.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Where Faith and Doubt Unite To Care”

Dan Hermany

Highland Ringers and Trinity UMC Chimers

Commissioned for the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of South Highland Presbyterian Church

We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer’s prayer,

Yet we believe your grace responds

WHERE FAITH AND DOUBT UNITE TO CARE.

Your hands, though bloodied on the cross survive to hold and heal and warm,

To carry all through death to life And cradle children yet unborn.

Bell/Maule

*RESPONSE OF JOYOUS PRAISE

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

OLD HUNDREDETH

*LITANY OF DEDICATION

Kemp Featheringill
Kermit Heiser
Seona Griffith

Almighty God, You built Your church on the rock of human faith and trust; we praise You for Jesus Christ, the foundation and cornerstone of all we believe.

We praise you, O God.

Save us from living in the past, and resting on the work of others. Open us to Your new beginning and vision, that we may know our mission in this place and this world today.

O Lord, please hear us.

Keep us from pride that excludes others from the shelter of Your love, and from mean prejudice and mass evils that scar the tissues of our common life.

O Lord, please hear us.

Spare us from the selfishness that uses Your house as a means of getting social position or personal glory, and let us not hold back what we have or what we are when there is so much need.

O Lord, please hear us.

Defend us from the ignorance that nourishes injustice and from indifference that causes hearts to break, that in these times of intolerance and bitterness we may demonstrate Your love and live as Christ’s men and women in this world.

O Lord, please hear us.

Help us to avoid isolation in our homes while others near us do not have a bed of their own or any quiet place; and as we work to bring a decent life to others, let us know the purer joy of Your call to serve.

O Lord, please hear us.

That we may accept the responsibility of our freedom, the burden of our privilege, and so conduct ourselves as to set an example for those who will follow after.

O God, be our strength.

That we may not be content with a secondhand faith, worshiping words rather than the Word.

O God, be our strength.

That we may find in Your church a prod to our imaginations, a shock to our laziness, and a source of power to do Your will.

O God, be our strength.

All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.

You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior and Lord. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.

And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ’s offering for us. We offer again your congregation South Highland Presbyterian Church to be joyfully alive in the Heart of the City, for the Whole of the city, Serving with the Passion of Christ. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Shepherds of Faith”

CRUCIFER

Text written by: John, Suzanne, and Susan Benton, and Bryan and Kate Benton Dilks Music: Sydney H. Nicholson

Refrain in unison

Shep - herds of faith in our com-mun - i - ty, With
 joy we cel - e - brate our his - to - ry.

Harmony optional

1. Born	in the	High - lands	On All Hal - low's	Eve;
2. Through	times of	strug - gle,	See - kers we re - main	
3. Bold	men and	wo - men,	Chil - dren and our	youth,
4. We	build with	cou - rage	Gi - ven from a -	bove;
5. Now	lift our	voi - ces	To our ri - sen	Lord!

D.C. al Fine

We serve with pas - sion, Say - ing "We Be - lieve".
 As wit - nes - ses al - ways, Cal - ling Christ by name.
 We're called to mis - sion As we quest for truth.
 We teach with com - pas - sion As we show God's love.
 We car - ry on - ward God's al - migh - ty Word!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Edwin G. Hurley

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

“Glory Be To The Father”

Stanford

RINGING OF THE ALL SAINTS BELL

***POSTLUDE**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Siegfried Karg-Elert

Brass and Organ

**Those able may stand. *Waiting worshipers may be seated by usher.*

ALL MEMBERS AND VISITORS are invited to join us after the Worship Service to enjoy our 125th Celebration Reception in the Davis Family Hall.

Our guests will be standing in front of the stage. There are four identical tables with cake, punch and other goodies so there should be no waiting in long lines! Come and visit!

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KING JAMES VERSION PULPIT BIBLE Each Sunday the Open Pulpit Bible used for Scripture Lessons read from the Lectern is brought in during the opening hymn. This symbolizes that our worship is centered upon the Word of God in Holy Scripture being opened and read for understanding and obedience. Today, in addition to the New Revised Standard Pulpit Bible brought in by George Emory Lloyd, the old King James Version Pulpit Bible will be on the Communion table. This Bible, given in memory of Elder James Bowron by his family, was presented to the congregation in 1928. James Bowron was a distinguished elder of South Highland in the early years of the 20th Century and is an ancestor of Marjorie Perkins and Bill French. We are grateful to Marjorie Perkins for sharing this beloved Bible again with the congregation. The Bible, available for viewing in the reception area, rests on a lectern from the Ensley Presbyterian Church. This lectern was modified by Bart Morrow to hold the Bible.

REV. DR. ED HURLEY WAS AT PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY this week attending the meeting of the Pastor Advisory Committee and the inauguration of the new President of the Seminary Dr. M. Craig Barnes, who will be our Inspirational Series speaker this Spring.

