



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church December 9, 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



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.

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 Kubar](#) 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.



Families with Children Hot Chocolate Party



This Wednesday evening at 5:30, families with children are invited to a hot chocolate party at Highland! We'll have pizza for dinner along with a hot chocolate bar—Christmas pajamas and Christmas sweaters welcome! We'll meet on the 2nd floor in the Children's Commons.



Don't Miss this Year's Orchestra Christmas Concert!



Highland's orchestra will perform their annual Christmas concert on **Wednesday, December 17th at 6 PM** – and this year they're joined by the Highland Singers! Join us for an evening of old favorites and new arrangements, including a jazz vocal trio on "Santa Claus Is Comin'" and a tone poem on "In the Bleak Midwinter." (Plus, a rare event: our conductor singing a solo!) *Childcare available by reservation only for infants, toddlers and preschoolers by contacting [Megan Fuller](#) to RSVP.* See you then!



Longest Night Service on December 21 at 6:00 PM



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Highland's staff enjoyed a Christmas brunch and white elephant gift exchange at Chris & Jeanne Caldwell's home this week.



Youth Christmas Party



HIGHLAND BAPTIST YOUTH GROUP

CHRISTMAS PARTY



DECEMBER 19

5:00-8:00 PM

HOME OF MARK AND KATHEY GOLIGHTLY SANDERS
RSVP TO JOHN KUPAR FOR ADDRESS



The Christmas Party this year will be at the home of Kathey and Mark Golightly Sanders on December 19 from 5-8 PM. Youth are invited to bring a wrapped White Elephant gift (\$20 limit please) and a dessert to share. There will be pizza, chips, and drinks provided. I can tell you from my past youth Christmas parties that the games we will play will be quite a joy. RSVP as best you can by December 15 so I can get a headcount for food.

~ John Kuper

Youth Christmas Party RSVP



Chicago Spring Tour

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

Deposit due December 15.

Contact & Registration

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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

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

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**Streaming
Worship
Links**

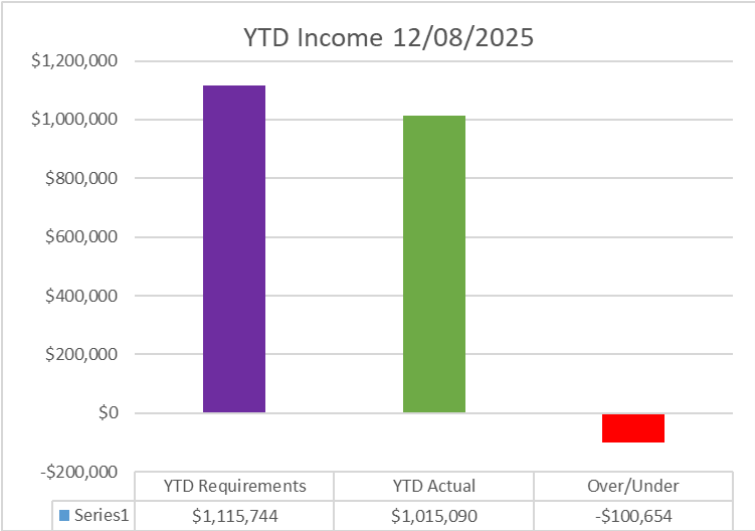
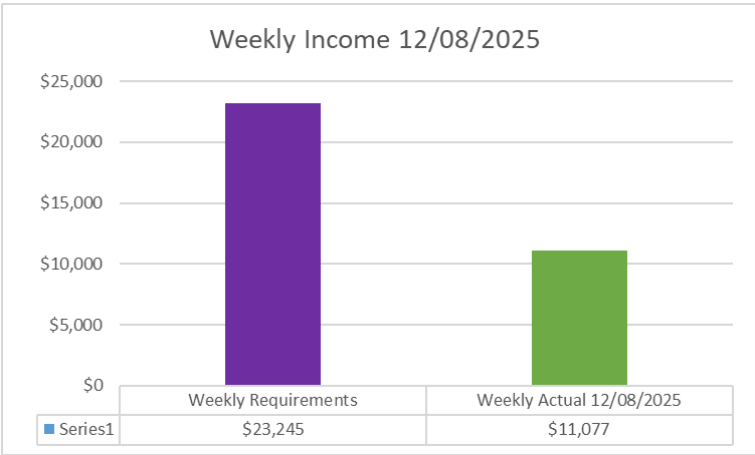


Looking Ahead

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January 4:	Regular Sunday Schedule Resumes
January 7:	Wednesday Night Dinner and Activities Resume



Financial Reports



**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.

- Ashton Bullock, 17, killed November 1
 - Paul Hinkle, 55, killed November 14
 - Isaiah J. Washington, 27, killed November 21
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