

Today in Worship

Phrases from today’s hymn, *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*, 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 21 & 28: Exploring Robert P. Jones’ *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy* with the Anti-Racism Team (Mission & Justice)
- **Highlights Class Begins Today:** 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. 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:**

Sunday, October 18	Highlights Class Begins, Commons, 10:00 AM Quarterly Church Conference, Zoom, 4:00 PM
Wednesdays, October 21 and October 28	Exploring Robert P. Jones’ <i>The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy</i> with the Anti-Racism Team, 6:00 PM
Thursday, October 22	Senior Adult Lunch at Claudia Sanders Dinner House in Shelbyville, 12:00 PM
Thursday, October 29	Byck Elementary Fall Festival, 5:30-7:00 PM



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 18, 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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Invitation to Worship

Renee Purtlebaugh

LET ALL WHO NAME CHRIST'S HOLY NAME
GIVE GOD ALL PRAISE AND GLORY

Prelude

arr. David Winkler

Sweet Hour of Prayer
Highland Orchestra

Call to Worship

Casey Boggs (8:45)
Sharon Sanders (11:15)

Sing praise to God, whose love reigns above and whose grace sustains us all.
We gather in gratitude, trusting in the One whose mercy never fails.
God’s wisdom guides us, God’s power upholds us, and God’s presence goes before us.
Let our voices rise in joyful praise, and let our lives reflect God’s love.
Come, let us worship the God of grace, whose goodness leads us into hope!
With joyful hearts, we sing praise to God!

Processional Hymn (315) †

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Prayer of Praise †

Casey Boggs (8:45)
Sharon Sanders (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.

WHAT GOD'S ALMIGHTY POWER HAS MADE IN MERCY HE IS KEEPING

The Hebrew Lesson

Renee Purtlebaugh

Isaiah 45:1-7 (Pew Bible page 661 – OT)

Hymn (26) †

SLANE

God of Creation, All-Powerful

Choral Confession

Moses Hogan

Hear My Prayer

Oh Lord, please hear my prayer, in the morning when I rise. It's your servant bound for glory. Oh dear Lord, please hear my prayer. Oh Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within your arms. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear, Lord, please hear my prayer. When my work on earth is done, and you come to take me home. Just to know I'm bound for glory. And to hear you say well done. Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy, mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Paul Henderson

Exchange of Peace †

Paul Henderson

LET ALL WHO KNOW HIS POWER
PROCLAIM ALOUD THE WONDROUS STORY

The Gospel Lesson †

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

Carol Harston

Sermon

Lead Us Not into Temptation

THUS ALL MY TOILSOME WAY ALONG I SING ALOUD HIS PRAISES

Hymn of Response (669) †

NETTLETON

Long Ago You Taught Your People

Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer

Angela Dennison

Offertory

arr. David Winkler

How Beautiful
Highland Orchestra

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.**

Recognition of Megan Fuller's Five Years of Service at Highland

Personnel Ministry Group

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

Joseph Parr

Improvisation on MIT FREUDEN ZART

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.

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