



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 15, 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

John Kupar

## A TIME OF CONTRITION

Prelude

Thomas Tallis

*Ecce tempus idoneum (Now is the time for healing)*

Tabitha Jenkins, soprano

Call to Worship

John Kupar

As we come to worship, we remember the love revealed to us in Christ. As the hymn declares:

***“When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.”***

Come, let us worship the Good Shepherd whose love was poured out on the cross.

***Let us offer our lives in grateful praise and worship.***

Let us worship God.

The Epistle Lesson

John Kupar

Ephesians 5:8-14 (Pew Bible page 191 – NT)

Congregational Anthem

Isaac Watts/arr. Fred C. Mallory

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

***When I survey the wondrous cross,  
On which the prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.***

***Forbid it Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.***

***See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.***

***Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.***

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

God, our Good Shepherd, we confess we often look to unwise leaders to guide us, whether in work, play, government, faith, or daily living. We overlook poor choices and bad boundaries, and we find ourselves enamored by personalities and power.

***Forgive us for pursuing folly over wisdom. Forgive us for choosing flashy leaders over leaders you have gifted with experience and discernment. Forgive us for not holding our leaders accountable. Help us keep firm boundaries with leaders, encouraging them to make hard choices. And when you call us into leadership roles, help us rise to the occasion with integrity and faithfulness. Amen.***

Words of Assurance

Exchange of Peace †

Renee Purtlebaugh

## A TIME FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Hymn (319) †

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Prayer of Praise †

John Gribbins (8:45)  
Cheryl Davis (11:15)

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

## A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION

Choral Anthem

arr. Mack Willberg

### *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name; In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways, and leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest while others go and come, no more a stranger, not a guest; but like a child at home.

A Lesson from the Psalms

Chris Caldwell

### Psalm 23 (*Psalms for Praying* by Nan Merrill)

*O my Beloved, You are my shepherd, I shall not want;  
You bring me to green pastures for rest and lead me beside still waters, renewing my spirit;  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I am not afraid;  
For You are ever with me; your rod and your staff they guide me, they give me strength and comfort.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of all my fears; you bless me with oil, my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the heart of the Beloved forever.*

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

Sermon

### *Images of God's Love*

## A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Response (405) †

BRADBURY

### *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Offertory Prayer †

Marilyn Whisler (8:45)  
Robert Davis (11:15)

Offertory

arr. David Winkler

### *Holy, Holy, Holy* Highland Orchestra

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 †

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 †

Chris Caldwell

Postlude

Felix Mendelssohn

### *Organ Sonata No. 1, I. Allegro moderato e serioso*

## Today in Worship

Gratitude to Highland's orchestra, Charles Brestel, John Dickson, Tabitha Jenkins, Bruce Maples and Kim Shippey 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. 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

- **Jean Janes Yard Sale**—Please continue bringing your items to the church for our yard sale! You may place your donations along the wall in the lower-level hallway opposite the restrooms. We need to make sure this area remains accessible and the hallway isn't blocked. Wednesday, March 18, is the final day to bring things in. As always, thank you for your generosity, support and cooperation!
- **Easter Lily Sign-Up:** You are invited to purchase a lily for \$15 in memory of, in honor of, or in appreciation of a family member, a friend, a loved one, or a group of people. You may order flowers by scanning the QR code on this page and follow where directed. You may also order lilies by using the link in the newsletter or by calling the church office at 502-451-3735. **The deadline for ordering lilies is Monday, March 30.**
- **Join us for Easter Breakfast on April 5 at 10:00 AM** as we celebrate the resurrection together on Easter Morning. Breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall so that rain or shine, we have a plan in place. You are welcome to eat downstairs or take breakfast outside if the weather is nice! Please scan the QR code and sign up to bring breakfast items to share with our faith community or use the link included in the newsletter.
- **We also invite you to bring fresh flowers to help adorn our Easter cross**, created by Chip Miller, outside in front of the sanctuary. Children will also have the opportunity to participate in an Easter egg hunt for different age groups.
- **Looking Ahead:**

Sunday, March 22:	Chris Caldwell's final Sunday as interim pastor, reception following 11:15 service
Sunday, March 29:	Palm Sunday, 8:45 and 11:15 AM, Carol Harston's first Sunday as pastor
Thursday, April 2:	Maundy Thursday, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall
Friday, April 3:	Tenebrae Service, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary
Sunday, April 5:	Easter Services, 8:45 and 11:15 AM, Easter Breakfast, 10:00 AM



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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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