



**HIGHLAND  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

*A thinking, feeling, healing  
community of faith*

## ***The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church March 26, 2024***

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### **Easter Sunday at Highland**



Holy Week is upon us! As we prepare for special services and festivities at the end of the week, we are also preparing to receive a large number of guests with us on Easter Sunday. Here are some ways you can help in continuing to make Highland a welcoming space for everyone who joins us:

1. If you have flexibility in your Sunday morning schedule, **consider attending the 8:45 AM worship service** so that we can make space in the sanctuary for more guests attending the 11:15 service. The full choir, handbells, and brass ensemble will be sharing music in both services.
2. **Sign-up to bring a breakfast item** for Easter breakfast! Think easy, individual-portions for a large group of people. Please bring a disposable pan/tray/box, or remember to pick up your container before you leave. Please sign up [here](#) or call Marilyn Whisler at 502-262-2760.
3. If you are physically able, **consider parking a bit further away** than you might normally to allow ample spaces in the parking lot for guests and others who need closer access to the building.
4. **Bring fresh flowers to adorn our Easter cross** outside on the lawn! This is a great, intergenerational activity for everyone to share on Easter morning, and a beautiful symbol for our

community driving by that Love always wins!

5. **Finally, greet someone you don't know!** Whether they've been coming to Highland for ten years or they are a first-time guest for Easter, Sunday's gathering on the lawn is a purposeful opportunity for us to get to know one another, to re-connect with those we haven't seen in awhile, and to celebrate the joy of the resurrection as a community of faith.

We are looking forward to a beautiful Holy Week at Highland! Thank you to ALL the volunteers, musicians, childcare workers, choir members, greeters, deacons, hospitality group members, worship ministry group members, and more who generously give of themselves to help make this week meaningful, worshipful, and a genuine space of welcome for our entire community.





# Holy Week at Highland Baptist Church

## **Palm Sunday: March 24, 8:45 and 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary**

Mary Alice Birdwhistell, Proclaimer

This service of worship celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry and begins with a traditional palm processional led by the children of Highland. The Carol and Chorister Choirs will sing: *Blessed Is He!* The people of Highland will also lift their voices in praise to begin Holy Week.

Sanctuary Choir Anthem: *Lift Up Your Heads*—G. F. Handel



## **Cloud of Witness: March 27, 6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Bob Cunningham facilitates conversations as Highland's "saints-in-process" share their faith stories. This evening will include Noelle Tennis Gulden, Margaret Pennington, and Abby Sizemore.



## **Maundy Thursday Service: March 28, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

This intimate service takes place in smaller gatherings around the Fellowship Hall. This year, we will start early to offer a time of fellowship with charcuterie snacks. Afterward we will join in a time of communion, hymns, reading Scripture, and hand washing.

## **Tenebrae Service: Friday, March 29, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

The Service of Darkness is based on the ancient word Tenebrae (shadows) and remembers Christ's suffering and crucifixion through music and scripture. Highland's Sanctuary Choir provides the music for the service.



## **Easter Sunday: March 31, 8:45 and 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary**

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Join us for this time of celebration as the Sanctuary resounds with congregational singing, choirs, and instruments. Our 2nd and 3rd grade children will process with Easter lilies in the 11:15 a.m. service. Together, we will proclaim that Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Sanctuary Choir Anthem: *Psalm 148*—Gustav Holst

## **Easter Breakfast, Egg Hunt, and Resurrection Cross on the Lawn: 10:00 a.m.**

Join us for a finger-food breakfast in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate the resurrection together on Easter morning. Please sign up via the link in the newsletter to bring a breakfast item to share.



We also invite you to bring fresh flowers to help adorn our Easter cross, created by Chip Miller, outside in front of the sanctuary. Children will also have the opportunity to participate in an Easter egg hunt for different age groups.

Whether you are new to Highland, looking for a way to re-connect, or are with us on a regular basis, we hope you will join us. We look for-



ward to a beautiful Easter morning together with the Highland family!



***Worship Care for infants-preschool children is available  
during all Holy Week and Easter services.***

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## Renee's Upcoming Sabbatical

On Sunday, we shared a blessing with Renee Purtlebaugh at the end of worship as she prepares to begin her 12-week sabbatical beginning April 2. As one who continually invites us to curiosity, wonder, and imagination, we gifted Renee a shirt that says “Blessed are the Curious, for They Shall Have Adventures!” We are thrilled that Renee has received a generous grant from the Lily Foundation to help fund her curiosity and adventures over the next 3 months. The grant will also support some of our experiences here at Highland this year that coincide with Renee’s sabbatical.

