



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church  
December 2, 2025

## Office Schedule

**December**

Mon-Wed - office open 9 am to 5 pm  
Thu - office open 9 am to 1 pm  
Fri - OFFICE CLOSED

**December 24, 25, 26**

OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas

**December 31**

Office open from 9 am to 1 pm

**January 1**

OFFICE CLOSED



**Highland's Generosity Astounds**

We opened Advent with astonishing generosity, Highland! Collecting for three different organizations throughout November—La Casita, Highland Community Ministries, and The Solidarity Project—was more than we have asked of our congregation in recent memory, and together we rose to this challenge. Members of the teams organizing the counting and transporting of these items to their various organizations have marveled at the beauty of Highland’s giving spirit over the past 48 hours.

For **Highlands Community Ministries**, we gathered a mound of throw-size blankets, along with \$2725 in gift cards to Walmart, Kroger, and Target.



For **La Casita**, we met or exceeded the need for every item on the requested list:

- 200 rolls of toilet paper—exceeded!
- 100 bars of soap—exceeded!
- 100 tubes of deodorant—exceeded!
- 100 bottles of liquid dish soap—exceeded!
- 100 bottles of laundry detergent—exceeded!



For **The Solidarity Project**, a load of items has been delivered after each Sunday’s collection for the past 3 Sundays. After Hanging of the Green, there is yet another load of rice, beans, menstrual pads and

diapers waiting to be delivered. Note: We will continue collecting items for this organization on an ongoing basis if you are still looking for a way to give this season.

As author and activist Valarie Kaur, keynote speaker at the Festival of Faiths, recently shared, living with an ethic of Revolutionary Love means seeing our neighbor and recognizing each one proclaiming, “You are a part of me I do not yet know.” Thank you, thank you, thank you Highland for boldly and generously making a difference in the lives of neighbors across our city, neighbors who are already a part of us we do not yet know!

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## **Canceled: Sorting Soiree and Packing Party at La Casita**

Due to weather, the Sorting Soiree and Packing Party at La Casita Center has been canceled.

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## Join Us for Advent at Highland!



**Out of the Blue engages the theme of surprise. We are surprised by mercy, new beginnings, wild growth, love in the face of violence, and a baby in the manger.**

**Please note that during the Advent and Christmas season we will offer one Sunday worship service each week at 11:15 AM. We will resume our regular Sunday schedule on January 4.**

### **Sunday, December 7—Peace Sunday**

#### ***Second Sunday of Advent Worship Service, 11:15 AM***

Peace Sunday is our time to remember those in our city who have been killed by acts of violence. We will read each name aloud, and place crosses on the front lawn as an act of remembrance and a call to action in our community.

#### ***Children's Advent Service, 6:00 PM***

Children's voices and the ringing of bells are a highlight of the season! Join us for an evening of music from Highland's Carol Choir, Chorister Choir, and Children's Handbell Choir—ages 3 through 5th grade. Cookies and milk reception to follow. *Childcare provided for infants, toddlers, and 2s.*

### **Wednesday, December 10**

#### ***Families with Children Hot Chocolate Night***

Join us for pizza, hot chocolate bar, and games from 5:30-7:00 PM at Highland!

### **Sunday, December 14—Joy Sunday**

#### ***Third Sunday of Advent Worship Service, 11:15 AM***

Join us for a morning of music and celebration with the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra presenting glorious music of the season.

### **Wednesday, December 17**

#### ***Orchestra Christmas Concert, 6:00 PM***

This delightful concert featuring fun and festive music includes a choral ensemble. *Childcare available by*

reservation only for infants, toddlers and preschoolers by contacting [Megan Fuller](#) to RSVP.

### **Friday, December 19**

Join us as we sing the carols of Christmas at Friday Church at 7:00 PM! We will end the service with candlelight.

### **Youth Christmas Party**

Youth are invited to gather for the Christmas Party at the home of Kathey and Mark Golightly Sanders from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Contact [John Kuper](#) to RSVP.

### **Sunday, December 21—Love Sunday**

***Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Service, 11:15 AM***

#### ***Longest Night Service, 6:00 PM***

Christmas is often characterized as the most wonderful time of the year, but it is often anything but this, especially for those who are grieving at the holidays. Whether you are reflecting on the loss of a loved one, a job, a relationship, or a life transition, all are welcome to this quiet and reflective worship service on the longest night of the year. *Childcare available by reservation only for infants, toddlers and preschoolers by contacting [Megan Fuller](#) to RSVP.*

### **Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve**

***Christmas Eve Services, 4:00 and 6:00 PM***

We will gather to sing the carols of Christmas in a more casual and family-friendly service at 4:00 PM. Lessons and Carols tells the Christmas story through scripture, carols, and music by the Sanctuary Choir at 6:00 PM. Both services end with candlelight to mark the joy of Christ's birth! Childcare provided for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

### **Sunday, December 28**

***Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM***

Join us for this casual worship service and enjoy singing beloved Christmas carols. Please note Bible study classes will not meet. We will resume our regular Sunday schedule on January 4.



