

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

Recognizing that we are all “one in Christ Jesus” (Gal 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.

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, or in the offertory boxes in the sanctuary. 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.

Contact Us!

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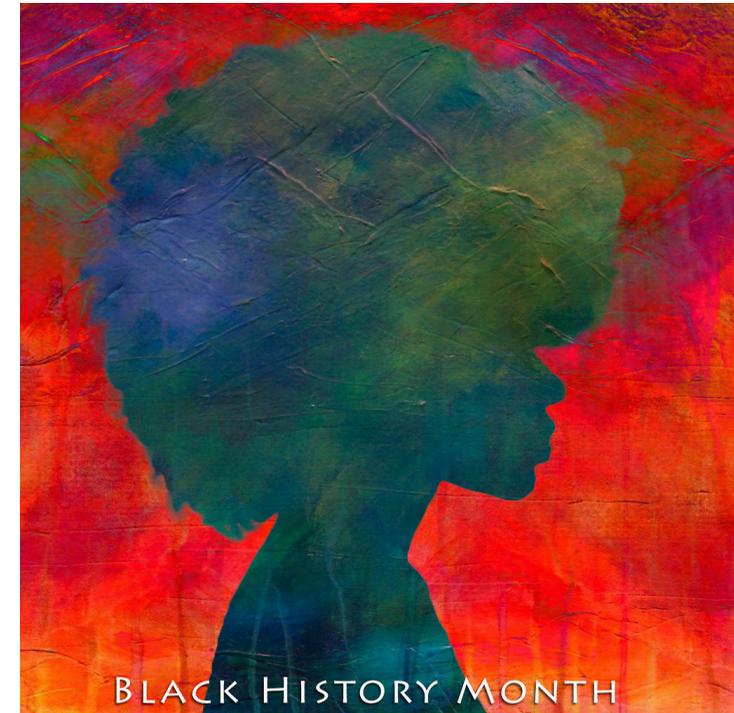
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Order of Worship

February 22, 2026



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The Church at Ponce & Highland

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470-317-6435!*

Prelude Leisa Smith

*Hymn of Gathering, Number 226 All
“O Praise the Gracious Power”

*Call to Worship Colin Holtz

One: Lord God, it was in an African garden that you created humanity.

Many: **May our lives point to respect, equality, and dignity.**

One: Who are we that you should have made us in your image. Lord Kyrios, forgive us for straying from your purpose for humanity.

Many: **May our lives point to respect, equality, and dignity.**

One: While too many traffic in hatred, we seek liberation. Forgive those who accept ideas of racial inferiority and prejudice.

Many: **May our lives point to respect, equality, and dignity.**

One: We extend love and fellowship to all, for all are created in your image. Give us courage to stand against those who sow evil.

All: ***And may our lives point to respect, equality, and dignity.
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 Sundayschool at this time.

Hebrew Bible Reading

Proverbs 14:21-33

*Hymn of Affirmation, Number 446 All
“Take Time to Be Holy”

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer (printed on back) Allen Jones

Music for Meditation Chris Ladouceur

You are invited to light a candle to reflect a prayer concern.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:27- 37

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Colin Holtz

*Hymn of Response, Number 330 All
“Amazing Grace”

Announcements Colin Holtz

Offertory Prayer Sharon Strom

*Doxology (printed on back) All

*Benediction Colin Holtz

**Postlude Leisa Smith