During Renee’s time away, we are excited to welcome Rev. Sally Evans back on staff as our Interim Associate Pastor to Children and Families. Sally will be working 12-15 hours each week, tending to the pastoral needs of families with children, participating in worship leadership, coordinating children’s worship, and tending to any needs that arise. She’ll be present on Wednesdays, leading Cherub Choir and offering support to the overall Wednesday evening set of activities. Sally will be in the church office on Tuesdays as well. For any need related to children and family ministry, you can reach out to Sally at [sally@hbclouisville.org](mailto:sally@hbclouisville.org) beginning April 2 through June 24.

We are also grateful to Megan Fuller, who is taking on some extra hours and responsibilities in her role as Children and Family Ministry Assistant. She will be in the office three days a week (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday). In addition to her usual work, she’ll take on additional administrative tasks and preparations for summer camps.

If you have any other needs while Renee is away that are unrelated to children and family ministry, please contact Mary Alice. As much as we would all love to stay in touch with Renee throughout this time, we are asking you to reach out to these staff members instead. We want to honor Renee’s space for rest and renewal, her travels, time with family and friends, and her time to dream and imagine for ministry at Highland in the days ahead. Please share your encouragement and blessing with Renee this week as she prepares to begin her sabbatical next Tuesday, April 2!

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## Highland Welcomes New Member



**Pat Bailey joined Highland on March 24**

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## **Support to Gaza**

The Mission and Justice Ministry Group, Anti-Racism Team, and Global Partnerships Team donated \$9000 this week on the church's behalf to [World Central Kitchen](#). With a track record of delivering over 350 million fresh, nourishing meals worldwide, our donation will go directly to Palestinians in Gaza.

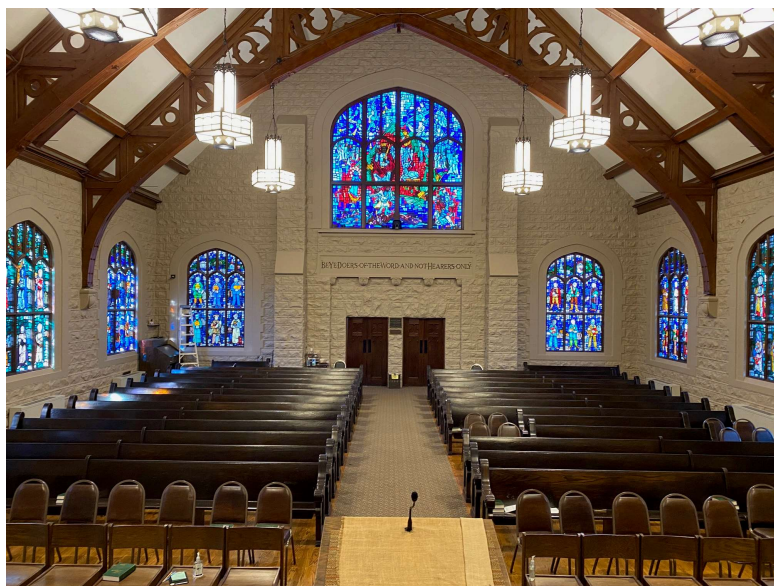
Highland, this is a beautiful testament to the power of solidarity, compassion, and justice. As we continue bearing witness to the injustices of war, for those on all sides, we do well to remember the prophet's call to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.



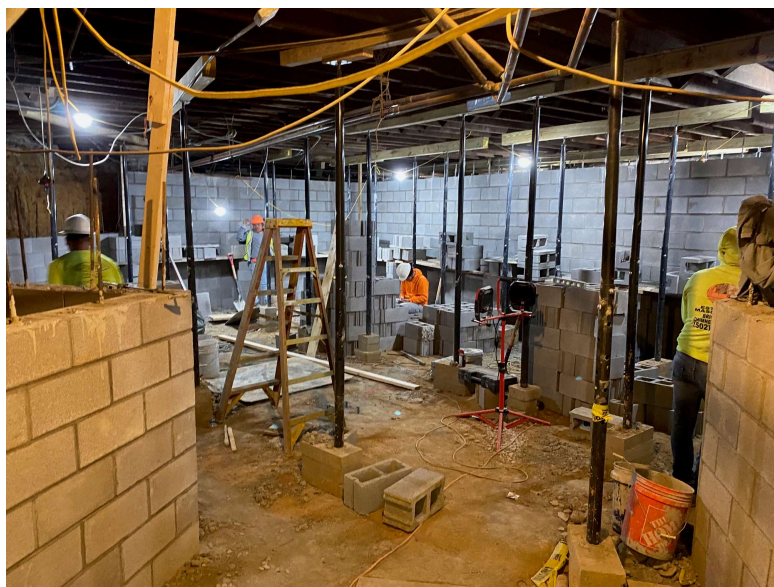
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## **Sacred Space Project Update**

In case you weren't in worship this past weekend you might not know that last Friday the pews returned to the sanctuary! As part of returning the pews to their home, modifications were made to two of the pews (by our own Chip Miller and Jim Hawkins) so that they are shorter than the others, making room for folks in wheelchairs in the middle of the sanctuary.