VIDEOS & BULLETIN - Want to share the videos we've enjoyed during Stewardship Season or today's bulletin with all of its history, visit our website at www.southhighland.org.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS - Remember to set your clock back one hour before you go to bed next Saturday. Daylight Saving Time ends at 2AM on Sunday, November 3rd.

**SOUTH HIGHLAND HOSTED
GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE CHURCH**

1917

Moderator: Rev. Jonathan M. Wills

1957

Moderator: Rev. William M. Elliot, Jr.

*2006

Moderator: Rev. Joan S. Gray

*Shared in hosting General Assembly at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center

GREETINGS

Thank you for including me in the invitation to take part in the 125th anniversary of SHPC on October 27, 2013. Ordinarily, I would be free and delighted to come celebrate, since it was by way of the outstanding ministry SHPC offered me during my formative years that I felt called by God to become a minister of the word and sacraments. During my fifty years of ministry, I worked hard to emulate the type ministry that SHPC provided me. Please pass along to the session my words of affirmation. I only wish I could be there in person to say them.

My declining to attend has to do with my wife's 80th birthday celebration, which happens to fall during the same time period as October 27.

To all those who are still around and remember me, please extend sincere best wishes as SHPC begins another era of ministry. May God continue to bless all you do, Ed, in your role as Senior Pastor.

*Shalom and all good wishes to you and the congregation,
Rev. Eugene Barclay Norris, D. Min. (Ret)*

Congratulations to you and you congregation on the 125th anniversary of the South Highland Presbyterian Church. Though I cannot be with you today, I commend your dedication to fostering faith and spirituality in your community.

Churches, like South Highland, play a central role in the lives of Birmingham residents through outreach, missions, and child development. A child myself of Birmingham, I associate South Highland with forward thinking, doing what is right for its parishioners, and my father's fraternity with your institution. When I attended services on Christmas Eve, I could feel the energy and the passion of the congregation.

Thank you for changing lives for the better and sharing the gospel to those in need. I wish you the best for the next 125 years!

*Sincerely,
Condoleezza Rice
Former U.S. Secretary of State*

Although I am unable to be with you in person, I want to express my congratulations on the occasion of your 125th Anniversary. Your witness to Jesus Christ in Birmingham has radiated all over the USA and the world. Thousands of lives have been forever transformed by the worship services and the outreach ministries of this congregation. I had the joyous privilege of preaching your Inspirational Series this past April and I experience the warm hospitality and gracious spirit that characterizes South Highland. My prayer is that you will pass the baton of faith to the next generation with the same enthusiasm as it has been passed to you by the patriarchs and matriarchs of this great congregation dating back to 1888! Godspeed South Highland!

*With joy,
Rev. Dr. Thomas K. Tewell*

Greetings to South Highland, the church which, since I became a member of it in 1949, has given me such strong memories and continuing awareness of what a strong and active church is in its witness and service in the name of Christ both in its community and in the world. I still remember so many of you and hold you in my heart and my prayers.

*Rev. Bill Henning
Honorably Retired, Exec. Presbytery of Arkansas*

Warmest congratulations in attaining the significant milestone that marks 125 years of proclaiming the Gospel in word and action. May South Highland continue to hold within its embrace both liberal and conservative, radical and traditionalist, which, by grace and grace alone, is its unique and distinctive strength and glory.

*Blessings,
Tom Cuthell
Former Minister, St. Cuthbert Church, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK*

(Greetings continued)

Congratulations on the 125th anniversary of South Highland Presbyterian Church. South Highland has been an anchor in this city's spiritual leadership and more specifically, in the ministries that occur within the Five Points Area. Your longevity is a witness to your faithfulness in living out the gospel. You have "kept the faith" through social upheaval, urban flights, and the ongoing challenges that confront urban ministry. Our prayer is that on this commemorative anniversary, you will celebrate heartily!

Our Sunday morning schedule prevents me from being present for the service, however, be assured of our gratitude for the many ways you have included Baptist Church of the Covenant: Lenten preaching, Holy Week services, Thanksgiving Worship, World Communion Sunday and personal encouragement. It means a great deal to know that we have friends just up the hill. With appreciation for you and your ministry among us, I am.

*Sincerely yours,
Sarah Jackson Shelton
Pastor, Baptist Church of the Covenant*

Congratulations upon our Church's 125th anniversary!

I am grateful and blest to have had a small part in South Highland Presbytery Church and its congregation for some ten years.

*Grayson and I are thankful for your love.
Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Rev. Dr. J. Frank Alexander
Senior Pastor, SHPC 1977-1986*

I am a former member, but I have been gone from Birmingham for more than 50 years.

