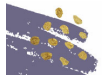




## The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church April 15, 2025

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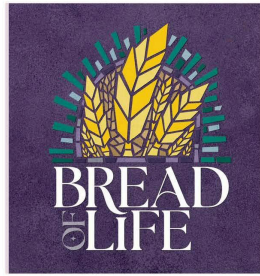
### Join Us for Holy Week

During this Lenten season our theme has focused on the Bread of Life: Gather. Savor. Share. In a season of political chaos, heartache, and division, the Bread of Life nourishes us and reminds us there is abundance. There is enough love, grace, and hope for all.

This week we remember how the Bread of Life was broken...torn into pieces. But we believe the story is not over, and gratefully, Love will have the final word! You may remember the hymn we sang earlier in the Lenten season, which says, "All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good."

You are invited to journey through Holy Week at Highland as we are reminded of the radical goodness of

God.



# 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.***



## News from the Interim Pastor Search Committee

We are excited to announce that, following meaningful meetings with an outstanding group of finalists, we are recommending Rev. Dr. Chris Caldwell to serve as Highland Baptist's Interim Pastor.



Chris brings over 25 years of dynamic pastoral leadership, a deep alignment with our church's core values, and a passion for progressive, inclusive ministry. Many in our community will recognize Chris from his 15+ years as Pastor at Broadway Baptist Church here in Louisville. He most recently served as Interim Pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church in Frankfort, Kentucky, and has held leadership roles at Simmons College, including Director of the Office of Church Engagement and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies.

Describing himself as a "bit of a Baptist rabble-rouser," Chris has dedicated his life to preaching and teaching a faith rooted in justice and inclusion, with a strong track record in anti-racism and LGBTQ+ advocacy. In our interview with Chris, he more than answered our questions; he spoke personally and pastorally to each of us. His highly relational leadership style will be a great support to our staff and ministry teams as we move forward together.

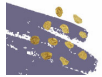
We will hold a formal congregational vote on Sunday, April 27, and look forward to your participation as we welcome this next chapter for Highland.

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We hope you have your calendars marked for Children's Sabbath, Sunday, April 27, in the 11:15 AM service. Highland's children from birth through the fifth grade will lead in worship through singing, ringing of bells, scripture, hymns, and prayers. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see and experience worship through the eyes of our children, so we hope you make every effort to be with us!

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## **Pastor Search Committee Nominees**

We have prepared photos and short bios of those nominated to serve on the Pastor Search Committee and you can [find them here](#). Please prayerfully consider these persons over next two weeks. We will vote on them April 27-30. When voting, you may vote yes or no on the entire group or vote individually for each candidate.

*~ Robin Ramsay for the Ad Hoc Committee*

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## **We Welcome Carol Harston as our Guest Proclaimer this Sunday**



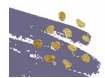
Rev. Dr. Carol Harston is a familiar face at Highland Baptist, having grown up at Highland and served Highland in congregational ministry from 2006 to 2021 in youth ministry, faith formation, and congregational engagement. She attends Highland with her husband, Drew, and three sons (James, Collier, and Walt).

While working as associate pastor at Highland, Carol wrote her thesis on the effects of traumatizing theology (an image of God that threatens to shame, banish, and condemn) as part of the Doctor of Ministry program with Duke Divinity focused on Christian leadership. Since stepping away from congregational ministry at Highland in 2021, Carol has deepened her research, interviewing people outside of Highland and writing about how people can live at peace with their religious past, feel confident in their ability to theologically face whatever life brings, and live open to a revived spirituality that evolves as life changes. You can [read more about her work here](#).

Carol serves as chair of BSK Theological Seminary's board of trustees, where she joyfully supports BSK's good work of preparing people sensing God's leadership for life and ministry in faithful witness to Jesus Christ in the church and the world. From 2023 to present, Carol has been a consultant for CBF's Thriving Congregations Initiative, working with First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg, FL, and Crescent Hill Baptist Church here in Louisville, to help them thrive by practicing five traits (compelling clarity, rooted relationships, dynamic collaboration, holy tenacity, and faithful agility).

