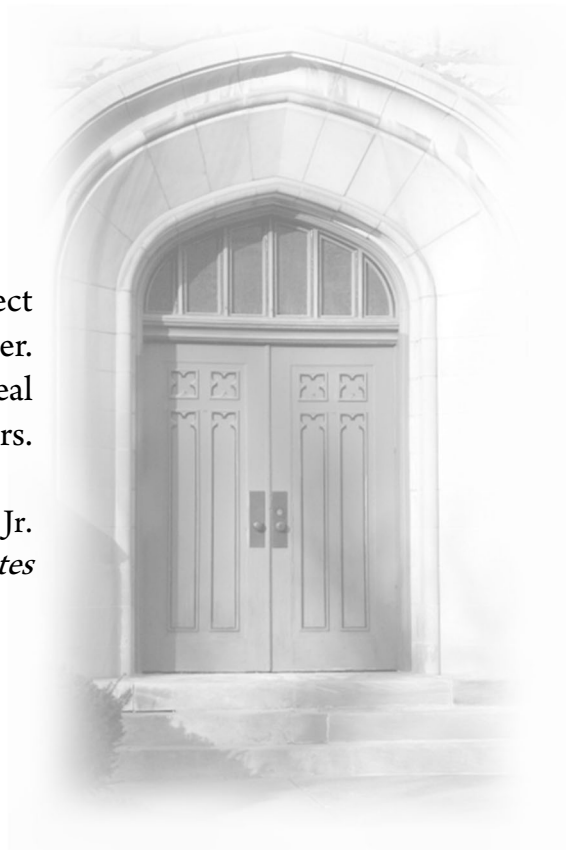


We are not here to be perfect
for each other.
We are here to heal
what was broken by others.

~ William Edward Taylor Carver, Jr.
Gay Poems for Red States



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

MARCH 2, 2025

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Paul Henderson

WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES, MY HEART AWAKING CRIES,
MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED

Prelude

Guilain (8:45)

Prelude

Arnold Sherman (11:15)

Jubilee!

JuBELLee Ringers

Processional Hymn (345) †

LAUDES DOMINI

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Prayer of Praise †

Kim Henderson (8:45)
Phil Collier (11:15)

Handbell Praise

Arr. Kevin McChesney

Christians, We Have Met to Worship
Highland Handbells

Glory to the Creator †

MEINEKE

*Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Spirit, One.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Choral Anthem

Mack Wilberg

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down. Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, abounded love thou art. Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart. Breathe, O breathe thy loving spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest; take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as it's beginning, set our hearts at liberty. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, til in heaven we take our place; till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise. Amen!

**ALIKE AT WORK AND PRAYER, TO JESUS I REPAIR;
MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED**

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh, Jenna Profitt, and Joey Partin (8:45)
Renee Purtlebaugh and Chorister Choir (11:15)

Oh, Every Morn

The congregation is invited to echo the music phrases on the final repeat.

Oh, every morn when the sun awakes, I bring to the Lord my morning prayer.

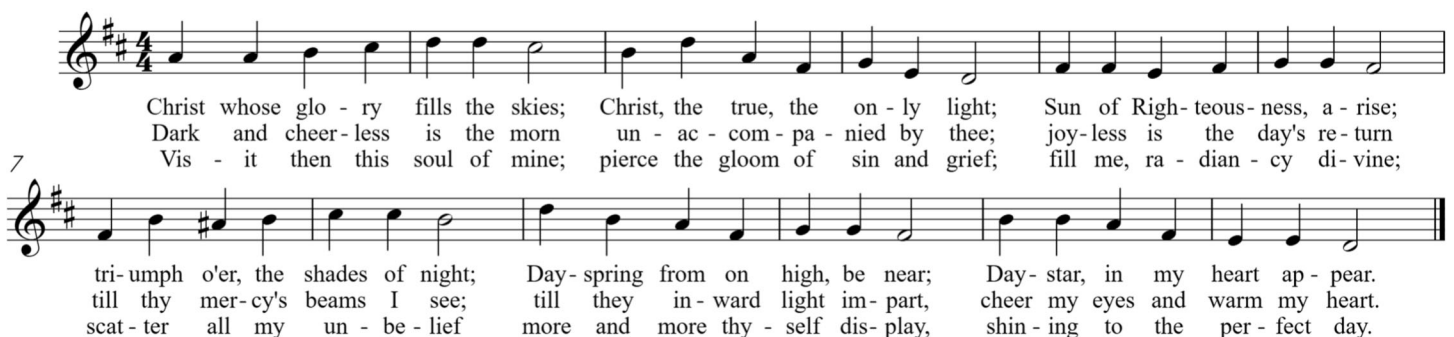
Words of Assurance

Renee Purtlebaugh

Hymn †

RATISBON

Christ Whose Glory



Christ whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light; Sun of Righ - teous - ness, a - rise;
Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee; joy - less is the day's re - turn;
Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine;
tri - umph o'er, the shades of night; Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
till thy mer - cy's beams I see; till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
scat - ter all my un - be - lief more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