I grew up in a non-religious family and came to faith in Christ largely through the youth ministry of South Highland, where I also gained friendships that have remained important to me ever since, over geographical distance as well as time. Late in her life, my mother, Helen Mabry, joined South Highland and benefited from the care of members to the very end. So I am very grateful to this congregation.

Congratulations to all of you on this occasion. I do celebrate the long life and mission of this church and hope for you the blessing of many, many more years of faithful service.

*Rev. Helen Mabry Beglin
Honorably Retired Minister of the Elizabeth Presbytery, Synod of the Northeast*

What a joy it is to offer congratulations upon this significant milestone in your life and ministry! I have known fondly the work of the South Highland Presbyterian Church through friends who have called this venerable church their home, and pastors who have honored our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by lifting up the Gospel and proclaiming the Word of God from its pulpit. First Presbyterian Church of Nashville has a few key leaders who grew up in your congregation, and on behalf of our entire congregation, I wish you every blessing as you continue to serve Jesus Christ and the world that God so loved.

*Warmly,
Rev. Dr. Todd B. Jones
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN*

"I want to congratulate South Highland on 125 years of faithfully serving Christ. I know that countless lives have been changed, the community has been served, and God has been glorified through the family of SHPC."

*Bill Haslam
Governor, State of Tennessee*

(Greetings continued)

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We rejoice with you at this time of celebration of your 125th anniversary on Sunday, October 27, 2013. What a milestone!

When we worshiped with you on Sunday, September 22, 2013, we read at the top of the bulletin these words "Fully Alive with the Passion of Christ." This is a good description of your congregation, as you stand as witnesses of God's presence in downtown Birmingham and as you help around the world. You have served and are serving the Lord Jesus Christ faithfully.

We thank you God for you and for the special out-pouring of love on that Sunday, September 22, as you honored us in such a wonderful way, declaring it to be Bill and Nancy Warlick Day. We enjoyed the time of being with you and the members of the Outreach Foundation Board.

We are grateful for the long history of sharing in partnership with you in Africa for over 27 years. When we were living and working in the Democratic Republic of Congo/DRC and in Zimbabwe and Mozambique, we appreciated your support and felt your prayers. It was good to have Ed travel with us several years ago, so he could meet some of our wonderful African brothers and sisters in Christ. We have appreciated having Lee Cooper travel with us, also. We are very thankful that the connection continues with your support of Elizabeth, Dan, Robert, and Frances Turk (our daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren) as they serve the Lord in Madagascar. Thank you for your continued generosity, your loving concern, and your faithful prayer support for The Outreach Foundation, us, the Turk family and for many, many others in Africa and in other parts of the world. To God be the glory! In Christ's service,

*Bill and Nancy Warlick
The Outreach Foundation*

It gives me great joy and pleasure to send our best wishes and prayers to the congregation at South Highland Presbyterian Church on the occasion of the 125th anniversary celebrations. I praise the Lord for the congregation for keeping your faith and witness alive over 125 years. This is indeed a great occasion to celebrate God's faithfulness over the years.

Our partnership in the gospel to reach the people of Bihar State in India has a history of over ten years. Your church has been faithfully supporting the training of our lady evangelists at the Bihar School of Evangelism. We have trained over 300 ladies through the school during the past ten years.

Your church has a vibrant and active missions committee under the leadership of the Rev. Ed Hurley and the commitment to the international mission is praiseworthy. We have some fond memories of love and fellowship that we mutually enjoyed during my visit to your church as well as Pastor Ed's visit to Bihar.

I wish you a great future to live for the glory of God and be a blessing to the nations.

*Rev. Dr. S. D. Ponraj
Senior Pastor, Bihar Christian Church in Bihar, India*

Greetings to all at South Highland on this magnificent occasion. May God bless you and keep you always.

*Dr. Gerald Bray
Research Professor of Divinity
Beeson Divinity School
Samford University*

Congratulations South Highland Presbyterian Church! Thank God for your ministry and thank you for 125 years of discipleship. Your witness to our Risen Lord has touched so many. I'm proud to be one of the many you have helped nurture in the faith. I join your sisters and brothers in Christ across the Synod of Living Waters in gratitude and anticipation as you continue to respond to God's call.

*Terry Newland, Synod Executive
Synod of Living Waters*

(Greetings continued)

We sing Glory to God for the 125 year celebration that has seen you all through many ups and downs in His glory! But glorify Him for the Partnership in Missions to many including us in Mozambique.

We are so happy and grateful to be part of you in this, and as you celebrate remember, we are here because you are there for us!

Thanks for your prayers and continued support to the holistic ministry in Tete and Africa and beyond. May the Lord add many, many more years so that you may finish what you have started! We are with you!

