

Invitation to Worship Joe Phelps

Meditation Handbell Quartet *How Firm a Foundation*

Call to Worship – Isaiah 55:10-13 Kathy Collier

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and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

**All: so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.**

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**All: the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

Hymn of Praise (24) *Creator God, We Give You Thanks*

Prayer of Praise Nina Maples

The Exchange of Peace

The Morning Psalm from *Psalms for Praying*
Psalm 119:105-112 Nina Maples

Gathering Our Offerings (38) *Thy Word*

The Gospel Lesson Joe Phelps
Matthew 13:1-9 (Pew Bible page 13 – NT)

Sermon *Soil Preparation*

Song of Renewal (15) *God of Dawn, Each Day's Renewal*

News for the Community Nina Maples

Benediction Joe Phelps

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Choral Introit Craig Courtney
The Name of Jesus
Diane Brewer and Bruce Maples, Soloists

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Hymn of Praise (24) † CANONBURY
Creator God, We Give You Thanks

Prayer of Praise

Baptism of Andre Warren (11:00)

Call to the Waters
Statement of Faith
Baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gloria Patri MEINEKE

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

DELIVER US FROM THOUGHTLESS DEEDS THAT PLUNDER, PILLAGE, AND ABUSE

The Morning Psalm from *Psalms for Praying*
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Prayers and Songs of Confession O WALY, WALY

**Your word sheds light upon my path;
a shining light, it guides my feet.
Your righteous judgments to observe,
my solemn vow I now repeat. *Silence***

**In my distress I plead with you;
send help according to your word.
Accept my sacrifice of praise
and make me know your judgements, Lord. *Silence***

**When danger brings me close to death,
your law stays with me night and day.
The wicked lay a snare for me,
yet from your truth I will not stray. *Silence***

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

Words of Assurance – from Romans 8

One: There is therefore now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**All: For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus
has set us free from the law of sin and of death.**

One: For those who live according to the flesh set their minds
on the things of the flesh, but those who live according
to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

**All: To set the mind on the flesh is death,
but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.**

Music of Assurance † O WALY, WALY

**Your precepts are my heritage,
they make my heart and soul rejoice.
To keep your statutes faithfully
shall ever be my willing choice.**

The Exchange of Peace

HELP US TO SEE YOUR DRAFTSMAN'S HAND IN EVERY BLADE OF GRASS

The Gospel Lesson † Joe Phelps
Matthew 13:1-9 (Pew Bible page 13 – NT)

Sermon Joe Phelps
Soil Preparation

THAT WE MAY STAND IN AWE BEFORE THE WORK OF YOUR CREATIVE POWER

Hymn of Response (15) † JOYFUL SINGING
God of Dawn, Each Day's Renewal
Stanzas One – Three

Offertory Prayer

Offertory arr. Charles Magg
How Firm a Foundation
Handbell Quartet

News for the Community Nina Maples

Doxology † JOYFUL SINGING

**Praise to God, who spoke creation, giving life to time and space.
Praise to Christ, whose living presence showed the world Your human face.
Praise the Spirit, daily witness to Your ever-loving way.
Take us now and reawake us, challenge us to use this day.**

Benediction Joe Phelps

Postlude Austin Echols
Morning Reflections

Today in Worship

We are grateful for the lay leadership in today's services by Bruce Carroll and Vi Chatmon (9:30); Roy Fuller and Margaret Pennington (11:00) and to the Handbell Quartet: Robert Davis, Bruce Maples, Sharon Sanders, and Kathy Collier.

Highland's deacons (wearing identification name tags) are available at various locations for prayer, questions or information. Deacons are lay ministers of the church who have been called to a ministry of service.

Listening Assist Devices are available. Please see our sound technician or an usher for assistance.

Phrases from our hymn of praise, *Creator God, We Give You Thanks*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Prayers of the People

New Concerns

Linda Barber, home, recovery from stroke
Cleve Iler, Sam Swope Care Center, Marsh House room 134, back surgery on 7/20
Howard Teel, hospital

Christian Sympathy

Bill and Penny Mosier, death of their sister-in-law

Ongoing Concerns

James Hikes, health concerns
Reece Little, kidney cancer
Kimmie Reeves, heart surgery recovery
Carol Stanton, foot surgery recovery
Frank Tupper, rehab
Megan Turner, home, hand surgery recovery

Notes and News for the Community of Faith

Welcome to Highland! If you are visiting with us, we are honored that you are here. Please find a minister or deacon for more information about the work of Love at Highland Baptist Church.



