



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church March 10, 2026

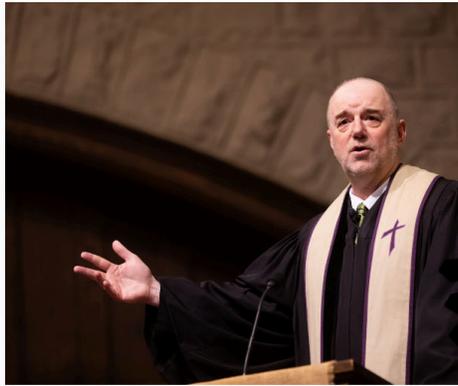
Preparing for Highland's Next Pastor

Here are a few quick suggestions for how you can be helpful to Carol Harston as she begins as Highland's next senior pastor.

1. Pray for her. I know this goes without saying, but I'll say it anyway. It makes a difference when you know folks are praying for you, and it also helps to form healthy attitudes and expectations among those who are praying.
2. When greeting Carol on Sundays, tell her your name the first several times you speak with her. There are hundreds of you, and one of her, and reminders with names are very helpful.
3. Talk about your new pastor among your friends. The arrival of a new pastor provides a natural opportunity to bring up your church and invite folks who might be looking for a spiritual home.
4. Give more of your time and your money. Highland has developed a new strategic plan, and Carol will no doubt have additional areas she feels need added emphasis, so help do your part to make these new things happen.
5. Continue welcoming new people who come to Highland as Carol begins, but also be kind to people who will drift away from Highland. This latter reality is seldom mentioned, but when a new pastor comes, some folks just don't click with them. I was a lot of things when I came to Broadway Baptist, but I was not Ron Higdon, my predecessor. And for a few folks, the church didn't feel like a fit anymore, and they went in search of a new place. Don't take that personally, and be kind to people who choose this path.

I'll have one final column next week, and expect lots of thank-yous from me!

~ Chris Caldwell, Interim Pastor



Around Highland
March 8, 2026



Highland Welcomes New Member



Claire Dickey joined Highland (for baptism) on March 8, 2026

Women's Retreat

This past weekend, 27 members of our Highland faith community travelled to the Motherhouse at Loretto for a time of retreat and contemplation. This sacred place holds special meaning in the hearts of many from Highland who visit regularly. To learn more about the Loretto community, [please visit their website here](#).



Much appreciation to our facilitator for the weekend, Noelle Tennis Gulden, who led us in three sessions on *Seeking Shalom: Remembering Our Place in the Community of Creation*. Noelle reminded us that we are part of a vast and astonishing community of creation, brought into being by a divine act of love. Though we often forget that we belong to this sacred communion, God persistently calls us back to one another, prompting us to seek shalom for all of creation. Noelle's references included the book *Shalom and the Community of Creation*, by Randy S. Woodley (cover art below).



Please consider joining us next year at Loretto! The 2027 dates are March 5-7. We will also have an unstructured retreat this fall on October 9-11, 2026.

~ Amy Pacyga

Highland's Lenten Journey Continues



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JOIN US THIS LENT-EASTER

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Highland Baptist Church
March 15

Jean Janes Yard Sale March 21



Please continue bringing your items to the church for our yard sale! You may place your donations along the wall in the lower-level hallway opposite the restrooms. We need to make sure this area remains accessible and the hallway isn't blocked. Wednesday, March 18, is the final day to bring things in. As always, thank you for your generosity, support and cooperation!

~ Cheryl Priddy

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, March 30.**

~ Paul Henderson

Easter Breakfast Sign Ups Begin



Join us for breakfast on April 5 at 10:00 AM as we celebrate the resurrection together on Easter Morning. We will serve breakfast in the Fellowship Hall so that rain or shine, we have a plan in place. You are welcome to eat downstairs or take breakfast outside if the weather is nice! [Please sign up here](#) to bring breakfast items to share with our faith community.

Wednesday Night Dinners



We hope you can join us for Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners! We ask everyone to make a reservation so that we have an accurate count for meal preparation. **Please make your reservations by Monday at 12:00 Noon for each week's meal.** You can either make standing reservations or make them weekly by emailing [Accounting](#) or calling the church office, 502-451-3735. Meal costs are \$10 per person, \$5 for children, with a maximum of \$25 per family. Dinners can be [paid online here](#), by check, or cash at the door. We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity for intergenerational fellowship!

March Menus:

March 11: Soup, Salad, Cornbread, Dessert

March 18: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

March 25: Fried & Baked Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

Titanic the Musical



HIGHLAND'S CREAM OF THE CROP group is going to see **TITANIC THE MUSICAL** on **Sunday, April 12 at 2:00 PM**. This is the Broadway musical and not a version of the Titanic movie. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for seniors and students [online here](#). Tickets are selling fast so order today! **We invite all our Highland community to attend**. The show is being directed by Highland member Cathy Ryan and stars her husband Richard Ryan as the Titanic Captain. Additional performances are being held on Easter Weekend April 3-5 and April 9-12. Clarksville Little Theatre is located 301 E Montgomery in Clarksville, Indiana and phone is 812-283-6522.

HCM Lenten Lunch Series

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Theme: Be Still My Soul

Thursdays at Noon during Lent
Lunch Provided

Feb 19 | Highlands Community Ministries
Feb 26 | Deer Park Baptist Church
Mar 5 | Douglass Blvd Christian Church
Mar 12 | Bardstown Rd Presbyterian
Mar 19 | Immanuel UCC
Mar 26 | Unity of Louisville



[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

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

**Streaming
Worship
Links**



Looking Ahead

- March 21: Jean Janes Yard Sale in Fellowship Hall
March 22: Chris Caldwell's final Sunday as interim pastor, reception following 11:15 service
March 29: Palm Sunday, 8:45 and 11:15 AM, Carol Harston begins serving as pastor
April 2: Maundy Thursday, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall
April 3: Tenebrae Service, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary
April 5: Easter Services, 8:45 and 11:15 AM, Easter Potluck Breakfast, 10:00 AM
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Giving to Highland

To make a donation from your phone, text "give2hbc" to 502-747-1212
and open the link or use the QR code below.

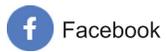




Louisville Homicides

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.

- Jahara Watters, Jr., 20, killed January 31
 - William Brown, 40, killed February 2
 - Donald Taylor, III, 36, killed February 9
 - Biloxi Shaw, 16, killed February 9
 - Ethan McMillan, 24, killed February 19
 - Corey Wilson, Jr., 16, killed February 20
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