



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29, 2026
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

OUR PRAISE AND PRAYER AND ANTHEMS BEFORE THEE WE PRESENT

Prelude

Felix Mendelssohn

Sonata No. 1, II. Adagio

Call to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

“Hosanna!” they shouted, “Save us!”

“Hosanna!” we’re shouting, “Save us!”

Savior, ride into our hearts again. Wash us with excitement and hope.

Give us a reason to praise and shout again, “Hosanna! Hosanna!”

Processional Hymn (175) †

ST. THEODULPH

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Children’s Anthem (11:15)

Laura Farnell

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Carol and Chorister Choirs

Hosanna! Hosanna! Joyfully we sing! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hail the coming King! Blessed is He who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Praise †

Kelly Garrett (8:45)
Kaeshi Zoeller (11:15)

Choral Anthem

William Matthias

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

THOU DID ACCEPT THEIR PRAISES, ACCEPT THE PRAYERS WE BRING

A Lesson from the Psalms

John Kupar

Psalm 31:9-16 (Pew Bible pages 495-496 – OT)

Choral Prayer of Contrition

Helen Kemp

Lenten Love Song

Chorister Choir

Now Jesus went into the garden, the garden of Gethsemane. He went there sad and very weary to be alone to pray.

Dear God, I am so sorrowful, is there no other way? Dear God, if it is possible, let this cup pass away.

Now Jesus went into the garden, the garden of Gethsemane. The olive tree bent over him and heard him sadly pray:

Dear God, your Son is sorrowful, but knows your way is best. Let love take hold of me! Help me to be bold and free to do your will and rest.

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est. (Where charity and love are found, God is there.)

Words of Assurance

Paul Henderson

Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

Hymn (173) †

TRURO

Lift Up Your Heads

WE WITH ALL CREATION IN CHORUS MAKE REPLY

The Gospel Lesson †

Matthew 21:1-17 (Pew Bible pages 22-23 – NT)

Carol Harston

Sermon

Telling Our Story

TO THEE, NOW HIGH EXALTED, OUR MELODY WE RAISE

Hymn of Response (415) †

CRUCIFER

Lift High the Cross

Offertory Prayer †

Scott Gunter (8:45)
Riley Ford (11:15)

Offertory

John Sheppard

In manus tuas, 1st Setting
(Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.)

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 †

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 †

Carol Harston

Postlude

Felix Mendelssohn

Sonata No. 1, III. Andante Recitativo

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

Today in Worship

Thanks to our choral ensemble for their musical leadership in today's service: Stephanie Hall, Kim Henderson, Jillian Dunning, Jenna Profit, Cincere Flynt, Joseph Parr, Richard Ryan, and Andrew Schafflein.

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.

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

- **Maundy Thursday Service, April 2 at 6:30 PM** - This intimate service takes place in smaller gatherings around the Fellowship Hall. We will offer a time of fellowship with charcuterie. At 7:00 PM, we will join in a time of communion, hymns, reading scripture, and hand washing. Carol Harston will lead our Lenten reflection.
- **Tenebrae Service, Friday, April 3 at 7:00 PM** - The Service of Darkness is based on the ancient word Tenebrae (shadows) and remembers Christ's suffering and crucifixion through music and scripture. Highland's Sanctuary Choir provides the music for the service.
- **Easter Services, Sunday, April 5 at 8:45 and 11:15 AM** - Join us for this time of celebration as the Sanctuary resounds with congregational singing, choirs, and brass. Our 2nd and 3rd grade children will process with Easter lilies in the 11:15 AM service. Together, we will proclaim that Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!
- **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. 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.
- **We invite you to bring fresh flowers to adorn our Easter cross** outside in front of the sanctuary. **Children will enjoy an Easter egg hunt on the lawn at 10:15 AM.**
- **Looking Ahead:**

Wednesday, April 1:	Cloud of Witness: Emily Edwards, Cheryl Priddy, and Nathan Rider
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
Wednesday, April 8:	No Wednesday evening activities



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*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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