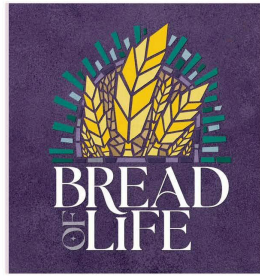




The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church
April 8, 2025



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!

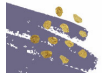


Worship Care for infants-preschool children is available during all Holy Week and Easter services.



*Around Highland
April 6, 2025*





Pastor Search Committee Nominees

The recommendations for the Pastor Search Committee are found below. Please prayerfully consider these names over the next two weeks. We will include information about each nominee in next week's newsletter. We will vote on these nominees April 27-30.

When voting, you may vote yes on the whole group or vote individually for each candidate.

Larry Gray
Robert Kahne
Amy Pacyga
Erin Phelps
Kathy Golightly Sanders
Jess Smith
Abbi Wolfe

Alternates: Diane Brewer, Ron Smith

~ Robin Ramsay for the Ad Hoc Committee



All of Highland's children, birth—5th grade

are invited to participate and lead in the 11:15 AM service,
Sunday, April 27.



Please Respond to Our Highland Survey

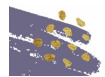
Hello Highland Baptist Members and Affiliates,

As most of you know, Highland Baptist Church (HBC) is currently undergoing one of the church's most transformative eras in its history. With a search for a new pastor and an everchanging cultural and political landscape, HBC is actively seeking a path forward.

In a concerted effort to hear and listen to ALL HBC voices, we have developed an 8-question survey to further understand, enhance, and advance our work with one another and in the broader community. Please consider taking this anonymous survey **before noon on Monday, April 14**. [Click here for the survey](#).

We truly appreciate your time, candor, and insights.

With respect and gratitude,
Carolyn King, Chair of Strategic Planning Task Force



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.**

Reparations Fund Update

Last week a Reparations Fund payment in the amount of \$5,000 was given to MOLO Village. The money will go to the woman we supported last spring as she started Simmons College of Kentucky in pursuit of a career as a nurse. She recently received news that she made the President's List/Academic Honors List at Simmons for the fall 2024 semester.

The goal of Highland's Reparations Fund is to help reduce the wealth gap between African Americans and whites by giving to Black organizations working with Blacks to buy homes, get a college degree or job training, and in other ways attain a goal of making a living wage. Last fall, in addition to giving to MOLO Village, we sent funds to REBOUND, Inc. (Rebuilding Our Urban Neighborhood Dwellings), a local nonprofit organization whose goal is to assist residents in the West End in buying homes or renting an apartment as a first step to owning a home.

~ Nancy Goodhue, Reparations Fund Group

Wednesday Evenings Exploring Advocacy with Guest, Rus Funk



Have you ever wondered how YOU can make a difference in the world when you are just one person? What about when the problems in our world seem massive and difficult to effect meaningful change?

Enter our new Wednesday night series presented by Rus Funk, the Director of the Justice Center at All Peoples UU. For more information about the Justice Center, [visit here](#).

Beginning this week, we will explore Advocacy: what it is, how to be an advocate, and how to persist.

April 9: Introduction to Advocacy

April 16: Relational Advocacy

April 23: Accountable Advocacy

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm each week!



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@highlandsmin.org) or calling her at the church office, 502-451-3735.

April Menus:

April 9: BBQ Pork, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Salad, Dessert

April 16: Meatloaf, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

April 23: Lasagna, Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert

April 30: Pizza, Salad, Vegetable, Dessert



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

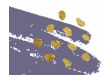
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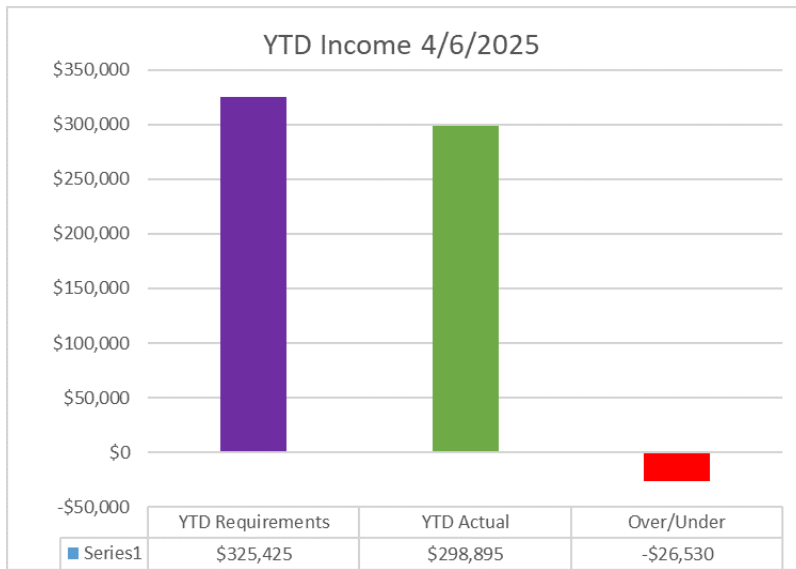
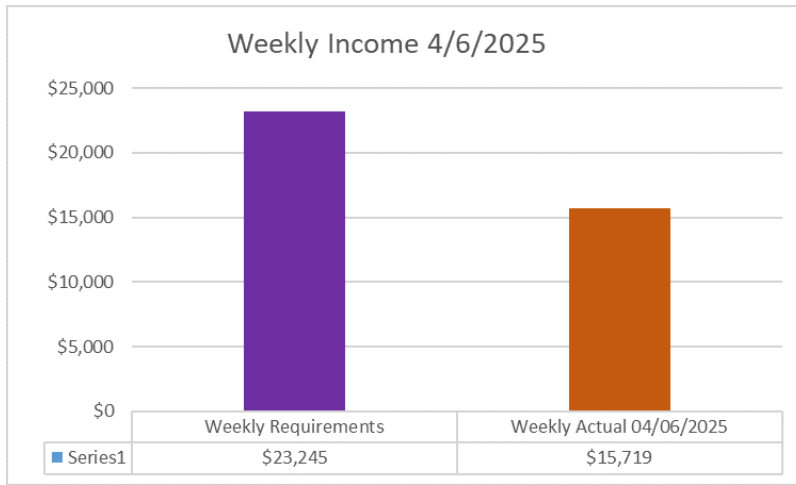


Looking Ahead

- April 13: Palm Sunday - 8:45 and 11:15 AM services, Sanctuary
April 17: Maundy Thursday, 6:30 PM charcuterie, 7:00 PM service, 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
May 31: Trivia Night and Dessert Auction Fundraiser for the Sacred Space Campaign, 7:00 PM
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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.

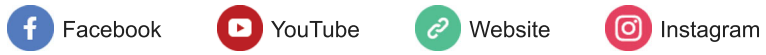




Louisville Homicides

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.

- Ameir Swift, 17, killed February 23
 - Phillip Neal, III, 17, killed February 26
 - Uriah Sloan, 17, killed March 22
 - Jayde Issac, 23, killed March 25
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