

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 2, 2025

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

SINGING TO FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST: ALLELUIA!

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River Highland Handbells arr. Margaret Tucker

Call to Worship

Corey Moran (8:45) David Hartley (11:15)

Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather. May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.

May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.

In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.

For All the Saints

Prayer of Praise †

Corey Moran (8:45) David Hartley (11:15)

Glory to the Creator †

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 arr. Mack Wilberg

Saints Bound for Heaven

Our bondage it shall end by and by, by and by, our bondage it shall end by and by. From Egypt's yoke set free, hail the glorious jubilee, and to Canaan we'll return by and by, by and by, and to Canaan we'll return by and by. Our deliverer he shall come by and by. And our sorrows have an end with our three-score years and ten, and vast glory crown the day by and by, by and by, and vast glory crown the day by and by. And when to Jordan's floods we are come, we are come, and when to Jordan's floods we are come. Jehovah rules the tide and the waters he'll divide and the ransom'd host shall shout, "We are come, we are come," and the ransom'd host shall shout, "We are come." Then with all the happy throng we'll rejoice, we'll rejoice, then with all the happy throng we'll rejoice, and through all eternity we'll rejoice, shouting glory to our King, till the vaults of heaven ring, and through all eternity we'll rejoice, we'll rejoice!

The Saints of Highland Baptist Church

Renee Purtlebaugh

Mary Bobo	Colleen Clemons	Betty Fuller	Kevin Monroe	Laura Westphal
W. D. Burden	Jordan Estes	Grundy Janes	Rice Nutting	-
Mary Clark	Dianna French	Bill Luster	Howard Teel	

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for All the Saints

Meditation John Goss

These Are They Which Follow the Lamb
Ensemble: Stephanie Hall, Kim Henderson, Jillian Dunning, Jenna Proffit,
Cincere Flynt, Drew Harston, Richard Ryan, Andrew Schaftlein

These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

THOU IN THE DARKNESS DREAR THEIR ONE TRUE LIGHT, ALLELUIA!

Prayer of Confession Paul Henderson

Loving God, grant me grace to release everything too much or too little into your transforming love. Remind me of the strength of your saints – generous and gentle, focused and fierce. Yes, Love, form me anew from the inside out, centering others ahead of every selfishness that dares me to choose anything less than You. Release me from the burdens and brokenness of my own making, that I may be readied to meet You in every ordinary saint whose path crosses mine in the gift of this day. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn (630) † Evangeline

YET ALL ARE ONE IN THEE, FOR ALL ARE THINE, ALLELUIA!

The Epistle Lesson Chris Caldwell

Acts 7:30-34 (Pew Bible page 122 – NT)

Sermon

God's Kinsfolk

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

The Celebration of Holy Communion

John Kupar

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

Communion Meditation

Arthur Sullivan

The Long Day Closes

Hymn of Response (545) †

PROMISE

In the Bulb

Offertory Prayer

Missy Smith (8:45) Eliza Purtlebaugh and Kim Shippey (11:15)

News for the Community

Paul Henderson

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 †

Chris Caldwell

Postlude

J. S. Bach

Chorale Prelude "Alle Menschen müssen sterben"

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

*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, *For All the Saints*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

Thanks to Kathy Collier and Sharon Sanders for their musical leadership 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.

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 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

- Global Mission Offering—The Global Partnerships team extends a heartfelt thank you to Highland for your gifts to the Global Mission Offering. Your gifts totaled \$9,045, which is \$1,545 over our goal of \$7,500. As we shared with you in October, your gifts support the work of field personnel in 13 countries around the globe. And most importantly, we are helping change lives one neighbor at a time. Again, THANK YOU!
- Highlights Class Coming Soon—If you are new to Highland, whether as a new member or visitor, please join us on Sunday, November 9 from 12:30-3:00 PM for our Highlights Class in the Fellowship Hall. This brief overview of Highland provides lunch and space to meet with fellow newcomers, as well as long-time congregants. Attending the Highlights Class is also a requirement for membership at Highland. If you plan to join us, please RSVP to Cheryl Davis at cheryl@hbclouisville.org as soon as possible. Childcare will be available with a reservation.
- **Highlands Community Ministries Urgent Need for Food Pantry Items**—You can make an immediate difference by donating high-need items or giving online so they can purchase produce and protein in bulk. Check out our most recent newsletter for a complete list of items needed, drop-off times, and their donation link.
- Looking Ahead:

November 9: Highlights Lunch & Class for New Members and Visitors, 12:30-3:00 PM November 12: Quarterly Church Conference and budget presentation at 6:15 PM (in person)

November 18: Senior Adult Retreat at Gilda's Club, 10:30 AM

November 23: Thanksgiving Brunch, 10:00 AM

November 30: Hanging of the Green service, 6:00 PM



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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