

THE CHURCH @ HIGHLAND PARK

The Mirror

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From the Pastor's Desk

As we move from Easter and the resurrection of Christ, I can't help but think about our church. We've been in a bit of a resurrection time! For 2 years every week we look at the number of people with Covid, we look at what level our city is in, we look at what the CDC recommends and then we decide do we have church this week. It feels like we have new life, new breath, new spirit.

If you haven't felt like you can return to church, we certainly understand. Everyone needs to make that decision for themselves, but for those of us who are here Sunday after Sunday we feel different. Perhaps it's just the joy of being with people again, perhaps it's just feeling God in the people around us, or perhaps it's recognizing the loss we felt during those 2 years and now we don't want to take for granted being able to worship together.

As we journey from the cross, I encourage you to also think about the church's journey. We've spent 70 years becoming the church we are today. On May 1st we celebrated our 70th birthday. We aren't here by accident! We're here because for 70 years the people of God have heard the call and responded. They've given of their time, their talents, and their finances to make us a church for all, a church that loves and cares for each other, for our community and for our world.

Rachel Held Evans, in her book *Searching for Sunday* says, "Whenever we show others the goodness of God, whenever we follow our Teacher by imitating his posture of humble and ready service, our actions are sacred and ministerial. To be called into priesthood, as all of us are, is to be called to a life of presence, of kindness."

Thanks be to God for The Church @ Highland Park and for all the "priest" who have given of their lives to make it the church it is today. I look forward to seeing how God will work through us in the next 70 years.

Yours in Ministry together,
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble



Sunday Schedule

9:00AM	Adult Sunday School
9:00AM	Young Adult Sunday School
9:30AM	Youth & Children Sunday School
9:45AM	Choir Rehearsal
11:00AM	Worship Service

Coming Soon...

May 1	The Church @ HP's 70th Birthday Party
May 15-22	BCCM Food Drive
June 1 6 PM	First Summer Supper
June 5-10	Youth Camp @ Schreiner University
June 13-17	Vacation Bible School
July 6 6 PM	Summer Supper
July 18-22	Children's Camp

CROP Walk 2022

After worship on March 6, a group of people walked around the church to support the CROP Walk for Hunger.

This year, we reached our goal of \$1,000. We met that goal with a total amount of \$1,004.

Thank you Highland Park!



On March 6, Jude Gamble and Millie Evans-Clements were dedicated.

Jude Alex Gamble, 3 years old, was accompanied by his parents, Sarah and Justin, and his big brother Caleb. Millie Ivaneil Evans-Clements, pictured here at almost seven months old, was accompanied by her parents, Masyn and Brandon. Thank you for being a church that commits itself to our children and families!

Baby Dedication

Welcoming the Newest (and Tiniest) Members of our Community!

August Leon Clements (or Gus for short) was born March 23rd, 2022 at 1:35 AM at 9lbs 2oz and 22in long. He was born to Annalicia and Brock Clements. According to his parents, he is just the sweetest little guy! His current hobbies include staring at mama and good long cuddles.



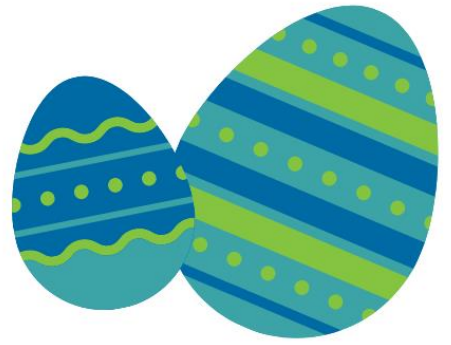
Ambrose Gabriel Neas was born to Hannah and Gabe Neas at home on 3/28/22 at 4:12pm. He weighed 9lbs 8oz and was 21 inches long. He is very well loved.

Discipleship Now



Discipleship Now Weekend is an amazing time for our youth to not only bond with one another, but focus on their spiritual formation. We had a great time with the students and leaders!

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt



Our Highland Park kids had a BLAST at the annual Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt. All children, ages 8 months to 11 years old, hunted eggs!



Good Friday

April 15, 2022



Our Good Friday service was an impactful reminder of Christ's sacrifice for each one of us. Our musicians included Kristin Werner, Rev. Cheryl Kimble, Rev. Masyn Evans-Clements, Brenda Nelson, Chris Vineis, Chase Petersen, and the HP Choir.

At the end of the service, we each dropped a nail into the bucket, signifying the events of Good Friday.



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 17, 2022



This Easter Sunday was an amazing time as a congregation together. Thank you for coming to celebrate the risen Christ with us!

Church Work Day!



During our church work day on March 27, so many of you came together to work on different parts of our church building. We cleaned out closets, planted beautiful flowers, and spruced up the atrium and sanctuary. The church looks absolutely fantastic, and we had a lot of fun doing it!

Our Members...

Our Children and Youth

There is so much going on in the lives of our youngest members! Enjoy these pictures of them and their accomplishments.



Alex and Adrian Rapier
go off-roading



Jaedyn Walters makes first team
all-district and is Newcomer of the year



Millie Evans-Clements
meets Mickey Mouse



Chuck Morton reels
in a great catch



Thyra Neas cuddles her
"Pork Roast," Ambrose



Gus Clements gets a mohawk
in the bathtub



Alex Rapier's Senior Picture.
He graduates in just a few weeks



Sadie Shelton gets her ears
pierced following her 6th birthday



Luke and Brady Shelton
start a business to sell
their wooden creations

Sunday School

The young adult class meets at 9:30AM in the parlor on the second floor by the church offices. This is a class where young adults ask big questions, and think about their faith in tandem with current news from the week prior.

It is taught by Holly St John and Sarah Gamble, and they welcome anyone who considers themselves a young adult.



The Adult Sunday School class meets at 9:00a.m. on Sunday mornings. This is a hybrid class--Zoom is still an option but you are welcome to meet in person. This class meets in room 225 upstairs in the hallway by the office and restrooms. Grab some coffee on your way in and don't forget your mask. If you are joining the class by Zoom, please log in by 8:55AM.

Just a reminder that Children's Sunday School for 4 year olds through 5th grade is happening in the multi purpose room every Sunday morning from 9:30-10:30. Don't worry if you roll in a little late, you can drop off your children any time! For anyone younger than 4, you can drop them off in the nursery for their own little lesson and activity time and we will join the older class for a snack around 10:20. Hope to see everyone there!

-Abby Byrd, Children's Ministry Coordinator



Our Members...

The Touch List

Please keep these members and friends of Highland Park in your prayers, and feel free to offer support in other ways.

Prayer Concerns:

- Pray for the safety and protection of the People of Ukraine and for the wisdom of the leadership responding to the conflict. Pray for the families of those who have died. Pray for peace.
- Lesley Richards is hospitalized with a perforated bowel due to diverticulitis and has had a procedure to place a drain. Her condition may require a bowel resection. Cards can be sent to 2531 Crossvine Dr., Katy, Tx 77494.
- JoAnn Nicholson is hospitalized at the same hospital in Cypress, Texas where her daughter Lesley is also hospitalized. JoAnn has double pneumonia and UTI. JoAnn@austin.rr.com.
- Barbara Paul had a heart attack that required surgery. She has returned home and LaNell reports she is recovering nicely. Cards can be sent to 126 Alex Way, Abilene, TX 79602 (4/29/22)
- Betty Reynolds has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and would appreciate prayers. She is having further testing to determine her treatment options. 202 Woodbridge Blvd, Apt 148, Temple, TX 76504.
- Tiffany Chandler has been diagnosed with breast cancer and has finished her chemotherapy. Her surgery is scheduled for May 12. Please pray for Tiffany and her family. 11003 Callanish Park Dr., 78750 tiffchandler@sbcglobal.net
- Barbara Lightsey is at rehab facility after a short stay in the hospital this past weekend. Jason reports she is improving. 2294 Common St #205, New Braunfels 78130. blightsey55@sbcglobal.net (3/20/22)
- Karen Bergen, Kelli Lightsey's sister, has been diagnosed with cancer. 11510 Timberly Park Lane, Cypress, TX 77433. (3/11/22)
- Mary Perkins, Kim McCann's friend's mom, passed away. We remember the family in our prayers. (4/29/22)

Celebrations:

- EmmaLyn Darby Balkum born to Lauri Anne Balkum on 4/21/22 weighing 6lbs 14oz. Momma and baby are both home doing well. Congratulatory emails can be sent to grandparents Kim and David at david.balkum@outlook.com .
- Breck Atticus Wong born to Kyle and Boo Wong on 4/6/22. 7705 Ridgestone Dr., 78731



Rev. Cheryl Kimble
Pastor

Masyn Evans-Clements
Minister for Youth & Outreach

Abby Byrd
Children's Ministry Coordinator

Chris Vineis
Director of Music

Kathy Stanley
Director of Operations

Becky Dillard
Administrative Assistant

Chase Petersen
Church Organist/Accompanist

Carolyn Doolittle
Church Bookkeeper

Maddy Bewley
Childcare Workers

"How do I get involved @ HP?"

1

We are in desperate need of VBS volunteers! Contact Abby or the Church Office to volunteer to help July 13-17.

2

Donate money to help our Children and Youth go to youth camp this summer. You can donate in the offering plate or online.

3

Donate your canned goods to the Spring Food Drive for the Baptist Community Center for Missions.

4

Join us for church activities! Summer Supper, Sunday School, Share Your Table, Camps and VBS, etc.



February

2/5	Roger Vaughan
2/7	Brenda Nelson
2/9	John Osgood
2/11	Marty Roberts
2/12	Sadie Shelton
2/14	Nancy Osgood
2/24	Lorene Denney
2/26	Michelle Poncik
2/28	Keller Kimble

March

3/7	Kay Greenhaw
3/8	Paige Shelton
3/19	Margaret Stafford
3/20	Annette Halsey
3/20	Don Paul
3/21	Abby Byrd
3/21	Kim McCann
3/22	Brian Walters
3/24	Jane Macias
3/29	Edward Rapier
3/30	John Lowe

**Birthdays
@ HP**