



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 15, 2026
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

John Kupar

**CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES;
CHRIST, THE TRUE, THE ONLY LIGHT**

Chiming the Hour (11:15)

Children's Handbells

Prelude

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on RATISBON

Call to Worship

Richard Ryan (8:45)
Alma and Jenny Vaughn (11:15)

Come to me and wait. I will give you instructions and commandments in written form.

We come to you and we wait, to see and hear what you will say.

In days past, I wrote on stone tablets, but now I write my words upon your heart that you may teach them.

We offer our hearts to receive your words and what we learn, we'll teach others.

Heaven is open above you and the kingdom is within you.

Wherever we go, the kingdom comes.

Children's Introit (11:15)

African American Spiritual, arr. Mark Patterson
This Little Light of Mine
Chorister Choir

Hymn of Praise †

RATISBON

Christ whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light; Sun of Right- 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;
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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.
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky

Prayer of Praise †

Richard Ryan (8:45)
Alma and Jenny Vaughn (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.

**VISIT THEN THIS SOUL OF MINE;
PIERCE THE GLOOM OF SIN AND SHAME**

The Hebrew Lesson

Renee Purtlebaugh

Exodus 24:12-18 (Pew Bible pages 69-70 – OT)

Prayer of Confession

Paul Henderson

Waiting is not always easy for us, especially while living in a realm where instant gratification is perceived as proof of being blessed. You wait for us and on us often. Help us to remember that we are to be of good courage as we wait on you and for you.

Words of Assurance

Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

Hymn (638) †

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15).

**SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS ARISE, ARISE;
TRIUMPH O'ER THE SHADES OF NIGHT**

The Gospel Lesson †

Luke 9:28-36 (Pew Bible page 68 – NT)

Chris Caldwell

Choral Anthem

African American Spiritual, arr. Andre Thomas
My Good Lord's Done Been Here

My Lord, Oh, my Lord, My Good Lord's been here! My good Lord's done been here! Blessed my soul and gone away. My good Lord's done been here! Blessed my soul and gone. When I get to heaven and my work is done, Going to sit down with sister Mary and chatter with the darling son. Going down to the river of Jordan one of these days. Going to sit at the welcome table. There I will see my savior's face. Hold up the Baptist finger, hold up the Baptist hand, when I get in the heavens, going to join the Baptist band.

Sermon

The Temptation to Idolize a Place

Chris Caldwell

**FILL ME, RADIANCY DIVINE; SCATTER ALL MY UNBELIEF;
MORE AND MORE THYSELF DISPLAY**

Hymn of Response (161) †

See Our Lord in All His Glory

CWM RHONDDA

Offertory Prayer †

Cathy Ryan (8:45)
Eliza Purtlebaugh (11:15)

Offertory

Adoration

Florence Price

News for the Community

John Kupar

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.***

Choral Benediction †

Kathy Bowen
Shine on, Eternal Sun

Shine on, shine on, Eternal Sun! Pour richer floods of life and light. Till that bright Sabbath be begun, the glorious day which knows no night. Shine on, shine on, Eternal Sun! Amen!

Postlude

Paul Manz
God of Grace

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

Today in Worship

Phrases from today's hymn of praise, *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky*, 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:

- André Thomas is a living composer originally from Wichita, Kansas. His mother cleaned buses for Trailways and sang in the church initiating his love of music. He was primarily self-taught at piano until jr. high when he began taking lessons at Wichita State University. He eventually earned his DMA and began teaching at Florida State until he retired in 2019. He continues to lead clinics, conduct choirs, and compose.
- Many of you may wonder about the phrase we sing today, "Hold up the Baptist finger, hold up the Baptist hand"! According to legend, during slavery days when the masters took their enslaved persons with them to public gatherings, the enslaved would always sit in the balcony. When one had to go to the bathroom or wanted to be excused for any reason, they would hold their hand up and keep it up until their master acknowledged that they saw their hand and gave them permission to leave or in other words "excused them to leave." After the enslaved person was given permission to leave, they would hold up one finger as they were leaving to inform anyone who saw them leave that they had been excused.
- The origin of *This Little Light of Mine* is unclear but may have appeared in the 1920's as an American gospel song. One of the earliest recordings was by a black woman, Doris McMurray, who was imprisoned in Texas. During the Civil Rights Movement, the hopeful lyrics were part of Freedom Singing when large groups of protesters sang as a form of resistance to deescalate tensions.

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 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. \$5 suggested donation per person and don't forget to bring cash to vote for your favorite act. Today is the deadline to sign up using the QR code. Please sign up in the Commons 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.
- **The Pastor Search Committee is eager for all of Highland's members to meet and talk with Rev. Dr. Carol Harston.** Here is the schedule of meetings for the week of 2/23 through 3/1.
 - ◆ Monday, 2/23 at 6:30 PM – Deacons
 - ◆ Tuesday, 2/24 at 5:30 PM – Ministry Council
 - ◆ Thursday, 2/26 at 6:00 PM – True Colors, Anti-Racism Team, Global Partnerships and Missions and Justice
 - ◆ Friday, 2/27 at 5:30 PM – Virtual meeting, particularly for our homebound members. Stay tuned for instructions on how to participate in this meeting.
 - ◆ Friday, 2/27 at 7:00 PM – Friday Church
 - ◆ Saturday, 2/28 at 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon – All church, Fellowship Hall and 1:00 – 3:00 PM – All church, Fellowship Hall
 - ◆ Sunday, 3/1, 8:45 and 11:15 AM Worship Services
- **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 - contact Larry Hoover
 - February 26-March 1: Call Weekend to meet Senior Pastor Candidate Carol Harston
 - March 6-8: Spring Women's Retreat - contact Ginger Miller at 502-599-6569
 - Saturday, March 21: Jean Janes Yard Sale in Fellowship Hall