

Today in Worship

Phrases from today’s hymn, *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*, 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.

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

- 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.
 - October 14: Connecting with our Global Mission Partners led by the Global Mission Team (Mission & Justice)
 - October 21 & 28: Exploring Robert P. Jones’ *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy* with the Anti-Racism Team (Mission & Justice)
- 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. Joining Day will be Sunday, November 15.
- Global Missions Offering:** October is the month when we collect our Offering for Global Missions. This year’s theme is Transforming Abundance through Christ. Here at Highland, we have chosen to connect with other like-minded Baptists in the United States and around the world by being a part of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship works in the U.S. and globally in a variety of ways, and the offering we collect this month helps support that effort by funding the salaries of the field personnel who work with the CBF.

You may contribute to the Offering for Global Missions by using the QR code above, using an offering envelope found in the pews, or via the Highland website (identifying your contribution for Global Missions).
- Looking Ahead:**
 - Saturday, October 17: Veterans Gathering at the home of Greg Aguillon & Perry Ledford, 10:00 AM
Fall Night at the Dansby-McClain Farm, families with children and youth, 4:30-7:00 PM
 - Sunday October 18: Highlights Class Begins, Commons, 10:00 AM
Quarterly Church Conference, Zoom, 4:00 PM



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 11, 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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ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Invitation to Worship

Paul Henderson

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING ALLELUIA! AMEN!

Prelude

arr. Douglas Wagner

Let Praises Fill the Sky
Organ (8:45)
Children's Handbells (11:15)

Call to Worship—from Psalm 106

Ron Smith (8:45)
Lily Bolton (11:15)

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, and whose steadfast love endures forever.
Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare the praise God is due?
Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.
**Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;
help me when you deliver them. Let us worship God!**

Processional Hymn (306) †

MADRID

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Prayer of Praise †

Ron Smith (8:45)
Ayumi Hargrove (11:15)

Glory to the Creator †

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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.

PRAISE IS HIS GRACIOUS CHOICE: ALLELUIA! AMEN!

Call to Prayer

Philippians 4:4-7 (Pew Bible page 195 – NT)

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prayer of Confession

Carol Harston

Children's Anthem (11:15)

arr. Vicki Tucker Courtney

This Is My Father's World with He's Got the Whole World
Chorister Choir

Please join the children:
**He’s got the whole world in His hands. He’s got the whole world in His hands.
He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands. He’s got the whole world in His hands.
This is my Father’s world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
His hand the wonders wrought.**

Assurance of Forgiveness—from Philippians 4:8-9

Carol Harston

From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable,
focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure,
all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise.
**Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace
will be with you.**

Exchange of Peace †

Carol Harston

Hymn (698) †

CWM RHONDDA

For the Healing of the Nations

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

LET ALL, WITH HEART AND VOICE, BEFORE HIS THRONE REJOICE

The Gospel Lesson †

Matthew 22:1-14 (Pew Bible page 24 – NT)
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children’s Worship (11:15)

Carol Harston

Sermon

Deliver Us from Indifference

HIS LOVE SHALL NEVER END: ALLELUIA! AMEN!

Hymn of Response †

FOR EVERYONE BORN

For Everyone Born

**For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,**
Chorus:
**and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**

**For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong.**
Repeat Chorus

**For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.**
Repeat Chorus

Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer

Terri Connolly

Offertory

Improvisation on TERRA BEATA

Joseph Parr

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 †

Joe Phelps, text
arr. Jonathan Shippey

Benediction



Postlude

God of Grace

Paul Manz