



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church March 18, 2025



We continue to receive nominations for persons to serve on the Pastor Search Committee. We hope to have a wide range of demographics represented from the church body. You may nominate members, including yourself. The nomination form is available in both [digital format here](#) and paper format through the church office. **Please note that you do NOT need to fill out all the blanks. Nominations will close on Wednesday, March 19 at 5:00 PM. Please use one form per person you wish to nominate, in either the paper or digital format.**



Around Highland
March 16, 2025

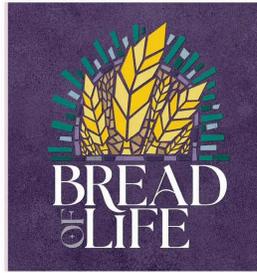


Lauren Blackwell's Time on Highland's Staff Wraps Up



Lauren Blackwell currently serves as Highland's *Interim Ministry Coordinator*, which means that (among other things) she assists our Ministers and Deacons as they plan visits and contacts with those in our congregation who need pastoral care. She has served in this role since June of last year and has proven herself, once again, to be an invaluable resource and gift to the staff and the church. Her time of service is coming to an end, and next Wednesday, March 26, will be her last day in the office. For those of you who don't know, Lauren has served on staff several times over the years in full-time, part-time, and interim positions. She is a delight to work with, has a depth of gifts that have served the congregation well, and has a rich knowledge of people and resources at the church. Lauren will be SO missed in the office. Please express your thanks to her when you see her in the hallways on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Thanks, Lauren!

~ *Walter McWhorter*



Holy Week at Highland Baptist Church

Palm Sunday: April 13, 8:45 and 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary

Justin Sizemore, 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: *Antiphonal Hosanna* by G. Alan Smith. The people of Highland will also lift their voices in praise to begin Holy Week.

Sanctuary Choir Anthem: *The Ground* by Ola Gjelo



Maundy Thursday Service: April 17, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

This intimate service takes place in smaller gatherings around the Fellowship Hall. Again this year, we will offer a time of fellowship with charcuterie snacks. At 7:00 p.m., we will join in a time of communion, hymns, reading Scripture, and hand washing. Kathey Golightly Sanders will lead our Lenten reflection.

Tenebrae Service: Friday, April 18, 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, APRIL 20



Worship, 8:45 and 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary

Carol Harston, Proclaimer

Join us for this time of celebration as the Sanctuary resounds with congregational singing, choirs, and brass. 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: *Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound* by Julian Wachner

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 below or 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 forward 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.



17 Attend Highlights Class

This past Sunday, 17 visitors and new members attended our first Highlights Class of 2025. Gathered around tables in Fellowship Hall, we got to know one another over a delicious meal prepared by the New Member Ministry Group and desserts prepared by our Welcoming Deacon Team.



Visitors and new members shared what draws them to this place and members shared what keeps them here, a vulnerable time of sharing our individual stories and life experiences. Again and again, we heard themes of returning to church life after decades away, a search for inclusivity and healing, along with wonder that a church like Highland (progressive in theology and Baptist) really does exist.

We give thanks for those who entrusted their time to attend and for all who had a hand in bringing this gathering to life!

~ Renee Purtlebaugh



Help Us Build a House with Habitat for Humanity



Later this week, Highland will partner with other Baptist churches to build a home as part of Habitat for Humanity Baptist Build. We are looking for three to four volunteers on each day. For more information, [contact Larry Hoover here.](#)



Interim Pastor Search Update

The Interim Pastoral Search Committee has received multiple candidates in the interim search process, and we are moving forward toward the interview stage soon.

~ John Gulden



Ordination Service for Paxton Vaughn



We are pleased to announce that Paxton Vaughn's ordination as a minister was unanimously approved during our called business meeting earlier this month. Paxton is a long-time member of Highland and **her ordination service will be held here at Highland at 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 6.** We hope you can join us for this important service!

Upcoming Sunday Proclaimers

- March 23:** Renee Purtlebaugh
 - March 30:** Kathryn House
 - April 6:** Sally Evans
 - April 13:** Justin Sizemore
 - April 20:** Carol Harston
 - April 27:** Children's Sabbath
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Easter Lilies

This Easter we will once again adorn our Sanctuary with beautiful Easter Lilies. You are invited to purchase a lily for \$15 in memory of, in honor of, or in appreciation of a family member, a friend, a loved one, or a group of people. You may order flowers by [clicking on this link](#).



You may also order lilies by calling the church office at 502-451-3735. **The deadline for ordering is Monday, April 14.**



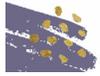
Meal costs are \$10 per person, \$5 for children, with a maximum of \$25 per family. We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity for intergenerational fellowship!

Please make your reservations by Monday at 12:00 Noon for that week's meal. You can either make standing reservations or make them weekly by emailing [Kathleen Gordon](mailto:Kathleen.Gordon@churchoffice.com) or calling her at the church office, 502-451-3735.

