

We are a multiracial, pro-LGBTQ, economically diverse, member-led Atlanta church devoted to radical inclusivity, thoughtful spirituality, and caring community.

Recognizing that we are all “one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28) we affirm our equality in the family of God and in this congregation regardless of social status, education, race, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, mental ability, physical ability, position, or any other distinction. You can learn more about us at [www.churchatponceandhighland.org](http://www.churchatponceandhighland.org).

We are an independent, member-led community that relies on offerings.



Our finance committee manages a lean budget that is 100% transparent and approved by church members annually.

Offerings may be made via the QR code to the left, at [churchatponceandhighland.org](http://churchatponceandhighland.org), in the offertory boxes in the sanctuary, or **(new!)** via card in-person at the donation terminal. Please consider a recurring monthly gift!

### 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

### The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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# Order of Worship

May 5, 2024



*The Baptism of Kari Ellis*

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# The Church at Ponce & Highland

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Prelude Leisa Smith

\*Opening Hymn, Number 15h All  
*“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

\*Call to Worship Colin Holtz

One: Come, let us worship and praise God this morning.  
Many: **The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian, and our guide.**  
One: Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for us.  
Many: **Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.**  
One: Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.  
Many: **Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with love and hope.**  
One: Surely God’s mercy accompanies us on our journey.  
*All: Amen.*

Chiming of the Hour  
*A moment to breathe and reset*

Children’s Time Colleen DeGraff Holtz  
*God loves your kids’ wiggles and squeals. Children are welcome to stay in the sanctuary or join Sunday school at this time.*

Baptism Kari Ellis

Epistle Reading  
*1 John 5:9-17*

\*Hymn of Affirmation, Number 518 All  
*“Shall We Gather at the River”*

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer (*printed on back*) Mimi Walker

Music for Meditation Christopher Ladouceur

New Testament Reading  
*Acts 10:44-48*

One: The Word of God for the People of God.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Colin Holtz

Communion  
*Communion is open to all. Please come down the center aisles and return via the outside aisles. We will partake of the Lord’s Supper together once everyone has returned to their seats.*

\*Hymn of Response, Number 613 All  
*“The Servant Song”*

Announcements Colin Holtz

Offertory Prayer Sarah Thomas

\*Doxology (*printed on back*) All

\*Benediction Colin Holtz

\*\*Postlude Leisa Smith

\* Please stand as able

\*\* Prerecorded, audio only