

Today in Worship

Phrases from today’s hymn of praise, *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*, 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 have resumed!** 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 dish drying once each month. To volunteer, contact Kathy Belcher at klbelcher53@gmail.com.
- **This Fall at Highland: Rooted. Small Acts. Deep Roots. Shared Life.** 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. We are rooted in the love that sustains us and in all that has been given to us. Look for opportunities to connect with our theme in various ways throughout the year.
- **Deacon Ordination is next Sunday, August 30 at 4:00 PM.** ALL are invited to attend these beautiful moments as we ordain four deacons and install five deacons for service in this new season at Highland.
- **Installation Service on September 13 at 4:00 PM.** You are invited to join the choir, handbells, and brass, along with every living former Senior Pastor as we install Rev. Dr. Carol Harston as the 18th Senior Pastor at Highland Baptist. It will be a joyful, rare, and and hope-filled service you will not want to miss!
- **Looking Ahead:**

Fri/Sat, August 28-29:	Deacon Retreat, General Butler State Park
Sunday, August 30:	Deacon Ordination Service, 4:00 PM, Sanctuary Beer and Hymns, 5:30-7:00 PM, Trellis Brewing
Tuesday, September 8:	Senior Adult Potluck Luncheon, 12:00 Noon, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, September 12:	Booth at Louisville Pride Festival, 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM, sign up using the QR code
Sunday, September 13:	Installation Service for Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Carol Harston, 4:00 PM
October 9-11:	Fall Women’s Retreat - contact Ginger Miller at 502-599-6569



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 23, 2026
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.



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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Cheryl Davis OFFICE MANAGER	Carol Harston SENIOR PASTOR	John Kubar INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH	Joseph Parr ORGANIST AND MUSIC ASSOCIATE
Megan Fuller MINISTRY ASSISTANT AND INTERIM CARE COORDINATOR	Paul Henderson ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP	Walter McWhorter CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR	Renee Purtlebaugh ASSOCAITE PASTOR TO CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Invitation to Worship

Paul Henderson

PRAISE AND HONOR TO THE FATHER, SON, SPIRIT,
EVER THREE AND EVER ONE

Prelude

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Call to Worship	Buddy Lee (8:45) Stephanie Hall (11:15)	Choral Anthem	Mack Wilberg
What will hold when the ground beneath us shifts? A love deeper than our fear. What will endure when our certainty gives way? A grace stronger than our failure. What foundation can bear the weight of all we bring? Christ, our sure foundation, in whom the church is gathered and built. Here, then, let hope rise and praise begin. Come, let us worship God.		<i>Jesu, the Very Thought Is Sweet</i> Jesu the very thought is sweet; in that dear name all heart-joys meet; but O than honey sweeter far the glimpses of his presence are. No word is sung more sweet than this; no name is heard more full of bliss; no thought brings sweeter comfort nigh, than Jesus, Son of God most high. Jesu, the hope of souls forlorn! How good to them for sin that mourn! To them that seek thee, O how kind! But what art thou to them that find? Jesu, thou sweetness, pure and blest, life's Fountain, Light of souls distressed; surpassing all that heart requires, exceeding all that soul desires. No tongue of mortal can express, no letters write his blessedness; alone who hath thee in his heart knows, love of Jesus what thou art.	
Hymn of Praise (248) †	EDEN CHURCH	CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION, CHRIST OUR HEAD AND CORNERSTONE	
<i>Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation</i>			
Prayer of Praise †	Buddy Lee (8:45) Stephanie Hall (11:15)	The Gospel Lesson †	Carol Harston
		Matthew 16:13-20 (Pew Bible pages 17-18 – NT) <i>Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children’s Worship (11:15)</i>	
Glory to the Creator †	MEINEKE	Sermon	
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.		<i>The Work of Staying Together: The Roots</i>	
COME WITH ALL YOUR LOVINGKINDNESS, HEAR YOUR PEOPLE AS THEY PRAY			
A Reading from the Psalms	Renee Purtlebaugh	Hymn of Response (590) †	SOLID ROCK
Psalm 124 (Pew Bible pages 560-561 – OT)		<i>The Solid Rock</i>	
Prayer of Confession	John Kupar	Offertory Prayer	Walter McWhorter (8:45) Bill Ockerman (11:15)
Merciful God, we are quick to thank you when life works in our favor and slower to notice who is paying the price. We enjoy cheap goods without asking who made them or what they were paid. We say everyone deserves a fair chance while accepting systems that make some people work twice as hard for half as much. We condemn cruelty until it is aimed at someone we have decided deserves it. Too often, we call ourselves innocent because we did not build the system, even while we benefit from it. Forgive us for confusing distance with innocence. Free us from the traps we have learned to live with. Open our eyes to those still caught and give us courage to help break the snare. Amen.		Offertory	Paul Hindemith
		<i>Sonata No. 2, II. Quietly Stirring</i>	
Assurance of Forgiveness		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.	
Exchange of Peace †	John Kupar	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.	
Hymn †	TOPLADY	Benediction †	Carol Harston
<i>Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me</i> Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee. Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure. Not the labors of my hands can fulfill the laws demands. Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and thou alone. Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.		Postlude	Joseph Parr
		<i>Improvisation on SOLID ROCK</i>	
† <i>For those who are able, we invite you to stand.</i>			