

Invitation to Worship Renee Purtlebaugh

Meditation Austin Echols

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 133 Eleanor Dougherty and Owen Marrs

How cool when brothers and sisters get along.

It's like people flowing through the streets during a parade.

It's like oil trickling down your face onto your feet.

It's like water of goodness falling down the steep mountains of Zion.

It's like a storm that turns into a rainbow spread over the Grand Canyon.

This is God's work,
God's smile.

Hymn of Praise *God of Great and God of Small*
Please sing from the middle panel of today's bulletin.

Prayer of Praise Parker French

The Exchange of Peace

Gathering Our Offerings (685) *Children Are a Gift from Heaven*
Stanzas One and Two

A Parable Renee Purtlebaugh
The Samaritan and the Wounded Traveler

Song of Renewal (685) *Children Are a Gift from Heaven*
Stanzas Three and Four

News for the Community Carol Harston

Benediction Renee Purtlebaugh

Go out into the world to love children as God loves you,
to seek justice for children as God requires of you,
to reveal your faith by what you do and how you live.

**May the God of love, hope, and justice be with you
and each child of God this day and always.**

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Prelude TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA
arr. John Ferguson

Children of the Heavenly Father

THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD ARE OUR CHILDREN

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 133

Children's Anthem Terre Johnson

The Children of the World
Chorister Choir

Beth Metcalf, piano; Vicki Runnion, flute

If somewhere a child is hungry or isn't tucked in, safe and warm; if somewhere a baby's crying, longing for a parent's arms; That is where the love of Jesus must be shared by you and me, for it we have plenty, love and safety, we must share with the least of these.

The children of the world are our children, made by God just like you and me.

The children of the world must be fed and held and loved,
for if one of them is hungry, so are we, so are we.

In a world so rich with blessings, where there is plenty to be shared;
from our lives of such abundance, we can offer love and care.

For we know the love of Jesus can be shared with our own hands,
we can share our blessings, help our neighbor, be the hands of Christ to them.

Hymn † JESUS LOVES ME

God of Great and God of Small

**God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**

**God of silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**

**God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,
God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**

Prayer of Praise Zeke and Molly Braun

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.**

BE THE HANDS OF CHRIST TO THEM

The Gospel Lesson † Carol Harston (9:30)
Perry Dixon (11:00)

Luke 6:17-26 (Pew Bible page 63 – NT)

Prayer of Confession

**God of great and small, old and young, near and far, oh God of all, we
confess that our love is not like yours. In our hurried days, we can begin
to think only about ourselves. But your love sees our needs and the needs
of the whole world—hungry people, sad people, left out people, lonely
people. Forgive us when we forget to see and love the world like you do.
Give us the courage to imagine and bring into being a world where all
people know love and have exactly what they need. Amen.**

Words of Assurance
Jeremiah 17:7-8 (Pew Bible page 705 – OT)

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn † STAR-CHILD

Star-Child

THE LOVE OF JESUS CAN BE SHARED

A Parable Renee Purtlebaugh
The Samaritan and the Wounded Traveler

WE CAN OFFER LOVE AND CARE

Hymn of Response (685) † HARLAN
Children Are a Gift from Heaven

Offertory Prayer

Offertory W. A. Mozart
Selections from Variations on "Ah, vous dirai-je maman" K. 265

News for the Community Carol Harston

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.**

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Postlude Austin Echols
Morning Reflections

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

Today in Worship

We are grateful for the lay leadership in today's services by Ainsley Braun (9:30) and Sharon Sanders (11:00).

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 the children's anthem, *The Children of the World*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation and response. Today's Call to Worship is a result of the Chorister Choir reading and studying different translations of Psalm 133 and then collaboratively rewriting the verses to reflect their understanding.

Children have an innate sense of the presence of God. The *Godly Play* approach helps them to explore their faith through story. This morning's story is a parable, one of the 40 core stories of scripture that children hear throughout the year. Each story allows children to creatively encounter scripture through discovery, creativity, and contemplation. At Highland, children ages three through prekindergarten experience Godly Play each Sunday morning throughout the year. To learn more about Godly Play, visit www.godlyplayfoundation.org.

