



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

COME WITH SINGING, COME WITH LAUGHTER,
LIFT GLAD PRAISES WITH A SONG

Prelude

Florence Price

In Quiet Mood

Call to Worship

Corey Moran (8:45)
Angela Dennison (11:15)

We come carrying a week of noise, work, and worry.

We come to be reminded who we are.

God meets us here, gathers us, steadies us.

So we can be sent again.

Jesus calls us salt and light, not hidden, not silent.

Shape us in this hour, God, and send us into your world.

Hymn of Praise (307) †

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All Creatures of Our God and King

Prayer of Praise †

Corey Moran (8:45)
Angela Dennison (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.

A Lesson from the Psalms

Paul Henderson

Psalm 112:6-9 (Pew Bible page 552– OT)

ON OUR HEARTS OUR GOD IS TRACING WORDS OF LOVE
THAT MAKE US SING

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

God, you call us to be light, but we often stay dim.

We enjoy being gathered, yet we resist being sent. We choose comfort over courage, silence over love, blending in over standing for what is good. We forget that even small acts of mercy and honesty can shine. We underestimate what you can do through ordinary people like us.

Forgive us. Renew us. Make our faith something we carry into the world, not just something we do on Sundays. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Exchange of Peace †

Renee Purtlebaugh

**WE ARE CALLED TO BE GOD'S SERVANTS!
WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE IN LOVE**

Hymn †

James Biery and Marilyn Biery

Joined Together As One Body
Congregation joins in singing bold print.

Joined together as one body, knit together, we are one. We the Church, God's chosen body, live our faith in Christ, the Son. We are called to be disciples, we are called to live in love! Bring your hearts and minds, disciples, dedicate your lives to love.

Joined together by the Spirit, every person brings a gift. Every life is full of merit; hearts of gratitude we lift.
We are called to be the faithful we are called to live in love! Such an honor to be faithful, full of life and full of love.

Joined together, all embracing, yet our separate selves we bring. On our hearts our God is tracing words of love that make us sing. We are called to be God's servants, we are called to live in love! Such an hour to be servants, ever faithful in God's love.

Join together, sons and daughters, lift your voices loud and strong! Come with singing, come with laughter, lift glad praises with a song! With great joy, shout hallelujah, Christ is with us, we are one! Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah we are one!

Joined together as one body, knit together we are one. Still each person in Christ's body will remain a separate one. We are called to be God's people, we are called to live in love! Always longing, as God's people, for God's gracious healing Love.

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

The Gospel Lesson †

Chris Caldwell

Matthew 5:13-16 (Pew Bible page 4 – NT)

Sermon

The Gathered and Scattered Church

**BRING YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS, DISCIPLES,
DEDICATE YOU LIVES TO LOVE**

Hymn of Response (649) †

IN BABILONE

Christ, You Call Us All to Service

Offertory Prayer †

Nelda Moore (8:45)
Larry Marcum (11:15)

Offertory

Thomas Wheelkes

Voluntary No. 1

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 †

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

Thomas Wheelkes

Voluntary No. 2

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn, *Joined Together As One Body*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

One way Highland celebrates Black History Month is by hearing the voices of black musicians in our worship. Florence Price, born in Arkansas, is considered the first recognized African-American female composer. In her lifetime, she composed more than 300 works. Price was groomed early in her musical training and attended New England Conservatory of Music at age 14 with degrees in organ and teaching piano. Due to racial tensions of that time, Price and her family moved to Chicago, IL in 1927 and established herself as a teacher, pianist, and organist.

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.

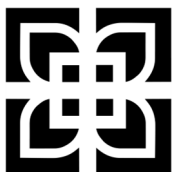
Worship care is available for infants, toddlers and preschoolers during worship. Our greeters are available to help you navigate our building. A Worship Cart with activities to engage children in the pew is located in the Commons. Children's Worship is available for K-2nd graders during the 11:15 service.

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

- **Highland's Got Talent Returns!** Join us Sunday, February 22 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Highland Community Ministries for the Highland's Got Talent fundraiser! \$5 suggested donation per person and don't forget to bring cash to vote for your favorite act. Got an idea for an individual or group act? Sign up by Sunday, February 15 to be on stage using the QR code. Look for us in the Commons to sign up to bring food, volunteer, AND vote with your dollars for a lucky HBC pastor or staff member to be transformed by local drag artist May O'Nays at the event! All proceeds go to our Capital Campaign.
- **On February 26-28, Highland will partner with other Baptist churches in the area to build a home as part of Habitat for Humanity.** We are looking for 2-4 volunteers each day. Contact Larry Hoover at larry.hoover@frontier.com.
- **The Pastor Search Committee is thrilled to announce that we have selected a final candidate for senior pastor of Highland Baptist Church and our call weekend will be February 26-March 1!** We thank you for your prayers and patience with the process. Information about the candidate and a detailed schedule will be included in this week's newsletter.
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - Wednesday, February 18: Ash Wednesday
 - Thursday, February 19: Drag Bingo, 12:00 Noon, Fellowship Hall - contact Paul Henderson for reservations
 - Sunday, February 22: Highland's Got Talent, 6:00 PM, HCM campus, 1228 E. Breckinridge
 - February 26-28: Baptist Build with Habitat for Humanity
 - February 26-March 1: Call Weekend to meet Senior Pastor Candidate
 - March 6-8: Spring Women's Retreat - contact Ginger Miller at 502-599-6569
 - Saturday, March 21: Jean Janes Yard Sale in Fellowship Hall



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
CUSTODIANS

Chris Caldwell
INTERIM PASTOR

Cheryl Davis
OFFICE MANAGER

Megan Fuller
MINISTRY ASSISTANT AND
INTERIM CARE COORDINATOR

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CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Joseph Parr
ORGANIST AND MUSIC ASSOCIATE

Renee Purtlebaugh
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES