

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost		October 4, 2026	
Chiming of the Hour	The Children of Highland Park	Offering of Gifts	Margaret Stafford
Prelude	“Hope” Mark Stern, Organist	Offertory Music	“Communion from the Masses "Cognovi" and St. Croix ” Mark Stern
Welcome and Invocation	Rev. Cheryl Kimble Pastor	Doxology, tune No. 307	
Call to Worship, spoken in unison		Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. O Praise God, O Praise God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!	
O God, make the doors of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back our fears. God, make the door of this house the gateway to your eternal kingdom.		Special Music	“Breathe On Me Breath of God” Cecily Shield, Soloist
Opening Hymn, No. 246	“The Church's One Foundation”	Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Cheryl Kimble
Passing the Peace	Margaret Stafford Liturgist	The Lord’s Prayer, spoken in unison	
One: The Lord be with you. Many: And also with you. One: Lift up your hearts. Many: We lift them up unto the Lord. One: Now with the power of God’s love and in the fullness of God’s spirit, please greet one another with the peace of Christ!		Anthem	“Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether” Choir
Hymn of Peace	“All Are Welcome Here”	Scripture Reading	Jn. 3:1-10, 16-17, and 20-21
Children are invited to the front steps for the children’s sermon.		Sermon	“Re-Thinking Jesus, Nicodemus, and John 3:16” Rev. Walt Shelton Pastor
Children’s Sermon	Leah Schreier Director of Students	Words of Institution and Communion	
Children 2nd grade and below are dismissed to the nursery.		Hymn of Response, No. 468	“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”
Bolded text is read or sung by the congregation.		Announcements	Rev. Walt Shelton
		Benediction	“Send the Light”
		Postlude	“Little Prelude in C, BWV 553” Mark Stern
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Announcements

NAMI and WOMANFEST SIGN-UP

Stop by the table in the Atrium TODAY to learn more about the NAMI Walk and WomanFest and sign up to participate. We'd love to see you there!

Quarterly Church Conference

Our Quarterly Church Conference will be held TODAY, following worship in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend.

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet TODAY, following the Church Conference in the library. Council members, please plan to attend.

Banned Books Week Event

Join The Church at Highland Park this October as we support Students Against Censorship and their Banned Books Week event on October 10th, celebrating the freedom to read and access to diverse voices and perspectives. The event will take place in SAPP Hall.

Doctor's Noteworthy Ensemble Concert

Join us in the sanctuary on October 10th at 6:00 p.m. for a special performance by the Doctor's Noteworthy Ensemble. All are welcome to enjoy an evening of music, community, and a wonderful concert featuring this talented group!

Sunday Children Volunteers Needed

Volunteers Needed! We are looking for weekly helpers to teach, lead games, or assist with the little ones. You can sign up by adding your name to your chosen date, and a special thank-you to all our volunteers for sharing their time and energy with the kids. The spreadsheet is located in the weekly e-mail newsletter.

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour needs volunteers! The donut sign-up sheet is located on the library window.

Ongoing Sunday Tech Support

We have an ongoing need for volunteers during worship services to assist with sound and slide presentation. No prior experience is necessary.

Join Us for the NAMIWalks 2026!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 17, 2026, and join our church as we participate in NAMIWalks, a community event supporting the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

Trunk or Treat - October 25

Join us for our Halloween Fest on October 25! This fun-filled event is for all ages. Come enjoy fellowship, fun, and festivities!

40th WomanFest - "Women of Valor"

SAVE THE DATE for WomanFest 2026, located in Georgetown, TX, the weekend of November 6-8.

SAVE THE DATE

December 12 - Artist Market

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**Highland
Park**

COME
TO THE
TABLE

The Worship of God
on October 4, 2026

Welcome to our worship service. We are so glad you're here.
All are welcome here because all are worthy.