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# Paxton Vaughn Ordination Service



**Wednesday Evenings Exploring Advocacy with Guest,  
Rus Funk**



RUS FUNK  
PRESENTS

# 3-PART ADVOCACY CLASS



APRIL 9:  
INTRODUCTION  
TO ADVOCACY

APRIL 16:  
RELATIONAL  
ADVOCACY

APRIL 23:  
ACCOUNTABLE  
ADVOCACY

FREE TO THE PUBLIC  
START TIME: 6:00 PM

Highland Baptist Church  
1101 Cherokee Rd Louisville, KY

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](#).

Continuing this week, we will explore Advocacy: how to be an advocate and how to persist. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM each week!

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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](#) or calling her at the church office, 502-451-3735.

**April Menus:**

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

**April 23:** Lasagna, Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert

**April 30:** Pizza, Salad, Vegetable, Dessert



## **Senior Adult Luncheon on Friday, April 25**

Join us for good food and fellowship on Friday, April 25 at 12:00 noon at Gustavo's Mexican Grill on Hurstbourne Lane. Please call Paul Henderson for reservations at 502-451-3735 or [email him here](#). We hope to see you there!

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**Click Here for Church Signup Links**

**Sunday, 11:15 AM**

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

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Friday, 7:00 PM

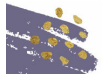
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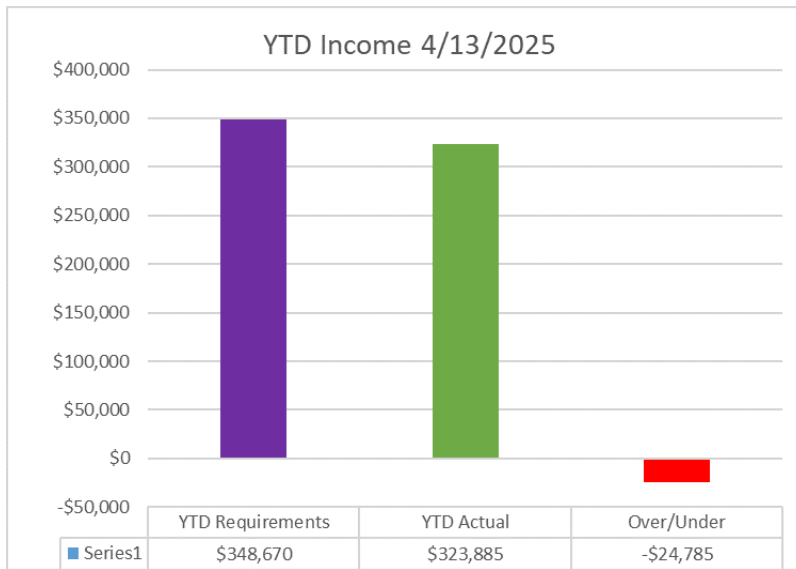
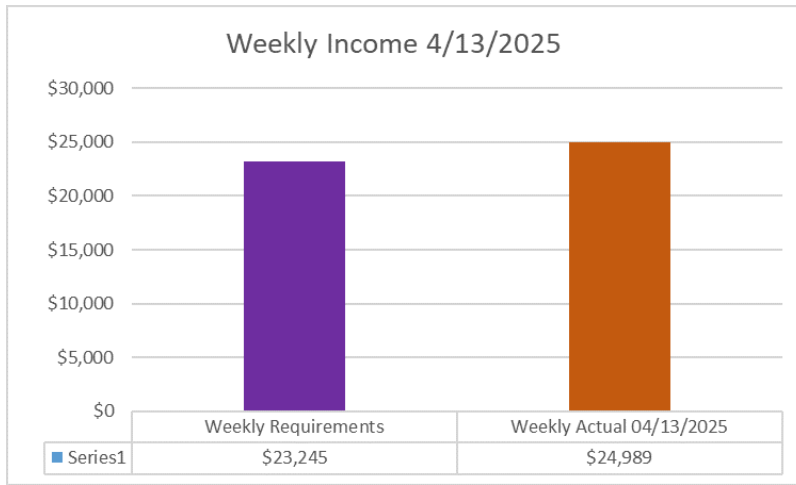


# Looking Ahead

- 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 25: Senior Adult Luncheon at Gustavo's Mexican Grill, 12:00 PM  
April 27: Children's Sabbath  
June 28: Trivia Night & Dessert Auction for the Sacred Space Campaign, 7:00 PM - **note new date**



## 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.

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