

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:30 a.m.

Invitation to Worship Jim England

Meditation Austin Echols

Call to Worship Carol Harston

O God, you spoke your word
and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ.

**The life of Jesus,
whose epiphany we celebrate,
shine in us and through us,
so we may become beacons
of truth and compassion,**

proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations
and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples.

May we become one living body,
**enlightening all creation
with deeds of justice and mercy.**

Hymn of Praise *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

**O splendor of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light,
thou Light of life, light's living Spring, True Day, all days illumining.**

**Come, very Sun of heaven's love, in lasting radiance from above,
and pour the Holy Spirit's ray on all we think or do today.**

**Confirm our will to do the right, and keep our hearts from envy's blight;
let faith her eager fires renew, and hate the false, and love the true.**

Prayer of Praise Perry Dixon

The Exchange of Peace

Gathering Our Offerings (96) *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

The Gospel Lesson Jim England
Luke 6:26-38 (Pew Bible page 63 – NT)

Sermon *Listening To a Scary God*

Song of Renewal (698) *For the Healing of the Nations*

News for the Community Renee Purtlebaugh

Benediction Jim England

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Prelude PUER NOBIS
Paul Manz

Chorale Improvisation

O SPLENDOR OF GOD'S GLORY BRIGHT

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Processional Hymn † PUER NOBIS
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Prayer of Praise

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.**

Anthem Keith Hampton
True Light
Drew Harston, Tenor

KEEP OUR HEARTS FROM ENVY'S BLIGHT

The Morning Psalm Renee Purtlebaugh (9:30)
Perry Dixon (11:00)
Psalm 37:1-8, 39-40 (Pew Bible pages 500-501 – OT)

Prayer of Confession – The Prayer of St. Francis Carol Harston

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
**to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.**

Words of Assurance

For it is in giving that we receive,
**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (96) † HOUSTON
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

LET FAITH HER EAGER FIRES RENEW

The Gospel Lesson † Jim England
Luke 6:27-38 (Pew Bible page 63 – NT)
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:00)

Sermon Jim England
Listening To a Scary God

HATE THE FALSE AND LOVE THE TRUE

Hymn of Response (698) † CWM RHONDDA
For the Healing of the Nations

Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer Missy Smith (9:30)
Nancy Goodhue (11:00)

Offertory Rebecca Groom te Velde
Chorale Prelude on HOUSTON

News for the Community Renee Purtlebaugh

Doxology † PUER NOBIS
**All praise to God, the Father be,
all praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whom with the Spirit we adore
forever and forever more. Amen.**

Benediction Jim England

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 Walter Hargrove (9:30) and Anita Roper (11:00). We ask worshipers to read the lines in **bold** in today's litanies and printed scriptures.

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 processional hymn, *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation and response. Today's cover is a photograph of a calligraphy created especially for Highland on handmade paper by Fr. Eric Leis of St. Meinrad Archabbey. It is a quote from Merton's *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander*.

Prayers of the People

New Concerns

Vi Chatmon, surgery recovery

Bob Elliott, heart issues

Mary Rita McDevitt, cataract surgery

Lisa Shaffer, back pain

Ongoing Concerns

Dick Allison, surgery recovery

Colleen Clemons, upcoming shoulder surgery

Jim England, rotator cuff surgery

Reece Little, stage 4 metastatic cancer

Kathy McFall, health, recovery

Nancy Miller, rehab, recovery from a fall

Bill Mosier, tests

Ginny Sims, finger injury

Howard Teel, hip surgery recovery

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

David Wells, pneumonia

Christian Sympathy

Mary Cooksey, death of her grandmother

Congratulations

Robin Ramsay Lee and Buddy Lee, birth of their grandchild

Jim and Gloria McBee/Alison and Todd

Schureck, birth of McBee's grandson/Schureck's nephew, Ryder James McBee

Highland Welcomes

Mark Brown, who joined on 2/17

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.

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.

We will gather in the sanctuary for **"Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-In-Process"** **this Wednesday, February 27**, in the sanctuary, where Libby Cunningham, Walter McWhorter, and Gerald Swim will share their faith journey guided by our facilitator, Bob Cunningham.

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

The Transition Team invites you to attend **next Sunday, March 3, 12:00 p.m.**, when we will gather in Fellowship Hall over lunch and have Dr. Bill Leonard talk with us via video feed about Highland's connections with organizations like Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, CBF Kentucky, the Alliance of Baptists and other national and local partners in ministry. Exploring these connections is essential in clarifying the profile of Highland Baptist Church to be shared with prospective candidates interesting in being our pastor.

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.

