

Today in Worship

Phrases from today’s hymn, *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation, and response.

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 sermon.

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Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Wednesday night activities resume this week on August 12!** If you’d like to make a dinner reservation for one night or standing reservations for the year, please send an email to Leslie Morris at leslie@hbclouisville.org to let her know. Also consider if you might volunteer for dessert making, food preparation and setup, or dish drying. To volunteer, contact Kathy Belcher at klbelcher53@gmail.com.
- **2026-2027 Highland Theme: Rooted. Remembering. Restless. Rising.** This school year, we will explore how faith shapes us through life’s changing seasons.



Fall: We are rooted in the love that sustains us and in all that has been given to us.
Advent: We remember the stories we carry and God’s steadfast accompaniment.
Winter: We are restless with holy longing for the world God calls us to create.
Spring: We are rising together into new life through resurrection hope.

Throughout the fall, you will be invited to join us in recognizing how we feast on the faithfulness of past generations, sow seeds for the generations to come, and establish deep connections by participating in small acts of faithfulness together.

- **Children's Choirs return this week!** It’s time to fill Highland’s second floor with the sounds of children singing! From walking toddlers holding the hand of a parent to the confidence of a fifth grader remembering past music skills, our top floor holds the high energy, movement, noise, and music making from both children and adults each Wednesday, 6:00-7:15 p.m. Come and join in the fun!
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - Wednesday, August 12: Wednesday night activities resume beginning with dinner at 5:20
 - Saturday, August 15: Highland Veterans Group, 10:00 AM in the Commons
 - Fri/Sat, August 28-29: Deacon Retreat, General Butler State Park
 - Sunday, August 30: Deacon Ordination Service, 4:00 PM, Sanctuary
Beer and Hymns, Trellis Brewing
 - Sunday, September 13: Installation Service for Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Carol Harston, 4:00 PM



**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.

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Renee Purtlebaugh
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES



When we’re afraid, when we feel small,
take courage: God is with us through it all.

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2026

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

John Kupar

I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD
THAT MADE THE MOUNTAINS RISE

Prelude

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on FOREST GREEN

Call to Worship

Amber Burke (8:45)
Becky Hines (11:15)

We gather round once again, listening for God and noticing the Spirit’s presence among us.
When we listen, the seeds God has sown among us continue to take root.
When we listen, new seeds are planted.
When we notice, we make room for the Spirit to nudge us and nourish us as we grow.
Come, let us listen, notice, and worship God together.

Hymn of Praise (19) †

DIFOREST GREEN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Prayer of Praise †

Amber Burke (8:45)
Becky Hines (11:15)

Recognition of Kindergarteners and Sixth Graders

Renee Purtlebaugh and John Kupar

Blessing for the New School Year

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.

ALL THAT BORROWS LIFE FROM THEE IS EVER IN THY CARE

The Hebrew Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7 (Pew Bible page 658 – OT)

Paul Henderson

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

Choral Assurance

Philip Stopford

Do Not Be Afraid

Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. When you walk through waters I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves. When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames. When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side. When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes. You are mine, O my child, I am your parent, and I love you, I love you, I love you with a perfect love.

Exchange of Peace †

Renee Purtlebaugh

Hymn (55) †

FESTAL SONG

Give to the Winds Your Fears

I SING THE WISDOM THAT ORDAINED
THE SUN TO RULE THE DAY

The Gospel Lesson †

Matthew 14:22-33 (Pew Bible page 16 – NT)

Carol Harston

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

Sermon

Where Faith Takes Root: In the Storm

EVERYWHERE THAT WE CAN BE,
THOU, GOD, ART PRESENT THERE

Hymn of Response (400) †

PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Offertory Prayer

Vicki Runnion (8:45)
Eliza Purtlebaugh (11:15)

Offertory

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on PRECIOUS LORD

News for the Community

Carol Harston

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 †

Carol Harston

Postlude

Paul Hindemith

Sonata No. 1, I. Lebhaft

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