## **Hanging of the Green**



Many thanks to all who worked diligently to make our Hanging of the Green reception come to life! This photo captures just one moment and a handful of the group who spent time setting up, cooking, and cleaning up — but there were far more folks who joined the effort not pictured here. We are deeply grateful for the gifts of time and creativity given so that we might celebrate the beginning of the Advent season in community with one another.

 **Cloud of Witness Series Continues Tomorrow Night**



Bob Cunningham continues this remarkable series interviewing our beloved Highland "saints-in-process." Join us this Wednesday, December 3 at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall for Bob's conversation with David Swim, Amber Burke, and John Dickson.

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## Families with Children - Upcoming Events



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## An Update from the Pastor Search Committee

The pastor search committee is pleased to announce that we have narrowed the field of candidates down to two finalists. We are going to have day-long in-person interviews with each candidate in January. We are so very grateful for the prayers and support of the congregation and ask that you continue those prayers for the candidates and the search committee.

*~ Kathey Golightly Sanders, Co-Chair*

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# HIGHLAND WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



Matthew, Marni and  
Mina Christian



Emily Coleman



Macaulay and Roan  
Hendrix-Verran



Lester Holladay



Dawn Howard



Kimbrough Gossett



Teresa and Steve  
Gowler



Jack, Afton, Lizzie, and  
Harbin Keadle

JOINED NOVEMBER 30, 2025

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## Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance Offered This Friday

The open enrollment period for many forms of health insurance is now, and we recognize both the importance of having coverage and the challenges many face in navigating today's healthcare system. With that in mind, we've looked for meaningful ways to support people as they seek to obtain or maintain their insurance.

Toward that goal, we've arranged for two of Kentucky's "kynectors" to be present on **Friday, December 5 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at Highland** to work with people who want help with an application or the opportunity to ask questions. "Kynectors" is Kentucky's word for individuals trained to "connect" people with insurance through the **Affordable Care Act or Medicaid**. They are skilled at assessing eligibility and at completing the application processes.

Friday evening was chosen to give individuals who attend Friday Church a chance to enlist this help, but it is open to anyone at Highland or ... anyone ... friend, foe, family member. It's a public service, paid for by state government, as a way to support people in need.



## Jean Janes Women's Group Mission Work

Jean Janes Women's Group participates in Olive Branch Ministries of Kentucky's Christmas Boxes for Appalachia mission project which brings Christmas cheer to approximately 4,000 school-aged children living in impoverished areas. This year, we filled 37 gift boxes with personal care essentials, school supplies, toys, books and \$10 gift cards for 3rd-4th grade boys living in southeastern Kentucky!

In November, we and Highland's Youth had fun working together making fleece scarves for our Friday church friends and the unhoused. Including the scarves and hats made by women in our group, this mission project will help over 200 people keep warm this winter!





## Join Us for Wednesday Night Dinners



**We hope you can join us for Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners!** We ask everyone to make a reservation so that we have an accurate count for meal preparation. **Please make your reservations by Monday at 12:00 Noon for each week's meal.** You can either make standing reservations or make them weekly by emailing [Kathleen Gordon](mailto:Kathleen.Gordon@church.org) or calling her at the church office, 502-451-3735. Meal costs are \$10 per person, \$5 for children, with a maximum of \$25 per family. Dinners can be [paid online here](#), by check, or cash at the door. We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity for intergenerational fellowship!

### **December Menu:**

**December 3:** BBQ Pork, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Salad, Dessert

**Note that December 3 is our final Wednesday Night Dinner of 2025, and we will resume on January 7.**



# Chicago Spring Tour

## Contact & Registration

### Trip Coordinator:

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American Gothic, Art Institute of Chicago

## Quick Facts

**Depart:** Sun, Apr 19 at 1 PM (after church)

**Return:** Wed, Apr 22 (5 PM ET)

**Hotel:** Radisson Blu Aqua (3 nights)

**Transport:** Deluxe Motor Coach (312 Limo)

### Includes:

- Daily breakfast
- River Architecture Cruise with Lunch
- Art Institute guided tour
- Frank Lloyd Wright home tour
- 3 Group Dinners (Welcome, Beatrix, Robert's)
- Walking Tour & Pedway Experience
- Taxes, tips & coordination



## Highland Baptist Chicago Spring Tour

Art, Architecture & Friendship  
in the Heart of Chicago

April 19-22, 2026

Contact [Paul Henderson](#) for complete information and brochure.

Click Here for Church Signup Links

**Sunday, 11:15 AM**

<https://www.facebook.com/hbclouisville.org>

<https://www.youtube.com/@highlandbaptist>

**Friday, 7:00 PM**

<https://www.facebook.com/hbclouisville.org>

**Streaming  
Worship  
Links**



# Looking Ahead

- December 3: Cloud of Witness, 6:00 PM
- December 5: Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance, 5:30-7:30 PM
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Children's Advent Service, 6:00 PM, Cookies and Milk Reception to follow
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## Give to Highland

To make a donation from your phone, text "give2hbc" to 502-747-1212  
and open the link or use the QR code below.





## **Louisville Homicides**

Please join us in prayer and action as we remember those who have been killed in recent weeks in our city. We grieve with those who mourn, while we also maintain a hope that one day, all things will be made new.

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