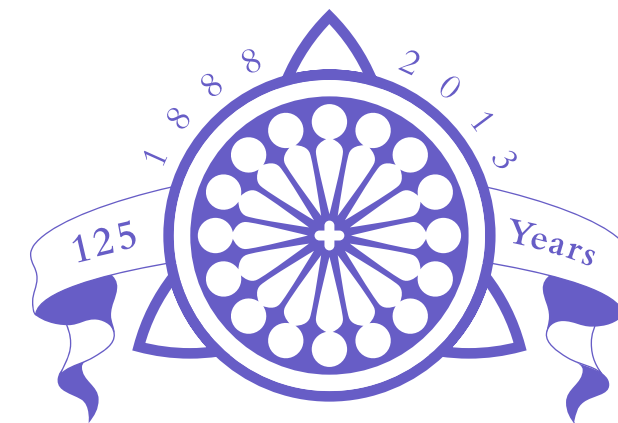
*Everlasting friends in His service,
Nedson Zulu and Sebber Banda and families
Tete Province, Mozambique*

On behalf of Beeson Divinity School, I offer our heartiest congratulations to South Highland Presbyterian Church for one hundred and twenty-five years of faithful service to Jesus Christ in Birmingham. Your church is a lighthouse for the Gospel in our community, and I wish you every blessing in your witness and work. Now, as never before, our world needs churches like yours — Christ-centered, biblically committed, and reformation-rooted communities of love and grace.

*All blessings in Christ,
Dr. Timothy George, Dean
Beeson Divinity School
Samford University
Timothy George is the founding Dean of Beeson Divinity School of Samford University.*

The Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley joyfully congratulates our brothers and sisters in Christ at South Highland Presbyterian Church for 125 years of ministry in Birmingham's Southside. South Highland has been a blessing to this community, to this presbytery, and to the world, and we pray that you will continue to bear faithful, imaginative and passionate witness to the Gospel for many years to come.

*Rev. Elizabeth Cole Goodrich
Stated Clerk and Temporary Presbytery Administrator
Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley*



**SOUTH HIGHLAND
PRESBYTERIAN**

Touching Lives Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

PASTORS

Rev. Alexander Lacy Phillips	March 1, 1889 - September 1, 1890
Rev. Thornton Whaling	January 1891 - September 1, 1892
Rev. John Barbour	March 1, 1893 - April 1, 1898
Rev. J.J. Grier	1898 - 1903
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Dr. John T. Plunket	1909 - 1912
Dr. Henry Edmonds	April 1913 - October 1915
Rev. Albert Sidney Johnson	January 1916 - June 1918
Rev. John McNeill	1919 - 1920
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Rev. Eugene Poe	March 30, 1958 - June 30, 1963
Dr. Ben Lacy, Jr. (<i>Interim</i>)	September 1963 - March 1964
Dr. Z.V. Roberson (<i>Interim</i>)	April 1964 - September 1964
Dr. Sterling Edwards	1964 - 1975
Rev. John C. McQueen	1972 - 1980
Dr. J. Frank Alexander	1977 - 1986
Dr. G. Dana Waters III	1987 - 2000
Dr. Henry Strock (<i>Interim</i>)	2000 - 2001
Rev. Dr. Edwin Hurley	2001 - Present

SOUTH HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS

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Molly Clark, Parish Associate **Neil Davis**, South Highland Center Chair

Elders

Class of 2013	Class of 2014	Class of 2015
Tom Buck	Richard Barr	Mike Coggin
Carol Ann Cross	Lee Cooper	Janice Cotton
Sue Koch	Neil Davis	Glenn Davis
Rachel Lim	Charles Fowler	Diana Wood Gester
Bart Lloyd	Brad Hale	Elsa Holaday
Kathryn Michael	Melinda Harden	Bob Hunter
Sam Wester	Cara Ross	Bryan Kelley
	Chris Still	Bill Stribling

Board of Deacons

Laura Ray, Chair; Debbie Laws, Vice Chair; Susan Laney, Staff Liaison

Class of 2013	Class of 2014	Class of 2015
Isabeth Gannon	Beth Atkerson	Lucinda Armstrong
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Class of 2013	Class of 2014	Class of 2015
Mel Robinson	Mike Goodrich	Dewey White

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Tom Baine Anderson	Tanya Denley	Kara Kilpatrick-Smith
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Miss Kathleen Hooper	

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2013-2014

Stephanie Thompson, Moderator
 Kelly Troiano, Secretary
 Gail Hardy, Treasurer
 Kathy Tracey, Assistant Treasurer
 Dean Vandergrift, Mission Coordinator
 Mary Joyce Ponder, Historian

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WOW - Laura Chapman

Fifth Week Friends - Mary Frances Reed

Men' Prayer Groups Leadership

2013-2014

Joe Dolce, Larry Harper, John Huddleston, Wes Thompson, and Keith Williams

The Board of Deacons would like to honor and thank all former and current officers who have served South Highland Presbyterian Church.

