

New Year's Prayer

Find a body of water,
And be still beside it for a time.
Build a fire and watch the flames.
Sit on the porch. Lie on the grass.
Light candles. Take a deep breath.
Write a letter to someone.

~ Silas House

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 18, 2026

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

JOINING IN YOUR NEW CREATION, WE REJOICE FOREVERMORE

Prelude

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on MORNING STAR

The alternate tune that Anglicans use for the *Brightest and Best* text.

Call to Worship

Jim Shelton (8:45)
Larry Gray (11:15)

We gather here, listening again for a word from God:
a comforting word to settle our spinning thoughts,
a wise word to shape our daily rhythms,
a compelling word to draw us closer to God's way of loving,
a visionary word to guide our steps forward.
Let us worship God together as we listen with curiosity and courage.

Hymn of Praise (345) †

LAUDES DOMINI

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Prayer of Praise †

Jim Shelton (8:45)
Larry Gray (11:15)

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.

GIVING GUIDANCE ON OUR JOURNEY, AS WE SEEK TO FIND OUR WAY

A Lesson from the Psalms

Paul Henderson

Psalm 40:1-4 (Pew Bible pages 502-503– OT)

Prayer of Confession

Chris Caldwell

Lord, hear our prayer.

Anthem of Assurance

Amy Beach

Peace I Leave with You

Peace I leave with you, I leave with you my peace, my peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth
give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled.

Exchange of Peace †

Renee Purtlebaugh

WITH YOUR VISION YOU INSPIRE US, GIVING EACH A HOLY CALL

Hymn (54) †

UNENDING PRAISE (alt.)

Like a Mother with Her Children

Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15).

Sermon

Faith and "The Restless Energy of the Hunted Mind"

**LIFE ABUNDANT SPREADS BEFORE US
AS WITH EAGLES'S WINGS WE SOAR**

Hymn of Response (66) †

RESIGNATION

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Offertory Prayer †

Greg Aguillon (8:45)
Mary Ida Gray (11:15)

Offering

Thomas Tallis

*Jam Lucis Otto Sidere
(Now that Daylight Fills the Skies)*

That when the light of day is gone,
and night in course shall follow on,
we, free from cares the world affords,
may chant the praises that is our Lord's.

News for the Community

John Kubar

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 †

OLD HUNDREDTH

***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

Joseph Parr

*Improvisation on TE LUCIS ANTETERMINUM
(MONASTIC EVENING HYMN)*

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

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

Phrases from today's hymn, *Like a Mother with Her Children*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

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 11:15 service.

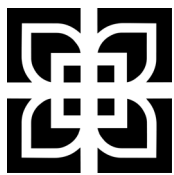
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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Next month Highland's Got Talent returns after a six year hiatus, better than ever!** Formerly known as HBC Got Skillz, this fundraising event truly emphasizes FUN and aims to encourage connection between various groups at Highland including but not limited to new members, not so new members, folks from different services, the young and the young at heart. The winner of Highland's Got Talent will be awarded a trophy and bragging rights for at least a year! And by talent, we mean anything from shadow puppets to bird calls to Sunday School class dance offs. If you or your group would like to take the stage, please complete the sign up form using the QR code by Wednesday, February 11. We ask that you fit all the goodness of your act into 3-5 minutes. Group acts are encouraged! Tickets to attend are \$5 each and the event will take place at Highland Community Ministries, 1228 E. Breckinridge. All proceeds go toward our Capital Campaign. Come to laugh! Come to perform! Stay for the culinary delights! Questions? Feel free to ask a member of the planning team including Sally Evans, Troy Burden, Emily Edwards, or Kim Fritschi.
- **Members of Highland are invited to Broadway Temple AME Zion Church (1301 W. Broadway) on January 19 at 12:00 PM in celebration of MLK, Jr. Day.** For more information, contact Interim Pastor, Chris Caldwell.
- **Our next Quarterly Church Conference is scheduled for Sunday, January 25, at 4:00 PM via Zoom.** We hope you will join us for this important meeting.
- **Looking Ahead:**

Monday, January 19:	Church office closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Sunday, January 25:	Quarterly Church Conference, 4:00 PM on Zoom
Thursday, January 29:	Memorial Service for Roz Heinz, 1:00 PM
Wednesday, February 18:	Ash Wednesday
Sunday, February 22:	Highland's Got Talent, 6:00 PM, HCM campus, 1228 E. Breckinridge



**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.

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