March Menus:

March 19: Fried & Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Salas, Rolls, Dessert

March 26: Soup, Salad, Cornbread, Dessert



Cream of the Crop Potluck Luncheon on March 19

Bring a side dish to share and join a great group of senior adults for a potluck luncheon on Wednesday, March 19 at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall! We will enjoy good food, fellowship, board games, and some Mardi Gras fun with Paul Henderson (rescheduled from our February meeting that was cancelled due to weather). Don't miss it!



Successful Jean Janes Yard Sale!



Thank you to everyone who contributed items for last Saturday's yard sale, and to those who helped us set up and take it down. We netted over \$3000, which will support a variety of local, state, and national mission projects.

~ Kathy Belcher



Highlands
Community
Ministries

grow. heal. play.

Lenten Lunch Series

*Strength for Today
Hope for Tomorrow*

**Thursdays during Lent
Noon - 1pm**

- **3/13: Deer Park Baptist**
- **3/20: Immanuel UCC**
- **3/27: Unity of Louisville**
- **4/3: Strathmoor Presbyterian**
- **4/10: Bardstown Rd. Presbyterian**

*Free Soup Lunch and a Short Devotional by
Speakers from Highlands Congregations*

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

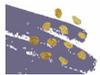
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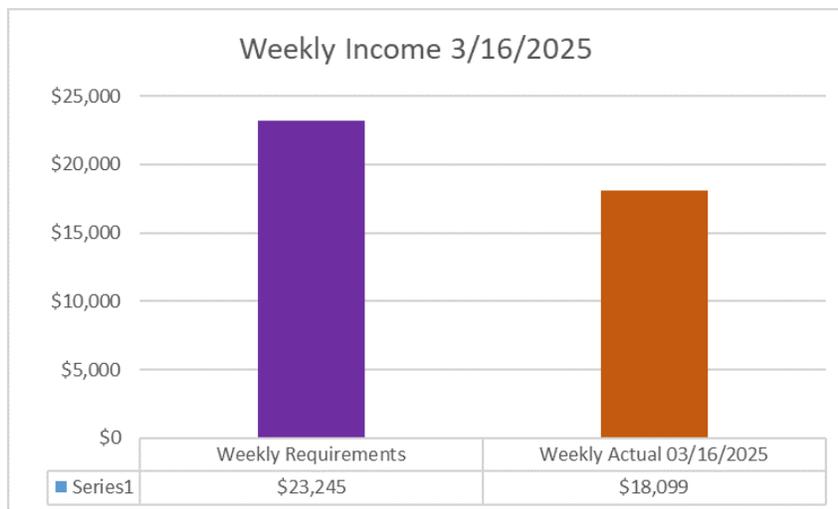


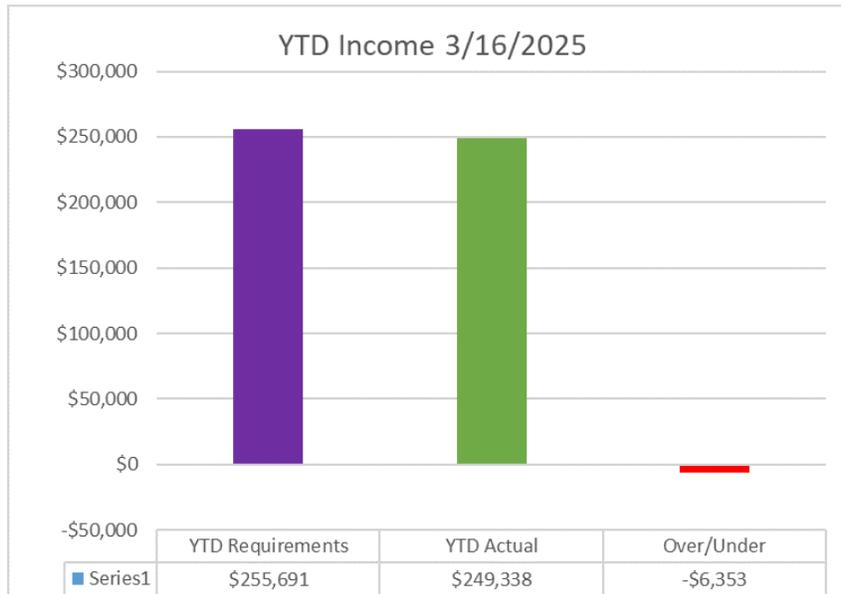
Looking Ahead

- March 19: Cream of the Crop Potluck Luncheon, 12:00 Noon, Fellowship Hall
- March 20-22: Habitat for Humanity Baptist House Build
- March 26: Cloud of Witness with Kim Fritschi, Gary Pennington, and Abbi Wolfe
- April 6: Ordination Service for Paxton Vaughn, 4:00 PM, Sanctuary
- April 13: Palm Sunday - 8:45 and 11:15 AM services, Sanctuary
- April 17: Maundy Thursday service, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall
- April 18: Good Friday - Tenebrae service, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary
- April 20: Easter Sunday - 8:45 & 11:15 AM services, Easter on the Lawn, 10:00 AM
- April 27: Children's Sabbath



Financial Reports





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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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