



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 9, 2025

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

The season of Lent is 40 weekdays, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending the day before Easter. These 40 days represent the time when Jesus was in the wilderness praying and resisting the devil's temptations. Using the life of Jesus as our guide, we pray for God's forgiveness and guidance to initiate change in us and move toward a greater understanding of who Jesus is and what we can do to be like him. You might notice that during the season of Lent, symbols crafted of common things drawn from the earth, such as clay and wood, replace the resplendent silver symbols on the communion table. This change, along with a plentiful use of burlap fabric, helps create an outward shift toward penitence and meditation. Purple is the predominant color of Lent as seen on the cross and worn by the ministers.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

A TIME FOR CONTRITION

Organ Meditation

Nkeiru Okoye

Dusk

Lenten Call to Worship

FINEST WHEAT

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat come

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give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

A Reading from the Psalms

Paul Henderson

Psalm 91 (Pew Bible page 537 – OT)

Hymn of Reflection (75) †

GREENCASTLE

If I Fly as Birds at Dawning

Choral Prayer of Confession

Emma Lou Diemer

Thy Holy Wings (I Lift My Voice)
Ethan Shippey, cello and Stephanie Hall, flute

I lift my soul to you, Lord, I trust, O God in you. Show me your paths and guide me, teach me all I should do. Remember your great mercy, your everlasting love; Forgive me, God, my Savior, my guilt and sin remove. Your covenant and mercy are with me all my days to comfort and to bless me when I walk in your ways. Whenever I look upward, I find you waiting there, to bear me and to keep me safe in your loving care.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Justin Sizemore

Exchange of Peace †

Renee Purtlebaugh

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Hymn (418) †

EIN' FESTE BURG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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

Prayer of Praise †

Buddy Lee (8:45)
Roy Fuller (11:15)

A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION

The Gospel Lesson †

John 6:25-40 (Pew Bible page 96 – NT)

Erin Phelps

Sermon

I Love Bread (of Life)
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Response (577) †

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

Offertory Prayer †

Greg Aguillon (8:45)
Susan Pierce (11:15)

Offertory

Prelude en do mineur

Mel Bonis

News for the Community

Renee Purtlebaugh

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 †

WONDROUS LOVE

***To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!***

Lenten Benediction †

THAXTED

We Are One in Christ

***As the bread of life is broken, the cup of love outpoured,
we are one in Christ, our Savior, and sent to serve the Lord.***

Postlude

Élévation en Mi bémol majeur

Mel Bonis

In worship at Highland, we aim to sing music with a theology that reflects an expansive and inclusive God. Occasionally, our printed music may use language that limits God. When we are unable to re-print a more inclusive text, we encourage you to use language that better fits your image of God. Our ministers and choir will often replace "He/Him" with "God" or "Love" (one syllable) and "Father" with "Parent," "Holy," or "Divine" (two syllables). We would love to hear what creative language for God you might use in worship, too.

Today in Worship

Our gratitude to Erin Phelps, our proclaimer in today's service.

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. Children's Worship is available for K-2nd graders during the sermon.

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: Dr. Lewis Brogdon (Mar. 16), Renee Purtlebaugh (Mar. 23), Kathryn House (Mar. 30), Sally Evans (Apr. 6), Justin Sizemore (Apr. 13), Carol Harston (Apr. 20), and Children's Sabbath (Apr. 27).
- **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 Cheryl Davis as soon as possible (cheryl@hbclouisville.org). Childcare will be available with a reservation.
- **The Interim Pastor job description has been finalized, and the search is officially underway!** The Pastoral Interim Search Committee is now accepting applications for the Interim Pastor position through March 15, 2025. If you or someone you know would be a great fit for this important role, we encourage you to apply or share this opportunity. More details and the job description can be found in the newsletter, on our website, and on social media.
- **Pastor Search Committee Nominations:** please take some time to nominate people for the Pastor Search Committee. We hope to have a wide range of demographics represented from the church body. You may nominate members, including yourself. The nomination form will be available in both digital format in the newsletter and paper format during Sunday services, today and March 16. The nominations will close on Wednesday, March 19 at 5:00 PM. Please use one form per person you nominate, in either the paper or digital format.
- **Help us build a home with Habitat for Humanity:** on March 20, 21, and 22, Highland is partnering with other Baptist churches to build a home as part of Habitat for Humanity Baptist Build. We are looking for three to four volunteers on each day. For more information, contact Larry Hoover at larryhoover@att.net.



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*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.

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