



THE WORK OF  
**IMAGINATION**

**Disruptive Blessings**

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 1, 2026

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

**REIMAGINING: OUR LOGO FROM LENT TO EASTER**

The dove is not passive . . . it moves with power.

Peace is not submission . . . peace liberates, creates, and reshapes.

The crown represents domination . . . empire, hierarchy, control.

Breaking the crown is holy work . . . defiance can be faithful.

This is the work of imagination . . . to break what binds and to build what frees.

Invitation to Worship

Chris Caldwell

Introduction of the Senior Pastor Candidate

Kathy Golightly Sanders

## A TIME OF CONTRITION

Prelude

arr. Brian Childers

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
Highland Handbells

Call to Worship

Chris Caldwell

Do we dare place our trust in God?

***God has promised to be with us to guide us.***

Are we willing to continue on the journey when we don't know the dangers and are not sure of the destination?

***No matter what, God is with us. That's the promise and the hope.***

Let us step forward boldly, listening for God's call in our lives.

***Let us place our trust in God always. Amen.***

Hymn (71) †

SLANE

*Be Thou My Vision*

A Reading from the Psalms

Paul Henderson

Psalm 121 (Pew Bible page 560 – OT)

Personal Meditation

Manz/arr. Honoré

*Aria*  
Highland Handbells

Words of Assurance

Renee Purtlebaugh

## A TIME FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Hymn †

STUTTGART

*There Is Now a New Creation*



1. There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,

2. Call the lost and found to - ge - ther; tell the news to ev - ery - one;

3. Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;

5 4. There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and re - con - ci - li - a - tion with the God of end - less life.

now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.

Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.

Sing, with thanks and a - do - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!

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

Prayer of Praise †

Ron Smith (8:45)  
Diane Brewer (11:15)

Choral Anthem

Mark Patterson

*Psallite*

Psallite unigenito, Christe Dei Filio!  
Psallite Redemptori Domino,  
puerile, jacenti in praesepio.

Sing to Christ the only begotten son of God!  
Sing to the Redeemer, our Lord,  
the child lying in the manger.

## A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION

The Gospel Lesson †

John 3:1-17 (Pew Bible page 3 – NT)

Carol Harston

Sermon

*Expertise, Love, and Losing the Ship*

Vote on the Candidate

## A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Response (286) †

*O God in Whom All Life Begins*

NOEL

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.*

Offertory Prayer †

Larry Gray (8:45)  
Jess Smith (11:15)

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!***

Benediction †

John Kupar

Postlude

Joseph Parr

*Improvisation on WONDROUS LOVE*

## Today in Worship

Senior pastor candidate Rev. Dr. Carol Harston is a native of Louisville. She previously served on the staff of Highland Baptist Church for 10 years as Minister to Youth and four years as Associate Pastor for Faith Formations and Congregational Engagement. She has recently served as a consultant with the CBF Thriving Congregations initiative, working with congregations in Florida and Kentucky. Carol has a Master of Divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Doctor of Ministry from Duke Divinity School. She and her husband Drew live in Louisville with their three boys, James, Collier, and Walter.

Thanks to Stephanie Hall for her musical leadership in today's worship services.

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

- **Notes about Voting Today** - the three requirements for full membership at Highland include: 1) baptism by immersion or baptism in another tradition that holds meaning for you, 2) attendance at a Highlights class for new members and visitors to learn more about Highland, and 3) participation in a conference with one of our ministers. A voting affiliate is someone who has formally requested membership and completed two of these three requirements as outlined in the church bylaws.



- **Looking Ahead:**

March 6-8:	Spring Women's Retreat
Monday, March 9:	Senior Adult trip to Talbott Tavern in Bardstown for lunch, contact Paul Henderson
Tuesday, March 10:	Roz Heinz Memorial Service, 1:00 PM, visitation 12:00 PM
Saturday, March 21:	Jean Janes Yard Sale in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, March 29:	Palm Sunday, 8:45 and 11:15 AM
Thursday, April 2:	Maundy Thursday, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall
Friday, April 3:	Good Friday, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary
Sunday, April 5:	Easter Services, 8:45 and 11:15 AM, Easter Potluck Breakfast, 10:00 AM



## 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

**Paige Harlow**  
DEACON CHAIR

**Paul Henderson**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF MUSIC  
AND WORSHIP

**Robert Kahne**  
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

**John Kupar**  
INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
TO YOUTH

**Walter McWhorter**  
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

**Joseph Parr**  
ORGANIST AND MUSIC ASSOCIATE

**Renee Purtlebaugh**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN  
AND THEIR FAMILIES