For a full listing of Highland's news and events, please visit our website at hbclouisville.org. You can also scan this QR code to be taken to our website.

Gather your friends and form a team for **Trivia Night this Saturday, July 22, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, in Fellowship Hall! For \$10/person you presence supports the Protestant Church of Morocco and their work with migrants and refugees. Don't have a team? No problem! Simply show up and join others. Opportunity to sign-up and register your team is forthcoming!

The church will be voting by ballot in all worship services **the weekend of July 23** for a slate of **deacons** who will begin serving in August. The names and photos of these people will be published in this coming week's newsletter.

Join other adults for a **weekday study** designed for all ages, led by John Hendrix, each **Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., through July 20**. Bring a sack lunch (or not). Beverages will be available. For more information, contact Lela Hendrix.

Lauren Jones Mayfield is leading a **Meditation Class** in the Commons **each Sunday through July 30, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Young adults, teenagers and adults are welcome! If you have a zafu or meditation cushion, please bring one. Chairs will be available.

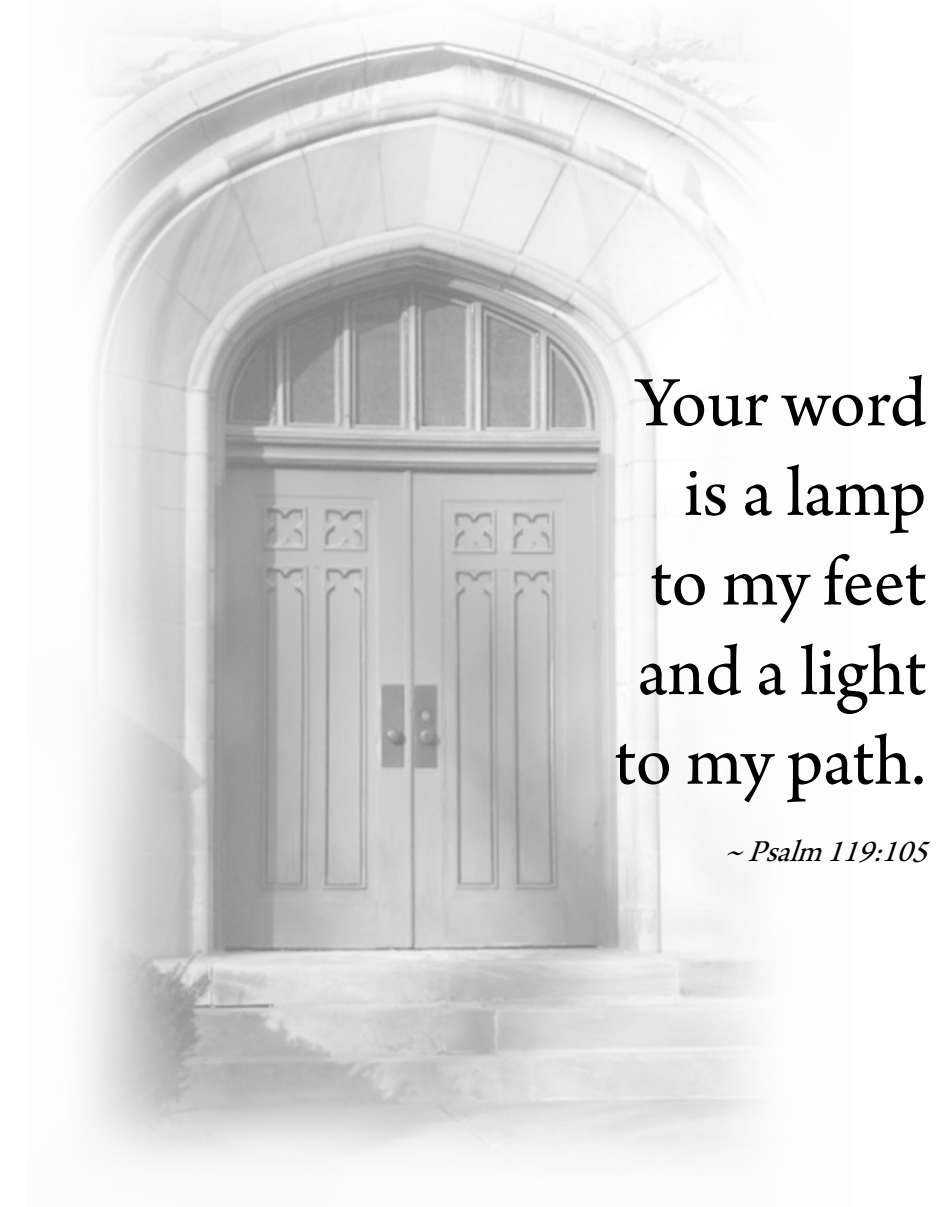
Our beloved Kitchen Team has retired from their many faithful years of cooking for our community. A task force has been formed to determine how we will ensure that **Wednesday night table fellowship** continues. **Our first step is to hear from you!** Please join us in our work by taking a 4-minute survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/S9Z59SL.