† *For those who are able, we invite you to stand*

YE REALMS OF HUMANKIND, IN THIS YOUR CONCORD FIND:
MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED

The Gospel Lesson †

Jim England

Luke 9:28-42 (Pew Bible page 68 – NT)

Sermon

Hearing Voices in Clocks and Clouds and Children

LET EARTH, AND SEA, AND SKY FROM DEPTH TO HEIGHT REPLY,
MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED

Hymn of Response (161) †

CWM RHONDDA

See Our Lord in All His Glory

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Justin Sizemore

Invitation to the Table

Exchange of Peace †

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer*

Words of Institution

Reception of the Bread and Cup †

Everyone is invited forward to receive bread and cup. All bread served is gluten friendly.

Deacons will receive tithes and offerings in the offering plates as you return to your seat.

Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer

Larry Hoover

News for the Community

Justin Sizemore

In response to your decision, ***we welcome you! We covenant to be the family of God for you in this place. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, as we journey in faith together.***

For the ministries that shape the life of our community, ***thanks be to God.***

Doxology †

TALLIS' CANON

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One, Amen.

Benediction †

Jim England

Postlude

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*In worship at Highland, we aim to speak and sing a theology that reflects an expansive and inclusive God. As we begin the Lord's Prayer today, we will use the words "Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father ..." to offer a fuller image of who God is. Within the prayer, some of us use the word "kingdom" and others prefer the word "kin-dom" to refer to the beloved community of God. We invite you to join us in using your own creative and intentional language as you pray, knowing that no single word will ever capture the essence of who God is.

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's processional hymn, *When Morning Gilds the Skies*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

Our gratitude to those who offered worship leadership in today's service: Jim England, Chorister Choir, JuBELLee Ringers, and Highland Handbells.

Listening Assist Devices are available. Please see our sound technician or an usher for assistance. Large print hymn sheets are also available upon request for visually impaired persons. An usher can provide a copy for you.

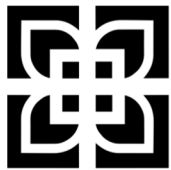
Worship care is available for infants, toddlers and preschoolers during worship. Our greeters are available to help you navigate our building. A Worship Cart with activities to engage children in the pew is located in the Commons.

Nearly 65% of people at Highland use online giving to make financial gifts to the church. We invite you to be one of them! Scan the first QR code in the section below to be directed to our online giving page.

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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Worship in March** — Our upcoming proclaimers are: Erin Phelps (Mar. 9), Dr. Lewis Brogdon (Mar. 16), Renee Purtlebaugh (Mar. 23), and Kathryn House (Mar. 30).
- **Join us for a church-wide reception honoring Jerre Bassett (30 years) and Kathleen Gordon (5 years)** for their faithful service to Highland following the 11:15 worship service today in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Possible sale of the Foree House, Highland's rental house at 2120 Grinstead Drive.** There will be a vote on the recommendation to sell the property at a special Called Business Meeting today at 4:00 PM on Zoom. Other agenda items for the called business meeting include a vote on the Interim Pastor job description and a recommendation for the ordination of Paxton Vaughn. The Zoom link was sent out on Friday.
- **Members will receive an electronic ballot on March 4 for the election of the following members for Ministry Groups and Trustees:** Robert Davis and Rick Holtmeier for Finance, Rebecca Jagers for Personnel, and Arlette Tinsley for Trustees. The deadline to submit ballots is March 6. You can also call the church office to submit your vote during that time period.
- **We begin the season of Lent with a service on Ash Wednesday (March 5) at 6:15 PM in the sanctuary.** We will gather for a time of prayer, reflection, music, and imposition of ashes. There will be childcare for infants, toddlers, and two's. Carol Choir will meet for our preschool children (3s, 4s, and PreK). Kindergarten-5th grade, children, and youth will participate with us in this family-friendly service.
- **If you are new to Highland, whether through membership or visiting, please join us on Sunday, March 16 from 12:30-3:00 PM for our Highlights Class.** We provide lunch and space to meet with fellow newcomers, as well as long-time congregants. We will hear from one another what brings us to this wonderful faith community, and learn about what it means to be a progressive Baptist. Attending Highlights is also a requirement for membership here at Highland. Please RSVP to Renee Purtlebaugh as soon as possible (renee@hbclouisville.org). Childcare will be available with a reservation.



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

*A thinking, feeling, healing
community of faith*

Our Mission... God's Love compels us to cultivate a safe, welcoming community of faith where all are challenged to discover, grow, and serve, as together we boldly live out the worship that is our very lives.

Jerre and Frank Bassett
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MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

Lauren Blackwell
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Megan Fuller
CHILDREN AND FAMILY
MINISTRY ASSISTANT

Robin Ramsay Lee
DEACON CHAIR

Renee Purtlebaugh
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES

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AND YOUNG ADULTS

Paul Henderson
ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF MUSIC
AND WORSHIP

Joseph Parr
ORGANIST AND MUSIC ASSOCIATE