The Elders, Deacons and Trustees of South Highland have sustained and served the congregations throughout the 125 year life of South Highland. Based on the magnificent archives of life at SHPC, the following members have served as officers over the last 30 years. We equally honor those members who served the first 95 years.

ELDERS

Margaret Archibald	Dick Coffey	Mark Garner	Helen Johnston	Billy Mills	Allen Smith
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John Buttler	Fred Esleck	John Heiser	Russ Mathis	Ned Rand	Harvey Watson
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John Carmichael	Mark Ezell	Carol Hodes	Frank McDaniel	Pete Robinson	Dewey White
Tweed Chandler	Emily Fincannon	Elsa Holaday	Lorene McDaniel	Mel Robinson	Bill Wilbourne
Greg Chapman	Grace Finkel	Clarence House	Allen McDavid	Fred Rogan	Keith Williams
Greta Clark	Chad Fooshee	John Huddleston	Spruce McRee., Jr.	Cara Ross	Molton Williams
Molly Clark	James Forman	Virginia Huffines	Kathryn Michael	Charles Runels	Mary Margaret
Coke Clark	Charles Fowler	Leland Hull	Don Miley	Jamie Shields	Yeilding
Corky Clark	Bill French	Bob Hunter	Kristy Miley	Terry Slaughter	Henry B. Yeilding
Lee Cleveland	Jane French	Carolyn Hunter	Joey Miller	Chris Smith	John Yeilding
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Jeff Albright	Tim Chandler	Eleanor Garner	Bene Kalman	Mike Oliver	Elgin Thomas
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Dot Aspray	Judy Collier	Susan Glover	Emily Lalor	Charles Person	Jeff Threlkeld
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Richard Barr	Bob David	Sara Hale	Milton Magnus, III	Howard Porter	Nell Waite
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Brody Black	Mark Doyle	Ramey Harrell	Steve Messier	Kelly Ross-Davis	Sam Wester
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Jeffrey T. Bonner	Richard Ellicott	Kirsten Heiser	George Miller	Kathy Scott	Dewey White
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125th ANNIVERSARY ANTHEM: A Commissioned Piece

As part of the celebration today, Dr. Philip Copeland, Director of Music, commissioned Conductor Terre Johnson, Minister of Music at Vestavia Hills Baptist Church to write a new anthem for the Chancel Choir. The result work is "The Household of God" which is based on Ephesians 2:19-20 and Luke 17:21.

Terre Johnson explains how he was inspired to write this piece.

"The Household of God" was commissioned for the 125th Anniversary Celebration of the South Highland Presbyterian Church, by their Director of Music, Dr. Philip Copeland. When asked to write the piece, I was given two scripture passages that had been suggested by the pastor, the Rev. Ed Hurley, which could be used as the text, or simply used as food for thought as I developed another text.

"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone." ~ Ephesians 2:19-20

"...nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst." ~ Luke 17:21

Before receiving these two passages, I had the idea of a grand, slow, traditional anthem. But after reading them, I became more convinced that I wanted to offer a representation of the Kingdom of God that was dancing and full of life. I wanted to emphasize the word "household" from the Ephesians passage, because it is an image of a comfortable surrounding, a home to which we all want to return. It seemed fitting to call comfort to mind, then assert (from the Luke passage) that the Kingdom of God is in our midst, and has been here all along. So I adapted the two scripture passages into a rhyming song text that included these emphases. By coupling the text with a dancing tune, I hoped to present music reminiscent of the Scottish folk tunes in which the Presbyterian Church is rooted. By including a brass section, I hoped to still provide the grandeur appropriate to such an auspicious occasion. And by coupling the music with the textual assertion that the Kingdom, or household, of God is among us, rather than being a faraway destination, I hoped to celebrate this congregation's anniversary by recognizing its greatest attribute, its openness to all those who wish to be part of God's "household."

HANDBELL ANTHEM

Dan Hermany, Director of the Highland Ringers, was commissioned to write a new anthem for the anniversary.

Dan explains the piece and his inspiration.

We cannot measure how you heal
Or answer ever sufferers' prayer,
Yet we believe your grace responds
WHERE FAITH AND DOUBT UNITE TO CARE.

With this text in mind, by Bell/Maule, the composition begins with the tune "Chandler," a traditional Scottish folk melody, accompanied by the drone of the Bagpipe. This combines with the traditional Bagpipe Tune, the two melodies dance along together. Finally, the Hand Chimes enter with our third Scottish Melody to complete the three tunes in the piece. South Highland Presbyterian Church shows this text in its Peace, Love, and Joy throughout the community and the world.

Joining the Highland Ringers today are chimers from Trinity United Methodist Church in Homewood -
Joan Moriarty, Jennifer Mangum, and Nick Mangum.

