

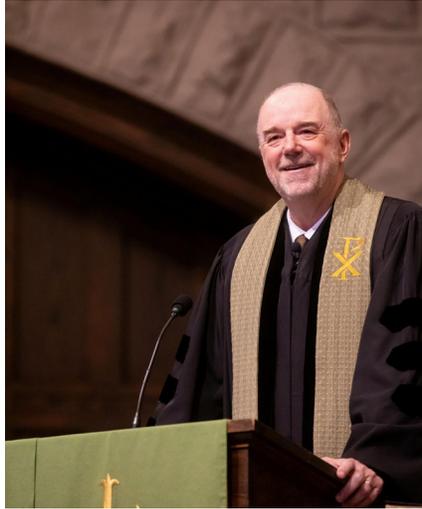


The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church March 17, 2026

Thank You, Highland!

As I wrap up my time as your interim pastor, I want to say thank you to:

- The staff of Highland, who welcomed me, chose to trust me, and made serving Highland a fun and joyful time. And I would add that you as a congregation owe them a debt of gratitude as well, for all the ways they took on extra work and rolled with the punches through a lot of staff transitions and changes over the past year.
- The lay leaders of Highland, who valued my input and worked hard with me and the staff during a shorthanded period at the church. Special thanks to Tanya Cornely, with whom I met weekly as Personnel Chair, and to the Ministry Council and Deacon chairs who served with me during my time at Highland.
- The choir and musicians for all they did as collaborators in living out worship among you each week.
- All of you who listened and welcomed what I had to say in worship on Fridays and Sundays. Even though I've offered well over a thousand weekly sermons, it's never failed to surprise me a bit that folks would choose to dutifully sit there and hear what I have to say each week. Thanks for listening and for all the affirmations you sent my way.



Several of you have asked what's next for me. I won't be moving on to an interim position anytime soon. I'll be teaching a bit more than I did this year when the fall semester rolls around at Simmons and BSK Theological Seminary, and I'll continue overseeing a Lily Endowment grant for Simmons and doing some grant writing for the college. I'll also catch my breath a bit this summer and attend to some items on Jeanne's to-do list that I've put off awhile now.

It's been a pleasure and a blessing to serve. You are a great church, and you're getting a great new pastor!

Peace,
~ Chris Caldwell, Interim Pastor



Around Highland
March 15, 2026



 Holy Week Begins Soon



Holy Week Highland Baptist Church

We look forward to a beautiful Holy Week and Easter together!

Palm Sunday: March 29, 8:45 and 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary

Carol Harston, 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 *Hosanna! Hosanna!* and *A Lenten Love Song*. The people of Highland will also lift their voices in praise to begin Holy Week.

Sanctuary Choir Anthem: *Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates*



Maundy Thursday Service: April 2, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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

Tenebrae Service: Friday, April 3, 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 5



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: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Easter Morning Fellowship, 10:00 a.m.

Join us between services for food and fellowship for all ages.

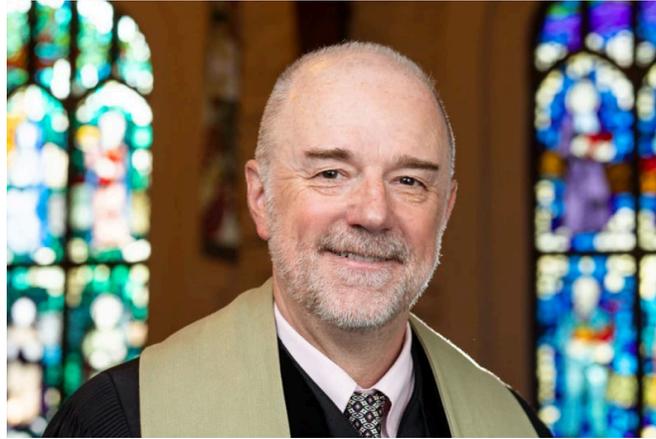
- Join us for a finger-food breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Please use the QR below to bring a breakfast item to share.
- You are invited to bring fresh flowers to adorn our Easter cross outside in front of the sanctuary.
- Easter egg hunt for children at 10:15 on the lawn.



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



Reception Honoring Chris Caldwell



Highland Family,

You are warmly invited to a Reception of Gratitude honoring our Interim Pastor, Chris Caldwell, as we give thanks for his faithful leadership and ministry among us.

During this season of transition, he has guided our congregation with wisdom, care, and steady faith. We are grateful for the time he has shared with us and the ways he has helped prepare our church for the next chapter of ministry.

Please join us after 11:15 worship in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday, March 22, as we express our appreciation and offer our blessings for the journey ahead. Come enjoy fellowship, light refreshments, and an opportunity to share your thanks and well wishes.

~ Paul Henderson

Preparing Carol's Office!



Many thanks to John Pacyga, David Swim, Lauren Blackwell, John Foster, Larry Davis, Mark Golightly-Sanders, John Dickson, and John Gribbins, all of whom worked hard last week to paint the Pastor's Office in anticipation of Carol Harston's arrival next Monday.

~ Walter McWhorter

Jean Janes Yard Sale March 21



The time has come! The yard sale is from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM this Saturday and we have lots of good items for sale. Please spread the word and come do some shopping, too!

Many thanks for donating items and supporting the Jean Janes group. The proceeds from the sale go to various organizations that do good works within our community and far beyond, as well as supporting Highland's ministries.

~ 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 Continue



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

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

I Love Morocco Dinner This Week

I Love Morocco Couscous Cook-off Dinner

Deer Park Baptist Church

6:00-8:00 PM

Saturday, March 21



Celebrating 20 years of partnership



\$20 per person,
but fee waived for each person
bringing a big dish of couscous
to share. Register using the
QR code or go to the website:
[https://cbfky.org/
morocco-1](https://cbfky.org/morocco-1)

 HCM Lenten Lunch Series

Lenten Lunch Series

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



Cream of the Crop to See "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 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.

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>

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Looking Ahead

- March 21: Jordan Estes Memorial Service, Duncan Memorial Chapel, 11:00 AM
Jean Janes Yard Sale in Fellowship Hall, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- March 22: Chris Caldwell's final Sunday as interim pastor with 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



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.



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