

Today in Worship

Phrases from today’s hymn, *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, 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.

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 first 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

- As we announced last week, **Ministry Council will bring an amendment to the bylaws** to our upcoming Quarterly Church Conference (October 18) regarding the number of Ministry Council congregational representatives. The exact language of the proposed amendment will appear in the newsletter in the coming weeks.
- We look forward to **gathering with adults of all ages in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights, 6:00-7:15 p.m.**, for community prayer, faith formation, and faith expression.
 - September 30: No Wednesday Night Programming due to JCPS Fall Break
 - October 7: Cloud of Witness with Peggy Holthaus, John Kubar, and Alan Spade
 - October 14: Connecting with Global Mission Partners with Global Mission Team (Mission & Justice)
- Faithful Giving season is still underway**, and we continue to receive pledges today. You may place your pledge card in the offering plate or contact Leslie Morris in the church office at (502) 451-3735.
- Highlights Class Begins October 18:** Our next Highlights class begins on Sunday, October 18. Designed for those who are new to Highland, this three-week class is a time to learn more about our congregation and its ministries while meeting other visitors and new members. We’ll gather in the Commons, just outside the sanctuary, at 10:00 AM each week. Let us know if you plan to attend by contacting Cheryl Davis at cheryl@hbclouisville.org by Wednesday, October 14.
- Looking Ahead:**
 - Sunday, September 27: Choral Evensong and Benediction, Episcopal Church of the Advent, 5:00 PM
 - Wednesday, October 7: Cloud of Witness facilitated by Bob Cunningham, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
 - October 9-11: Women’s Fall Retreat, contact Ginger Miller to sign up - 502-599-6569
 - Sunday, October 11: Worship Care Training, 10:00 AM, Children’s Commons
 - Sunday October 18: Highlights Classes Begin, 10:00 AM, Commons
 - Quarterly Church Conference, 4:00 PM, Zoom



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 27, 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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ORGANIST AND MUSIC ASSOCIATE

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF
MUSIC AND WORSHIP

Walter McWhorter
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Renee Purtlebaugh
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

Hymn (565) †

God of Past, Who by Your Spirit

HYFRYDOL

ALL THAT HATH LIFE AND BREATH
COME NOW WITH PRAISES BEFORE HIM

Prelude

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on HENDON

Call to Worship

Sam Johnson (8:45)
Larry Marcum (11:15)

Let us come with grateful hearts, ready to worship.
**Let the mind of Christ be among us —
a love that does not grasp for power but makes room for others.**
Let us come to lay down our pride, to lift one another up,
and to follow the way of Jesus.
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who meets us in humility and calls us into wholeness.

Processional Hymn (319) †

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Prayer of Praise †

Sam Johnson (8:45)
Larry Marcum (11:15)

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.**

The Epistle Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13 (Pew Bible page 193 – NT)

Paul Henderson

Anthem

Stephen Caracciolo

Within These Walls

Within these walls, the sound of praises, radiant alleluias rise. Ceaseless prayer and hymn ascending, sweet as incense to the skies. Holy, holy, holy God, all glory. Saints on earth and saints above join to bless the Lord of Love. Within these walls, a meal for sharing, tender alleluias rise. Bread and wine for celebration, hymns to praise the Crucified. Within these walls, a faith confessing, joyous alleluias rise. Songs of hope and revelation, God's own word and sign inspire. Within these walls, yet far beyond all, wondrous alleluias rise. Word and song and all creation praise the Son of God, Most High!

SURELY HIS GOODNESS AND MERCY HERE DAILY ATTEND THEE

Prayer of Confession

Paul Henderson

We confess that we too often seek recognition rather than humility, power rather than service, and our own way rather than the good of the whole. We hold tightly to what is ours when love calls us to make room for others. We look to our own interests and forget the needs of our neighbors. Forgive us, O God, and shape us in the way of Christ—the way of humility, compassion, and self-giving love. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

ALL YE WHO HEAR, NOW TO HIS TEMPLE DRAW NEAR

The Gospel Lesson †

Matthew 21:23-32 (Pew Bible page 23 – NT)

Carol Harston

Sermon

Too Busy in the Kin-dom

PRAISE TO THE LORD, O LET ALL THAT IS IN ME ADORE HIM!

Hymn of Response (490) †

HENDON

Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated

Offertory Prayer

Marilyn Whisler (8:45)
Susan Pierce (11:15)

Offertory

Chorale Prelude on DARWALL

Healey Willan

You are invited to place your offerings and pledges in the offering plate at this time.

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, we say **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

Master Tallis’s Testament

Herbert Howells

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

In worship at Highland, we aim to sing music with a theology that reflects an expansive and inclusive God. Occasionally, our printed music may use language that limits God. When we are unable to re-print a more inclusive text, we encourage you to use language that better fits your image of God. Our ministers and choir will often replace “He/Him” with “God” or “Love” (one syllable) and “Father” with “Parent,” “Holy,” or “Divine” (two syllables). We would love to hear what creative language for God you might use in worship, too.