A Heritage of Witness: 1888-2013

A group of dedicated members is writing the most recent portion of our history, 2002-2013. When that is complete, Volumes 1 and 2 will be re-published along with the new volume and bound into one book.

This should be available for purchase early in 2014.

SPECIAL HYMN TEXTS USED IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

As a part of the 125th celebration, a challenge was issued to the congregation to create an original hymn text that celebrated the heritage and mission of South Highland Presbyterian and match it with a well known hymn tune.

South Highland’s members responded and new hymn texts came from three families, represented by Richard & Suzanne Barr, Jeff & Cathie Bonner, and John & Suzanne Benton. The Benton family contribution was actually a three-generation collaboration that spanned four states and two continents. Each of these families has grappled with what it means to be a worshiping congregation in the twenty-first century and how South Highland is uniquely positioned to aid in the overall mission of the church.

125th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Mary Margaret Yeilding and John Yeilding, Co-Chairs

Beth Atkerson, Suzanne Benton, John Benton, Philip Copeland, Sharon Doggett, Dina Glass, Gillian Goodrich, Rev. Dr. Ed Hurley, Leland Keller, Rachel King-Barr, Mary Joyce Ponder, John Ponder, Terry Slaughter, Rev. Dr. Jim Truesdell, Karen Weeks, Maxine Williams, Keith Williams

125th ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK COMMITTEE

Jennifer Coggin, Eleanor Garner, Gayle Hurley, Rebecca Moody, Jan Stephens, Stephanie Thompson, Kelly Troiano, Joe Whitley, and Maxine Williams, Chair

SPECIAL THANKS:

Terry Slaughter – for designing the anniversary and stewardship logos
 Doug Barr – for coordinating the t-shirts and audio/video assistance
 Stephanie Thompson – Moderator of A. W.A.S.H. (All Women at South Highland)
 Elsa Holaday and members of the Flower Guild
 Mary Joyce Ponder and Ruth Seadler – Archive Displays
 All the wonderful office staff, sextons, and kitchen staff

Very Special Thanks

Dina Glass and Suzanne Cornett

And thanks to those assisting in the service and activities today:

John Heiser, Kermit Heiser, Johnny Robinson, Bryan Kelley, Will Kelley, Ed McCurdy, Mary Frances Yeilding, Ruth Jensen, Pam Buck, Isabeth Gannon, Janet Perry, Stephanie Thompson, Mary Berryman, Lu Mahon, Melinda Harden, Kelly Ross-Davis and Beth Atkerson

THE CHURCH STAFF

- Rev. Dr. Edwin Gray Hurley Senior Pastor
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- Rev. Susan Laney Pastor of Adult Ministries
- Rev. Molly Clark Parish Associate
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- Rachel King-BarrDirector of Children’s Ministries
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- Dan HermanyHandbell Director
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- Brenda Keith..... Administrative Assistant
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- Leah Gardner Financial Assistant
- Elsa Holaday Wedding Coordinator
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- Jami ParkerDirector, South Highland Child Development Center
- Wilma Smith Assistant Director, South Highland Child Development Center
- Joe WhitleyDirector of Food Services
- Kendra Finklea Assistant Director, Kitchen
- Jerome Bonner Sexton
- Tony Humphrey Sexton
- David Thames Security and Sexton

THE CHRISTIAN LECTIONARY SERIES

October 27

Psalms 108, 150, 66, 23
Haggai 1:1-2:9 or Jeremiah 44:15-30
Acts 18:24-19:7
Luke 10:25-37

October 28

Psalms 62, 145, 73, 9
Zechariah 1:7-17 or Jeremiah 45:1-5
Revelation 1:4-20
Matthew 12:43-50

October 29

Psalms 12, 146, 36, 7
Ezra 5:1-17 or
Lamentations 1:1-5 (6-9) 10-12
Revelation 4:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9

October 30

Psalms 96, 147:1-11, 132, 134
Ezra 6:1-12 or Lamentations 2:8-15
Revelation 5:1-10
Matthew 13:10-17

October 31

Psalms 116, 147:12-20, 26, 130
Nehemiah 1:1-11 or Lamentations 2:16-22
Revelation 5:11-6:11
Matthew 13:18-23

November 1

Psalms 84, 148, 25, 40
Isaiah 26:1-4, 8-9, 12-13, 19-21
Revelation 21:9-11, 22-27 (22:1-5) or
Hebrews 11:32-12:2
Matthew 5:1-12

November 2

Psalms 63, 149, 125, 90
Nehemiah 4:1-23 or Lamentations 5:1-22
Revelation 7:(4-8) 9-17
Matthew 13:31-35

November 3

Psalms 103, 150, 117, 139
Nehemiah 5:1-9 or Ezra 1:1-11
Acts 20:7-12
Luke 12:22-31

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

We continue presenting each week in the bulletin the new study version of the Heidelberg Catechism.