Work continues on the new mechanical room beneath the sanctuary. Walls are being constructed so that HVAC hardware can soon begin installation.



~ Walter McWhorter

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## Save the Date!

Tuesday, April 9th from 12:00-1:30 PM

Cream of the Crop Salad and Dessert Potluck Luncheon at church - bring your best salad or dessert

item to share with our group! Drinks will be provided.

There will be a flower arranging activity after lunch. We will deliver these arrangements to our church members who are receiving continuing care. If you can deliver a flower arrangement to one of our members on the list it would be greatly appreciated! Please bring a vase (that won't be returned to you) for arranging if you have an extra one. Some vases will be provided, as well as the flowers.

Please RSVP to JoAnne Taheri at [jnntaheri@gmail.com](mailto:jnntaheri@gmail.com) or 502-387-4785 by Sunday, April 7.

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**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper!** Dinner begins at 5:20 PM and children's choirs and youth activities begin at 6:00 PM. Adult programming begins at 6:15 PM.

**Prices are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children (age 4-11), with a family max of \$35.** Children below three years and below eat for free.

**Reservations and cancellations are due by noon on Friday each week.** [Sign up here](#) to reserve your spot. Payments can be made via cash or check as you arrive, but we also encourage paying ahead [here](#) (*Note: those with standing reservations can make payments for the whole month (or more!)*).

Any changes to reservations can be made by emailing [Paul](#) or [Kathleen](#) or calling the Highland Baptist office at 451-3735. If you are in a season of financial hardship that makes paying difficult, you can speak to any of the ministers about assistance for Wednesday Night Supper.

**Menu for March 27:** Chicken Nuggets / Buttery Corn / Salad / Dessert

**Upcoming Menus:**

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| April 3  | <b>JCPS Spring Break - No Wednesday Night Supper</b> |
| April 10 | Tuscan Chicken Pasta / Salad / Rolls / Dessert       |
| April 17 | Beef & Veggie Rice Bowls / Salad / Dessert           |

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## **Jean Janes' Mission Group Yard Sale Postponed**

The Jean Janes' Mission Group has rescheduled their annual yard sale for September 21, due to current construction. Please continue to save your household items, books and other treasures to donate in the fall!

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# Looking Ahead

- March 27 Cloud of Witness with Noelle Tennis Gulden, Margaret Pennington, and Abby Sizemore, 6:15 PM
- March 28 Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 PM (please note earlier start time)
- March 29 Tenebrae Service, 7:00 PM
- March 31 Easter Sunday Worship and Church-Wide Gathering and Celebration
- April 2 Renee's Sabbatical Begins
- April 3 JCPS Spring Break - No Wednesday Evening Activities

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**Sunday, 11:15 AM**

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

**Friday, 7:00 PM**

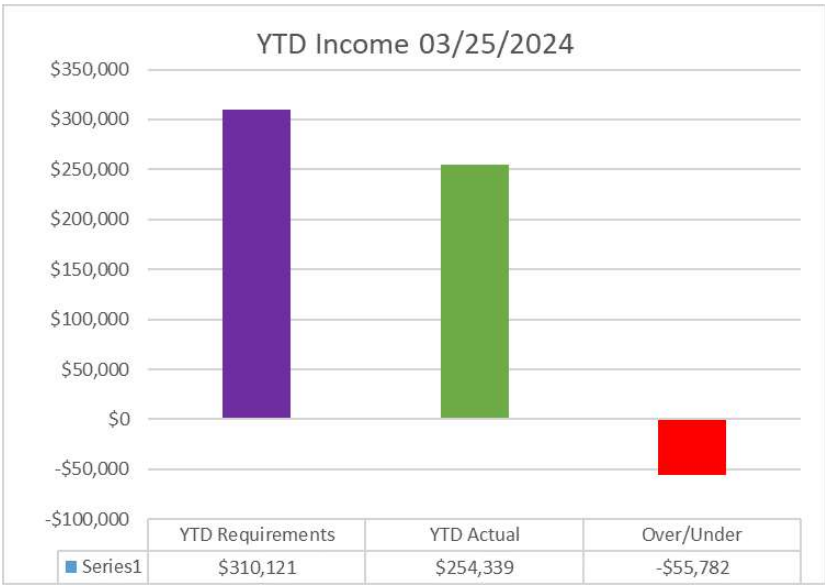
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**Streaming  
Worship  
Links**



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## Financial Reports



**To make a donation from your phone, text "give2hbc" to 502-747-1212  
and open the link.**

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## 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.

- Brandon Adams, 28, killed March 11
  - Louis House, 23, killed March 13
  - Da'Vionna Sloane, 23, killed March 13
  - Antonio Zerefino Alvarez-Mayorga, 41, killed March 14
  - Darryl Malone, 20, killed March 17
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