There will be a **Congregational Conversation** on **Sunday, March 10**, during both Bible study hours (9:30 and 11:00), in Fellowship Hall, led by our consultant, Chris Gambill, to discuss the best connections both within Highland Baptist Church and with organizations outside Highland Baptist Church in further clarifying the church profile. Please make plans to attend.

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!

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

April 3: No Wednesday Evening Supper/Activities

April 14: Palm Sunday; Easter Festival

April 18: Maundy Thursday Service

April 19: Tenebrae Service

April 21: Easter Sunday

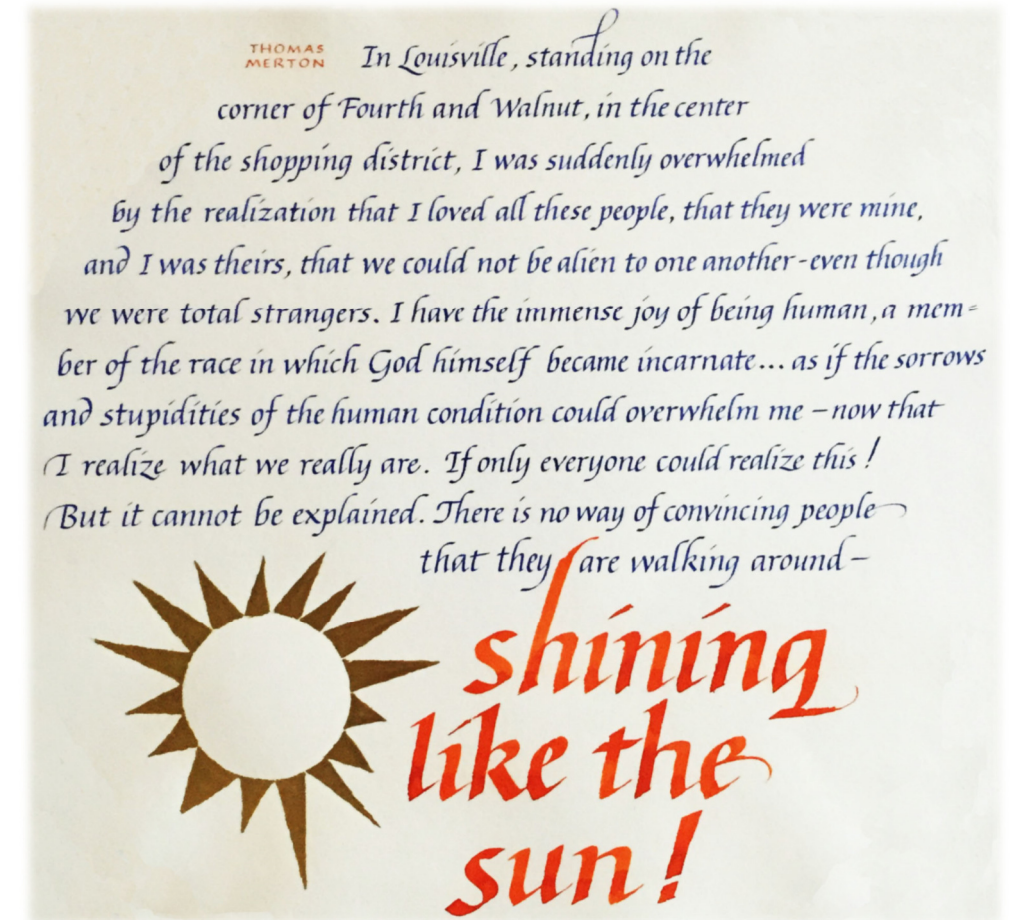
May 18: Annual Jean Janes Yard Sale



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	Kathy Collier MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP	Lauren Jones Mayfield ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUNG ADULTS AND MISSION
Jerre Bassett FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN	Perry Dixon ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES	Walter McWhorter OPERATIONS DIRECTOR
Frank Bassett PART-TIME CUSTODIAN	Andria Eadens PUBLICATIONS/MEMBERSHIP/ OFFICE MANAGER	Renee Purtlebaugh ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES
Lauren Blackwell ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	Austin Echols ORGANIST/MUSIC ASSOCIATE	Kim Shippey DEACON CHAIR
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Don Burke PASTOR EMERITUS	Carol Harston ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR FAITH FORMATION AND CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT	
Linda Campbell CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ASSISTANT		



This Week at Highland

Sunday, February 24

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Community Gathering
9:30 a.m. Worship
Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Community Gathering
11:00 a.m. Worship
Bible Study

Monday, February 25

2:00 p.m. HBC Bookends (103)
6:30 p.m. Immigration Ministry Team (Commons)

Tuesday, February 26

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

Wednesday, February 27

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: Stories from Saints-in-Process (Sanctuary)
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, February 28

7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Sanctuary)

Friday, March 1

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Gathering (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. Friday Church (Sanctuary)
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)