One of our great confessional documents for the PCUSA, the Heidelberg Catechism was published in German in 1563. 2013 marks its 450th anniversary. The Catechism is laid in 52 segments, suitable for a yearly cycle. This version is printed in the new proposed, more current language translation before the church and includes the original scripture references for study.

You are encouraged to use this resource in your spiritual journey throughout 2013.

LORD'S DAY 43

112 Q. What is the aim of the ninth commandment?

A. That I never give false testimony against anyone,¹ twist no one's words,² not gossip or slander,³ nor join in condemning anyone rashly or without a hearing.⁴ Rather, in court and everywhere else, I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind;⁵ these are the very devices the devil uses,⁶ and they would call down on me God's intense wrath. I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it.⁷ And I should do what I can to guard and advance my neighbor's good name.⁸

1 Prov. 19:5, 9; 21:28

2 Ps. 15:3

3 Rom. 1:29-30

4 Mt. 7:1[-2]; Lk. 6:37

5 Prov. 12:22; 13:5

6 Jn. 8:44

7 1 Cor. 13:6; Eph. 4:25

8 1 Pet. 4:8

Alive with the passion of Christ.



SOUTH HIGHLAND
PRESBYTERIAN



Visit www.southhighland.org for complete details of happenings at SHPC

Upcoming at SHPC

Today:

2:00PM - The Sunday Club
5:30PM - Youth Group
6:00PM - The Sharing Group

Wednesday (Oct. 30):

No activities this week

Saturday (Nov. 2):

Habitat for Humanity

Next Sunday (Nov. 3):

8:30AM - Worship Service
9:30AM - Sunday School
11:00AM - Worship Service
2:00PM - The Sunday Club
5:30PM - Youth Group
6:00PM - The Sharing Group
6:30PM - BRICK

Next Wednesday (Nov. 6):

12:00PM - Sustain
5:00PM - Service of Healing
& Wholeness - Sanctuary
5:00PM - Dinner in the
Davis Family Hall
Menu: Kendra's Fried
Chicken, Macaroni &
Cheese, Green Beans,
Cornbread, Salad Bar, &
Cake
6:00pm - Spark & Youth
6:30pm - Handbells &
Adult Programs:
*Dr. Hurley's
Renovations of the
Heart
*Rev. Laney's Mirrors of
God

WE WELCOME ALL WHO VISIT WITH US - We invite you to consider attending our DISCOVERY class. This class is a basic introduction to the ministry & history of South Highland. DISCOVERY helps you understand church membership in context of your personal faith journey. If you are interested, please make a note on the sign-in sheet or contact Jan & John Bell at (205) 877-3272 or jcbvandy12000@yahoo.com.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY & DAVIS FAMILY HALL TODAY are given to the glory of God and in honor of the church's anniversary by the Flower Guild.

THE RADIO BROADCAST TODAY is sponsored in memory of Mary Ellenberger, Carrie Williams, George Parker and in honor of Dorothy Parker and Maxien and Keith Williams for their faithful heritage of witness to SHPC by their family - Kim Williams and Chris, Robyn, Adam, Kelsey, and Mattie Williams.

THE YOUNGEST AND OLDEST ACTIVE MEMBERS: Today we recognize the youngest members of South Highland Presbyterian Church, David Scott Perry and Madeline Olivia Perry, children of Hilary and Paul Perry, and our oldest member Helen Hudgens. Congratulations!

STAY IN TOUCH WITH SOUTH HIGHLAND: Start by updating your contact information with Dina Glass at (205) 933-0790 or dglass@southhighland.org. Look for announcements in the bulletin each week, sign up for our weekly email blast (email scornett@southhighland.org), and check out our monthly Highlights Newsletter. You can also visit our website at www.southhighland.org and connect with us on Twitter (SouthHighlandPC) and Facebook (SouthHighlandPresbyterianChurch).



Work is moving along on our 21st Habitat for Humanity House! You can volunteer to help on Saturdays for much of the fall! This year's home is in Pleasant Grove. To volunteer, contact Bart Morrow at (205) 870-8784 or bartmorrow@gmail.com. Please contact Diane Cleveland if you can help with Saturday lunches at (205) 933-3806 or email kcleveland@bham.rr.com.

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Alzheimer's of Central Alabama

Sat. November 2, 2013 Riverchase Galleria
Support South Highland Center Director
Mel York as he walks to raise awareness.
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NOURISHMENT FOR THE SPIRIT

NOON SERVICE
EVERY WEDNESDAY
12 - 12:30 PM
LED BY TERRY SLAUGHTER

SOUTH HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN
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125th Anniversary Parade Outline

Stop 1: Original Site

REFORMED HERITAGE read by Kermit Heiser

Quotes from John Calvin

"We should therefore learn that the only good we have is what the Lord has given us gratuitously; that the only good we do is what He does in us; that it is not that we do nothing ourselves, but that we act only when we have been acted upon, in other words under the direction and influence of the Holy Spirit."