The Global Missions Ministry Group shares a heartfelt **thank you** for the **\$11,328** that has been contributed to the **CBF Global Missions Offering**. This amount pushed us past our goal of \$10,500. These gifts will enable the CBF to be the hands and feet of Christ here in states and around the world. If you have not yet made a gift to the Global Missions Offering, there is still time.

Joe Phelps and Highland's various Men's Groups **invite all Highland guys** to join a casual gathering for hiking, hanging out, eating and getting to know each other on **Saturday, July 29, 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**, at the new Floyd's Fork Park. The event is open to all. We'll pass the hat to cover lunch costs. Bring your own lawn chair. Hiking optional.

Mark Your Calendars

July 15-18: **PASSPORT kids!** Camp
 July 22: Global Missions Trivia Night
 July 29: HBC Men's Morning Out
 August 3: Theology on Tap
 August 10: Libation Theology
 August 12: MensWork Breakfast
 August 20: Promotion Sunday; Highlights Class
 August 23: Regular Wednesday Activities Resume
 August 28: Deacon Training; Deacon Ordination
 September 4: Church Offices Closed



Your word
 is a lamp
 to my feet
 and a light
 to my path.

~ Psalm 119:105



**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.

Our Vision... We dream of being an engaging, vibrant Christian church, where transformed people are joining the work of God, creating a world where justice and Love are abundant.

<p>Joe Phelps PASTOR</p> <p>Nina Maples SENIOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR PASTORAL CARE AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Renee Purtlebaugh ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES</p> <p>Lauren Jones Mayfield ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUNG ADULTS AND MISSIONS</p> <p>Perry Dixon ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES</p>	<p>Kathy Collier MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP</p> <p>Austin Echols ORGANIST AND MUSIC ASSOCIATE</p> <p>Fred Bogert MUSIC DIRECTOR TO FRIDAY CHURCH</p> <p>Don Burke PASTOR EMERITUS</p> <p>Lance Springs DEACON CHAIR</p> <p>Ryan Davis MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR</p>	<p>Becky Martin COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR</p> <p>Deb Ackerson FINANCIAL SECRETARY</p> <p>Andria Eadens PUBLICATIONS/MEMBERSHIP/ OFFICE MANAGER</p> <p>Walter McWhorter INTERIM OPERATIONS DIRECTOR</p> <p>Steve Helm INTERIM OPERATIONS DIRECTOR</p> <p>Jerre Bassett FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN</p>
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This Week at Highland

Sunday, July 16

8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:00 a.m. Community Gathering
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 Bible Study 1
 10:30 a.m. Community Gathering
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Bible Study 2
 5:30 p.m. Global Missions Ministry Group (103)
 7:00 p.m. Meditation Circle (Commons)

Monday, July 17

5:30 p.m. Young Adult Ministry Group (Fireside)
 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Group (Youth Commons)
 7:00 p.m. Deacons (Commons)

Tuesday, July 18

5:30 p.m. Hope for a Brighter Day (Fireside)
 10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, July 19

6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, July 20

11:30 a.m. TABS (Commons)
 2:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministry Group (103)
 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, July 21

8:00 a.m. Men of Highland Gathering (Fireside)
 7:00 p.m. Friday Church (Sanctuary)
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, July 22

7:00 p.m. Trivia Fundraiser Night (Fellowship Hall)