

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30 a.m.

Invitation to Worship Jim England

Lenten Refrain *As We Journey Through This Season*

**As we journey through this season, pilgrims through a thirsty land,
quench us with your living presence; guide us with your loving hand.
Wand'ring people, here we gather, called to rest along our way.
God who blesses earth with spring-time, grant us Sabbath joy this day!**

The Morning Psalm Renee Purtlebaugh
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (Pew Bible page 537 – OT)

Prayer of Confession Perry Dixon

Oh God, it is by and for your love that we exist.

It is the pulsing of your love that is our every breath.

Forgive us when we fall short of your living way.

When we placate ourselves with entertainment

**to avoid the discomfort of engaging in the injustices
of our time, forgive us. *Silence***

When we protect our possessions

rather than each other, forgive us.

When we refuse hospitality to others

because we fear being displaced, forgive us. *Silence*

Each time we adhere to the dream of bigger is better;

Each time we comply with coercive force;

Each time we fail to be your body on earth, forgive us. *Silence*

Words of Assurance

Hymn (278) *We Are Travelers on a Journey*
Stanzas One and Two

Prayer of Praise Carol Harston

The Exchange of Peace

Gathering Our Offerings *When We Are Tested*
Stanza One from the far right panel of today's bulletin

The Gospel Lesson Jim England
Luke 4:1-13 (Pew Bible page 60 – NT)

Sermon *Wilderness Questions*

Song of Renewal *When We Are Tested*
Stanza Three from the far right panel of today's bulletin

News for the Community Perry Dixon

Benediction Jim England

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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Prelude David H. Hegarty
Meditation on PLEADING SAVIOR

CONTRITION AND GRATITUDE

The Morning Psalm Renee Purtlebaugh
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (Pew Bible page 537 – OT)

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Words of Assurance

Because your love is everlasting, you continually reach out to us,
you forgive us, and each time bring us back to truth and love.

Nurture courage and compassion in us and between us,

Oh God, that we may open our hearts and breathe again!

Anthem Ralph Manuel
O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Prayer for the Journey Carol Harston

The Exchange of Peace

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Hymn (278) † BEACH SPRING
We Are Travelers on a Journey

Prayer of Praise David Tribble

PROCLAMATION AND REFLECTION

The Gospel Lesson † Jim England
Luke 4:1-13 (Pew Bible page 60 – NT)

Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship in the 11:00 service.

Sermon Jim England
Wilderness Questions

A TIME FOR OUR RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Response † SLANE
text by Ruth Duck

When We Are Tested

**When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.**

**When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
lift us to love beyond sign and test,
trusting your presence, our only true rest.**

**When we have struggled and searched through the night,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.**

Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer Jim McBee

Offertory J. S. Bach
Prelude and Fugue in E-minor BWV 555

News for the Community Carol Harston (9:30)
Perry Dixon (11:00)

Doxology † WONDROUS LOVE
**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

Benediction Jim England

Postlude Austin Echols
Lenten Reflections

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

Today in Worship

Please express your gratitude to David Tribble for the Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance in today's services. David is a member of Highland's Worship Ministry Group. Allison Keenan, Highland member and local artist, created the original art for our Lenten bulletins and publications. Please express your gratitude to Allison for sharing her gifts to enrich our Lenten journey.

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.

Today's anthem, *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*, was a gift in 2017 to Highland's Choral Library from Jonathan Shippey in memory of his parents, Cliff and Ernestine Shippey, who devoted their entire adult lives to faithful, loving service: she as a church organist and he as a deacon and Sunday school teacher.

Prayers of the People

New Concerns

Burke Tinsley, surgery recovery

Ongoing Concerns

Colleen Clemons, shoulder surgery recovery

Bob Elliott, heart issues

Reece Little, stage 4 metastatic cancer

Kathy McFall, health, recovery

Nancy Miller, rehab, recovery from a fall

Bill Mosier, tests

Ongoing Concerns (continued)

Lisa Shaffer, back pain

Howard Teel, hip surgery recovery

Betty Unruh, home, heart and lung issues

David Wells, back pain

Christian Sympathy

Vincent Bowling, death of father

Cheryl Davis, death of aunt

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.

There will be a **Congregational Conversation today**, during both Bible study hours (9:30 and 11:00), in Fellowship Hall, led by our consultant, Chris Gambill, on crafting a profile of the groups with which we feel connected to as well as how we best build connections with each other within the Highland Baptist Church community.

