



**The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church**  
**March 24, 2026**

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 **Join Us for Holy Week Beginning This Sunday**



# 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.**

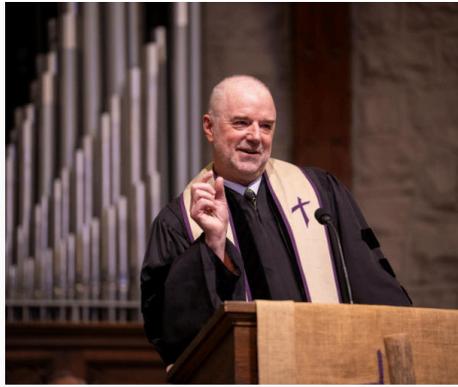
Join us between services for food and fellowship for all ages.

- 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.*





## New Beginnings

Greetings from the church office! I'm two days into my role as Highland's Senior Pastor and finding these days to be a beautiful mix of familiar and fresh. It's such a unique experience to start a new job in a place I've known but now get to see all over again with fresh eyes and an open heart. There's much to learn, new people to meet, and a life to build together. I feel both ready to learn the ropes (*let's get to work!*) and patient to grow (*all good things take time!*).



I'm grateful for so many people that it's nearly impossible to create a list, but I'll hit the high notes so this newsletter isn't too long. I'm grateful for Chris's wise pastoring and willingness to coach me through this transition, for the staff's open arms as I come alongside their good work, for the pastors who preceded me from whom I've learned a great deal and whom I'm glad to call friends, for the Search Committee who invited me into this work, for all those who helped prepare my office, and for you (yes, *you*) for the chance to be your pastor in this time and place.

This week, I'm getting my feet under me and meeting with staff and leaders to learn about everything happening at Highland. I am counting the days until I can start meeting with each of you so I can hear where you're feeling God's movement and what matters most to you in this season at church.

This weekend, we begin Holy Week by waving palms and celebrating Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. I look forward to seeing you there.

~ Carol Harston



## Jean Janes Yard Sale a Tremendous Success!

While the final results aren't in yet, we estimate this year's yard sale proceeds will exceed \$5,000 — almost a 50% increase over last year! This wouldn't have been possible without your generosity, and we are so grateful for every donation given.



Special thanks to Marilyn Whisler for sorting and storing donations, the youth group for hauling everything into Fellowship Hall, Mary and Kevin Jackson for their help with pricing, our church for providing the space, and to Wayside for picking up the remaining items that weren't sold.

Yes, the yard sale creates a little chaos — but as Pearl S. Buck said, “Out of chaos, God made a world.” Out of your generosity, God made something wonderful!

With love and thanksgiving,  
~ *The Jean Janes Women's Group*

## Reception Honoring Chris Caldwell



## 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*

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## 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.

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## 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 Menu:**

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

**April Menus:**

April 1: Baked Ziti or Lasagna, Steamed Vegetables, Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert

April 8: No Dinner (JCPS Spring Break)

April 15: Barbecue Pork, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Salad, Dessert

April 22: Mexican Casserole, Steamed Veggies, Salad, Chips & Salsa

April 29: Pizza, Salad, Steamed Veggies, Dessert

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## Staff Lunch Honoring Chris



The church staff bid Chris Caldwell a fond farewell at lunch on Monday. He's been a joy to have around and will be greatly missed!

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## 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



Highlands  
Community  
Ministries  
grow. heal. play.



## 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.

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[Click Here for Church Signup Links](#)

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**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**

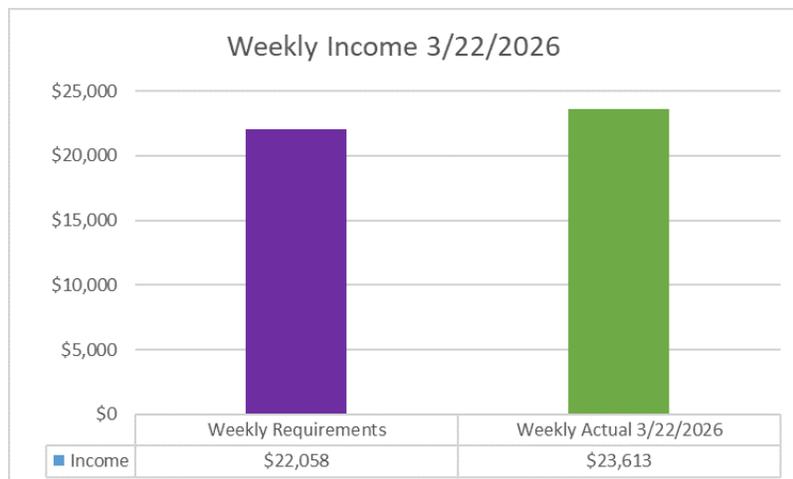


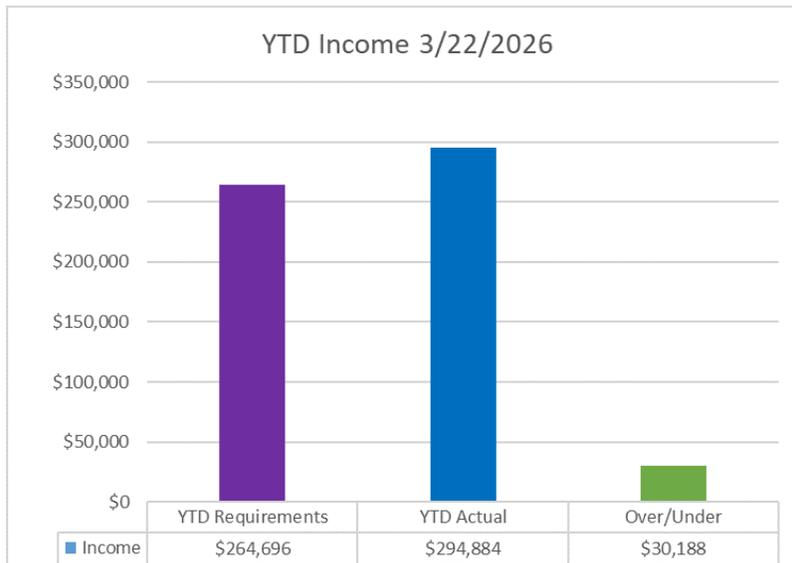
# Looking Ahead

- March 29: Palm Sunday, 8:45 and 11:15 AM, Carol Harston's first Sunday as pastor
- April 1: Cloud of Witness, 6:15 PM - Emily Edwards, Cheryl Priddy, and Nathan Rider
- 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
- April 26: Children's Sabbath

## Financial Update

For the period 01/01/2026–02/28/2026, total income was \$187,986, which exceeded the budgeted (planned) income for that period by \$10,634. Total expenses were \$175,681, which was under the budgeted (planned) expenses for that period by \$10,232.





**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.

- Sabri M. Johnson, 18, killed February 17
- Mia Lee, 18, killed February 17

- Simeon Watson, 19, killed February 17
  - Terry Michael Tidwell, 44, killed March 3
  - Glendys DeLe Caridad Reyes, 29, killed March 4
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## Remembering Jordan Estes

Several members of Highland's former youth ministry community gathered Saturday at Duncan Memorial Chapel to remember Jordan Estes, mourning his death and celebrating his life with his mother, Kara, and Jordan's friends and family. Jordan died at the end of September last year in Arizona.



If you'd like to honor Jordan's passion for the homeless, donations in his memory can be made to [Feed Louisville](#) or [Wayside Christian Mission](#).

~ Carol Harston

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