Prayers of the People

New Concerns

Ginny Sims, finger injury

Ongoing Concerns

Dick Allison, surgery recovery

W.D. Burden, surgery recovery

Colleen Clemons, upcoming shoulder surgery

Jim England, rotator cuff surgery

George Ann Gash, surgery recovery

Reece Little, stage 4 metastatic cancer

Kathy McFall, health, recovery

Ongoing Concerns (continued)

Nancy Miller, rehab, recovery from a fall

Bill Mosier, tests

Howard Teel, hip surgery recovery

Betty Unruh, Westport Place, rehab, heart and lung issues

David Wells, pneumonia

Highland Welcomes

Robin Ramsay Lee, who joined on 2/10

This Week at Highland

Sunday, February 17

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Community Gathering
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Bible Study
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11:00 a.m. Worship
Bible Study

12:30 p.m. Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary)

2:00 p.m. Adult Handbell rehearsal (200)

5:30 p.m. Global Partnerships Ministry Team (103)

Monday, February 18

5:30 p.m. Young Adult Ministry Group (Fireside)

6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Group (Youth Suite)
7:00 p.m. Deacons (Commons)

Tuesday, February 19

10:15 a.m. Cream of the Crop Trip (Off-site)
5:30 p.m. Hope for a Brighter Day (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 p.m. Congregational Engagement Ministry Group (Youth Suite)

10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, February 20

5:20 p.m. Fellowship Supper (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 p.m. Children's Activities (2nd Floor)

Youth Group (Youth Suite)

6:10 p.m. Adult Class—Clouds of Witnesses: Profiles in Courage (Fellowship Hall)

7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, February 21

2:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministry Group (103)

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (Off-site)

Alcoholics Anonymous (Sanctuary)
Environmental Action Ministry Team (103)

Friday, February 22

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Gathering (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Friday Church (Sanctuary)

8:00 p.m. Friday Church Ministry Group (Commons)
Narcotics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

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 to learn about the ministries of Highland Baptist Church.

The Anti-Racism Team invites you to a **free showing of *13th***, an award-winning documentary about race, justice, and mass incarceration by director Ava DuVernay. Hosted by the Main Library in collaboration with the University of Louisville Health Sciences Center Office of Diversity and Inclusion, the film will be shown **next Sunday, February 24**, 2:00 p.m., at the Main Library and followed by a panel discussion. Reserve your free spot by calling (502) 574-1603.

Beginning **February 26**, the Immigration Team is providing two pots of soups for the **La Casita Center's soup kitchen** the fourth Tuesday of each month. You are invited to participate in this ministry by helping make a pot of soup. **Sign up in the Commons** on Sundays and on Wednesday nights. Contact the Immigration team co-leaders, Jane Parker at grannyjane24@yahoo.com or Michael French at french_michael@bellsouth.net for more information.

The **Highland Book Club** will meet on **Sunday, March 3**, at 6:00 p.m., in room 103, to discuss "Never Caught" by Erica Armstrong Dunbar. Everyone is invited!

We gather to begin our Lenten journey on **Ash Wednesday, March 6**, for a **service of penitence and humility at 6:15 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. An imposition of the ashes formed by burning last year's palm branches will mark our heads as we remember where we are from and where we shall return.

On Thursday, **March 7**, at 6:30 p.m., our retired pastor **Joe Phelps** will be **honored** at the **Recipe for Peace banquet** hosted by Interfaith Paths to Peace at The Olmstead. **Tickets** are \$50 each and are available **this morning** in the Commons following each service. If you cannot attend but would like to make a donation to support Highland's sponsorship, that would be appreciated. **Today is the final day for tickets and donations.** For additional information, contact Roy Fuller at royfuller01@gmail.com.

