

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. Learn more at 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 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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Order of Worship

Aug 9, 2026



The Church at Ponce & Highland

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470-317-6435!*

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Prelude

Leisa Smith

*Hymn of Gathering, Number 508

All

“Lord, for the Gift of Children”

*Call to Worship

Colin Holtz

One:

Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

Many:

Let us worship together, every generation.

One:

The good news is proclaimed in God’s Word, and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

Many:

Let us worship together, every generation.

One:

As we seek a blessing upon those who head back to school,

Many:

Let us worship together, every generation.

One:

We never stop learning, and so we come together seeking a community to know God better.

All:

Let us worship together, every generation. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

A moment to breathe and rest

Back to School Blessing

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

Genesis 37:18-20

*Hymn of Affirmation, Number 512

All

“O Perfect Love”

* Please stand as able

** Pre-recorded, audio only

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

Colin Holtz

Music for Meditation

Leisa Smith

You are invited to light a candle to reflect a prayer concern or practice the breath prayer below

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Colleen DeGraff Holtz

*Hymn of Response, Insert Number 549

All

“This Little Light of Mine”

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Wyatt Miles

*Doxology (printed on back)

All

*Benediction

Colleen DeGraff Holtz

**Postlude

Leisa Smith

Breath prayer of the week:

Question of the week:

Practice of the week:

In: I am kind,

Out: I am loved.

How can I be a holy troublemaker?

Do something scary, trusting in Jesus.