"... I shall start, then with the Church, into whose bosom God is pleased to gather his children, not only that they may be nourished by her help and ministry so long as they are infants and children, but also that they may be guided by her motherly care until they mature and at last reach to the goal of faith. For what God has joined together, it is not lawful to put asunder so that, for those to whom he is Father the Church may also be Mother."

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Jim Truesdell

Traveling Hymn: "This Little Light of Mine"

***This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!***

***Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine! (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!***

***Don't let Satan blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine! (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!***

***Let it shine 'til Jesus comes! I'm gonna let it shine! (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!***

Stop 2: Brother Bryan Statue

PRESBYTERIAN SOUTH SIDE PRESENCE read by Kemp Featheringill

Quote from Brother Bryan

"If there are no poor in your congregation, my humble advice is to get another charge or shut up your doors. Social service alone will not solve the problems of the poor and hungry, nor can it fill the needs of the breadless and bedless and jacketless. It takes Christ to put bread into an empty tray... Christ taught us to pray 'Give us the day or daily bread.' If he gives you your daily bread, you should divide with someone else. A woman came in the other day and said, 'Brother Bryan, one of your friends sent me a sack of flour, some meat and lard, and a half-ton of coal.' I saw Christ in that basket of food. People do not read their Bibles, they read you and me."

"... they are all dying for a bit of love, for a kind word, for a warm handshake. Beneath that torn coat or ragged shawl, the life may be torn, but there is a soul for whom Jesus died, and if we can but point that soul to Christ by our unselfish life, by our loving life, then we will do our part in leading the world to Christ."

Prayer by Rev. Susan Laney

Traveling Hymn: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

***I'm gonna LIVE so God can use me, Anywhere, Lord, Anytime.
I'm gonna LIVE so God can use me, Anywhere, Lord, Anytime.***

***I'm gonna SING so God can use me, Anywhere, Lord, Anytime.
I'm gonna SING so God can use me, Anywhere, Lord, Anytime.***

***I'm gonna DANCE so God can use me, Anywhere, Lord, Anytime.
I'm gonna DANCE so God can use me, Anywhere, Lord, Anytime.***

***I'm gonna PRAY so God can use me, Anywhere, Lord, Anytime.
I'm gonna PRAY so God can use me, Anywhere, Lord, Anytime.***

Stop 3: Front steps of SHPC

OUR "MOTHER" CHURCH read by Anna Cate Weeks & Catherine Bonner

Quote from Aimee Semple McPherson

"As I ponder and pray in the stillness, I dream as a dreamer of dreams. A steepled church stands before me – a church with open doors. Within it I see the preacher stand; hear his voice in earnest call. But 'tis the throng that flows through the street outside that holds my anxious gaze."

'Pit-a-pat Pit-a-pat' say the hundreds and thousands of feet, surging by the church doors of our land. 'Pat! Pat! Pit-a-pat!' – hurrying multitudes, on a business and pleasure bent...

And our o'er the heads of the people I hear the message ring:

Awake! thou that sleepest, arise from the dead! The Lord still lives today. His power has never abated. His Word has never changed. The things He did in Bible days, He still lives to do today. Not a burden is there He cannot bear nor a fetter He cannot break.

Here bring your sins, He'll wash them away. Here bring your sicknesses, He'll heal you today. We serve not a dead but a living God not 'I WAS,' but 'The Great I AM.'

Come young, come old; come sad, come glad; come weary and faltering of step; come sick, come well! come one, come all unto 'The Great I AM.' There is food for the hungry, there is strength for the faint; there is hope for the hopeless, and sight for the blind."

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Ed Hurley

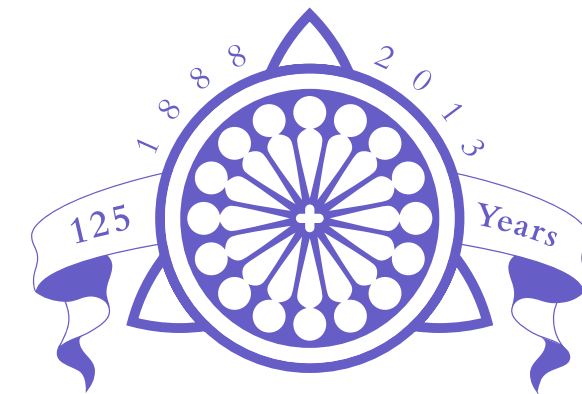
Traveling Hymn: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" Verses 2 & 4

***I love Thy church, O God; Her walls before Thee Stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, And graven on Thy hand.***

***Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, Her hymns of love and praise.***

Stop 4: In the Sanctuary

Worship Service Begins



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Touching Lives Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow



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