For the second year, our Anti-Racism Ministry Team has adorned our lobby with posters honoring key individuals and places for **Black History Month**. Pictures and stories highlight some of the people and places that have had a significant impact on the history of our nation. Stop by and check it out!

Adult Wednesday Class through February 20

Cloud of Witnesses: Profiles in Courage.

Highland's faith community is deeply shaped by the cloud of witnesses—both those in the pews and those in our beloved stained glass windows. Baptist Seminary of Kentucky professor Dr. Dalen Jackson will visit us to bring the stained-glass-saints to life by exploring what courage looked like in his day and his life of faith. February 20 will focus on Clarence Jordan. This class meets in Fellowship Hall.

Mark Your Calendars

March 3: Youth-Led Worship

March 6: Ash Wednesday Service

March 8-9: Annual Women's Retreat

March 11: Joint WMU meeting

March 29 Friday Church Fifth Friday Fellowship Supper



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.

Deb Ackerson
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Jerre Bassett
FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN

Frank Bassett
PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

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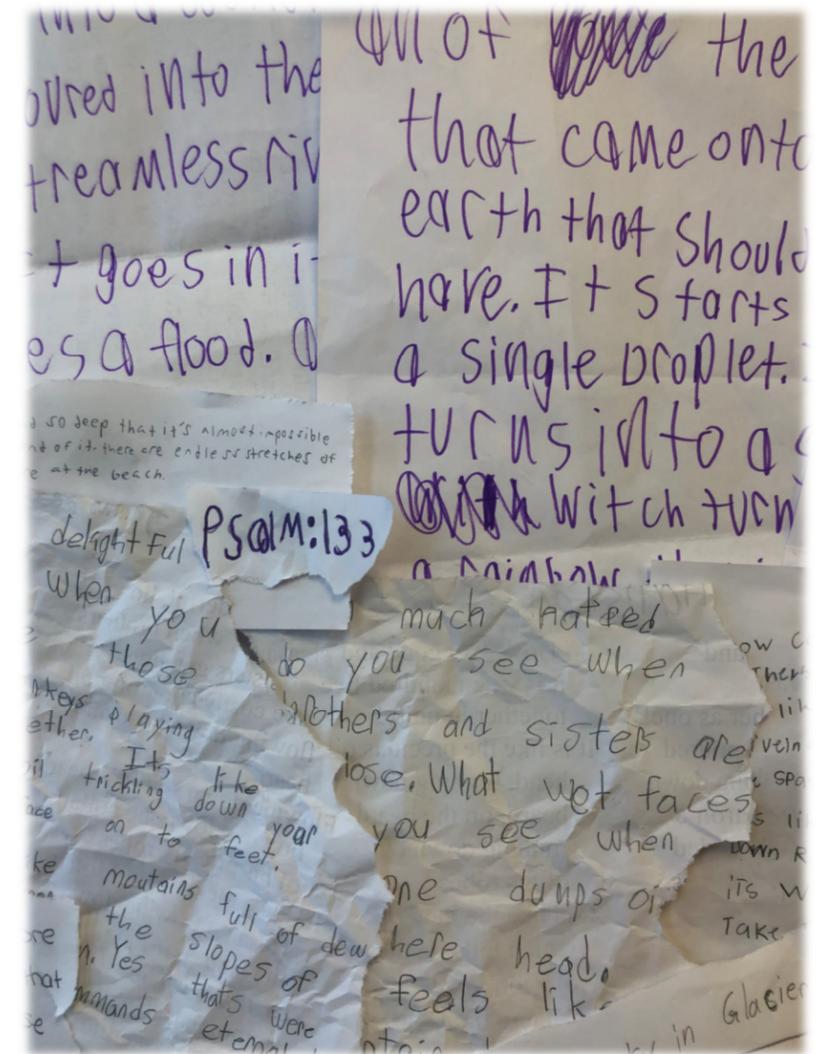
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How wonderful, how beautiful,
when brothers and sisters get along!

~ Psalm 133:1

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
CHILDREN'S SABBATH
FEBRUARY 17, 2019