Delicious **tamales** will once again be available in the lobby on the first floor **following today's 11:00 service**. The tamales are made and served with care by a mother of two. Donations made will go directly to her to help her pay rent and other living expenses. Please stop by and enjoy this generous contribution to our community.

Please plan to attend a meeting **tomorrow, March 11**, 7:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall, when we will hear from **Missionary Scarlett Jasper**, CBF field personnel based in Somerset, Kentucky, as she informs and inspires us regarding her work in Southeastern Kentucky.

Table Talk is a relaxed time to eat together, meet new people, strengthen bonds with friends, and enjoy meaningful conversations on topics of collective or individual interest. Join us **this Thursday, March 14**, 6:30 p.m., at North End Café (1722 Frankfort Ave.). Inquiries may be directed to Marc Dowell, Earl Shelp, and Jim Shelton.

New visitors and prospective members are encouraged to attend Highland's **Highlights Classes, March 17, 24, 31, and April 14**, during the 9:30 Bible study hour. This class offers an in-depth look at the church so that all may be invited to participate in our congregational life, shared discipleship, and church's mission in the world. Highland's ministry staff will lead the class along with our New Members Ministry Group. To participate, contact Deb Ackerson at deb@hbclouisville.org.

Wednesday Class for Adults

Lenten Courage, March 13, 20, and 27, Fellowship Hall, 6:10-7:15 p.m. Dr. Frank Tupper invites you to take away all the predetermined answers and wonder again about what took place at the Passover, Gethsemane, and the Cross. What happens when Judas tries to force God's action? What do we make of the silence that Jesus faces as he prays in the garden? What does courage look like as Jesus hangs on the cross? Together, we will wonder about God's will, human dynamics, and a faith journey that is more perilous than we can even fathom. Courage for the journey is possible when we explore the questions together.

Mark Your Calendars

March 11: Joint Global Missions meeting

March 16: Memorial Service for Phoebe Delamarter

March 29 Friday Church Fifth Friday Fellowship Supper

April 3: No Wednesday Evening Supper/Activities



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.

Our Values...

- We value a **deeply spiritual, Christ-centered faith** that opens us to life, equips us to serve, and calls us to action.
- We value a **courageous, progressive theology** whose relevance extends from the pew to the street, that engages both the mind and the heart, and that welcomes everyone from the skeptic to the devoted.
- We value **all people**, not in spite of, but precisely because of all that makes each one unique.
- We value **being doers of the word**, living out what Jesus taught: showing hospitality to strangers, confronting injustice, giving voice to those who have been silenced.
- We value a **healthy community**, where honest relationships provide all people safety, encouragement, acceptance, and healing, and challenge us to practice gentleness, forgiveness, and continued growth.
- We value **embracing challenge and change**: naming hard things, asking questions, and leaning into tensions and ambiguity.
- We value **growing together across the lifespan**, through multi-generational and intergenerational relationships and ministries.
- We value being rooted in our **distinct and radical heritage** that compels us to breathe new life into bedrock Baptist principles.
- We value **broad and deep worship** that invites us into the mystery of a loving God.
- We value **being good stewards** of all we have been given, discerning together how best to use our financial, physical, human, and spiritual gifts to follow Jesus and carry out our mission.



My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me. . .

But I believe that the desire to please you

does in fact please you. . .

Therefore will I trust you always

though I may seem to be lost

and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me.

~ Thomas Merton

This Week at Highland

Sunday, March 10

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Community Gathering
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Congregational Conversation (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Community Gathering
11:00 a.m. Worship
Congregational Conversation (Fellowship Hall)
12:00 p.m. Tamale Sale (1st Floor Lobby)
2:00 p.m. Adult Handbells (200)

Monday, March 11

6:30 p.m. Anti-Racism Team (Commons)
7:00 p.m. Missionary Speaker (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, March 12

5:30 p.m. Hope for a Brighter Day (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Finance Ministry Group (103)
10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 13

5:20 p.m. Fellowship Supper (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Children's Activities (2nd Floor)
Youth Group (Youth Suite)
Congregational Safety Team (103)
6:15 p.m. Adult Class—Lenten Courage (Fellowship Hall)
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, March 14

6:30 p.m. Table Talk (Off-site)
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Sanctuary)
Prayer Shawl Group (Off-site)

Friday, March 15

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)

Saturday, March 16

2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Phoebe Delamarter (Sanctuary)