

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn, *Come Behold the Feast of Heaven*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

Listening Assist Devices are available. Please see our sound technician or an usher for assistance. Large print hymn sheets are also available upon request for visually impaired persons. An usher can provide a copy for you.

Worship care is available for infants, toddlers and preschoolers during worship. Our greeters are available to help you navigate our building. A Worship Cart with activities to engage children in the pew is located in the Commons.

Nearly 65% of people at Highland use online giving to make financial gifts to the church. We invite you to be one of them! Scan the QR code in the section below to be directed to our online giving page.

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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

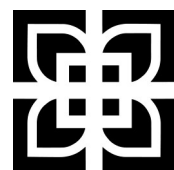
- **Pledging Continues!** If you haven't yet made your pledge for Highland's mission and ministries in 2026, please consider doing so. Make your pledge online using the QR code or pick up a copy of the pledge card in the Commons. Please turn in your pledge today!
- ***Considering Matthew Shepard***—Members of Highland's Sanctuary Choir along with members of Voices of Kentuckiana will join forces to present *Considering Matthew Shepard* at Actors Theatre on Friday, October 10 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, October 12 at 3:00 PM. The entire three-part oratorio is a powerful and compassionate response to the brutal murder of Matthew Shephard, a gay college student from Wyoming in the fall of 1998. Recommended for teens and above. You may use the QR code above to purchase tickets.
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - October 10-12: Fall Women's Retreat
 - October 23: Senior Adults lunch at the Overlook Restaurant in Leavenworth, IN



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 5, 2025

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.



**HIGHLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH**

*A thinking, feeling, healing
community of faith*

Our Mission... God's Love compels us to cultivate a safe, welcoming community of faith where all are challenged to discover, grow, and serve, as together we boldly live out the worship that is our very lives.

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AND THEIR FAMILIES

Invitation to Worship

Paul Henderson

COME, BEHOLD! THE FEAST OF HEAVEN ALLELUIA!

Prelude

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on Let All Mortal Flesh

Call to Worship

Abbi Wolfe (8:45)
Eliza Purtlebaugh (11:15)

The world holds grudges, keeps score, remembers debts.
But here, in Christ's body, mercy triumphs over judgment.
Here, forgiveness is practiced, bread is shared,
And love makes room for all.
Come. Taste and see the goodness of God.
Let us worship the One who sets the table for us all.

Processional Hymn †	LLANFAIR	Sermon	Dr. Lewis Brogdon
Come, Behold the Feast of Heaven		Beginning with Ourselves	
Come, behold! the feast of heaven Alleluia! has to mortal flesh been given. Alleluia! Hear the Word of God, declared: Alleluia! “Come! the banquet is prepared.” Alleluia!		ALL WHO SHARE GOD’S FEAST ARE BLESSED. ALLELUIA!	
All is ready, come attend Alleluia! as the Lord’s invited friend; Alleluia! come from north, west, south, and east; Alleluia! Celebrate the joyful feast. Alleluia!		Hymn of Response (467) †	THAXTED
All who trust in God belong Alleluia! at this banquet with this throng. Alleluia! Share the mystic holy food; Alleluia! taste and see: the Lord is good. Alleluia!		We Are One in Christ	
As the Lord our God has willed, Alleluia! here the hungry soul is filled; Alleluia! here the weary are refreshed. Alleluia! All who share God’s feast are blessed. Alleluia!		The Celebration of Holy Communion	Renee Purtlebaugh
Prayer of Praise †	Abbi Wolfe (8:45) Eliza Purtlebaugh (11:15)	Invitation to the Table Exchange of Peace † Prayer of Thanksgiving The Lord’s Prayer* Words of Institution Reception of the Bread and Cup † Everyone is invited forward to receive bread and cup. All bread served is gluten friendly. Deacons will receive tithes and offerings in the offering plates as you return to your seat.	
Glory to the Creator †	MEINEKE	Choral Anthem	John Leavitt
Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Spirit, One. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.		Kyrie	
HERE THE WEARY ARE REFRESHED. ALLELUIA!		Kyrie eleison - Lord have mercy Christe eleison - Christ have mercy	
A Blessing	Paul Henderson		
And the Table Will Be Wide: A Blessing for World Communion Sunday © Jan Richardson. janrichardson.com		Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer †	Roy Fuller
Prayer of Confession	John Kupar	News for the Community	John Kupar
Assurance of Forgiveness		In response to your decision, we welcome you! We covenant to be the family of God for you in this place. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, as we journey in faith together.	
Hymn †	LAND OF REST	For the ministries that shape the life of our community, thanks be to God.	
From Every Race, from Every Clime		Doxology †	TALLIS’ CANON
From every race, from every clime Your people gathered ‘round the emblems of Your grace sublime with gratitude abound.		Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One, Amen.	
Partaking of the bread, we know our strength from You derives, and as we take the cup, we go to witness with our lives.		Postlude	Joseph Parr
Throughout the world Your table’s set, dear Lord our Savior, Guide in hope we know that we shall yet in fellowship abide.		IMPROVISATION ON THAXTED	
From north to south, from east to west we gather to recall in reverent memory Your blest redemptive love for all.		† For those who are able, we invite you to stand.	
HEAR THE WORD OF GOD DECLARED: ALLELUIA!		*In worship at Highland, we aim to speak and sing a theology that reflects an expansive and inclusive God. As we begin the Lord’s Prayer today, we will use the words “Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father...” to offer a fuller image of who God is. Within the prayer, some of us use the word “kingdom” and others prefer the word “kin-dom” to refer to the beloved community of God. We invite you to join us in using your own creative and intentional language as you pray, knowing that no single word will ever capture the essence of who God is.	
Epistle Lesson	Dr. Lewis Brogdon		
I Corinthians 11: 23-32 (Pew Bible page 169 – NT)			