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| Invitation to Worship                      | Renee Purtlebaugh  |
| Meditation                                 | arr. Karissa Dennis  |
|  | <i>Sacred Silence</i><br>Sanctuary Handbells   |
| The Hebrew Lesson                          | Perry Dixon  |
|  | Joshua 5:9-12 (Pew Bible page 195 – OT)  |
| Lenten Refrain                             | <i>As We Journey Through This Season</i>   |
|  | <b>As we journey through this season, pilgrims through a thirsty land,<br/>quench us with your living presence; guide us with your loving hand.<br/>Wand’ring people, here we gather, called to rest along our way.<br/>God who blesses earth with spring-time, grant us Sabbath joy this day!</b>   |
| Prayer of Confession                       | Jim England  |
|  | <b>Loving God, we confess that even in doing our best, we fall short of loving others as You have loved us. We hold onto the transgressions of others and see their actions through our human point of view. We hold onto our own transgressions and see ourselves through our human point of view. We struggle to find forgiveness even knowing that it liberates us as much as those with whom we share it. Help us to see one another and ourselves as You see us. We need reconciliation and peace, but we cannot do it on our own. In our distress, remind us of Your steadfast love. Breathe into us the hope that finds all things new. Amen.</b> |
| Words of Assurance – 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 |  |
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| Prayer of Praise                           | Carol Harston  |
| The Exchange of Peace                      |  |
| Gathering Our Offerings                    | <i>Love and Grace</i><br>Sanctuary Handbells   |
| The Gospel Lesson                          | Renee Purtlebaugh  |
|  | Luke 23:44-49 (Pew Bible page 87 – NT)   |
| Sermon                                     |  |
| Song of Renewal (587)                      | <i>Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound</i>  |
| News for the Community                     | Perry Dixon  |
| Benediction                                | Renee Purtlebaugh  |

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| Anthem                                     | Edward Bairstow  |
|  | <i>I Sat Down</i><br>I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.  |
| The Morning Psalm – from Psalm 32          | Jim England  |
|  | Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. <b>You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble.</b> I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. <b>Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.</b>   |

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| Prayer for the Journey             | Jim England   |
| The Exchange of Peace              |   |
| <b>PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING</b>     |   |
| Hymn of Praise (406) †             | <i>Jesus, Lover of My Soul</i><br>ABERYSTWYTH   |
| Prayer of Praise                   |   |
| <b>PROCLAMATION AND REFLECTION</b> |   |
| The Gospel Lesson †                | Renee Purtlebaugh   |
|                                    | Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (Pew Bible pages 76-77 – NT)  |
| Anthem                             | Mark Shepperd   |
|                                    | <i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i><br><i>Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children’s Worship in the 11:00 service.</i>   |
| Sermon                             | Renee Purtlebaugh   |
| <b>RENEWAL AND RESPONSE</b>        |   |
| Hymn of Response (587) †           | <i>Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound</i><br>NEW BRITAIN  |
| Offertory Prayer                   |   |
| Offertory                          | arr. Jason Krug   |
|                                    | <i>Love and Grace</i><br>Sanctuary Handbells  |
| News for the Community             | Jim England (9:30)<br>Perry Dixon (11:00)   |
| Doxology †                         | WONDROUS LOVE   |
|                                    | <b>To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,<br/>to God and to the Lamb, I will sing!<br/>To God and to the Lamb, who is the great “I AM,”<br/>while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,<br/>while millions join the theme, I will sing!</b> |
| Benediction                        | Renee Purtlebaugh   |
| Postlude                           | NEW BRITAIN<br>arr. J. Christopher Pardini  |
|                                    | <i>Toccata on “Amazing Grace”</i>   |

## Today in Worship

We are grateful for the lay leadership in today's services by Bill Campbell and Mary Miller Dwyer (9:30); Rick Finklea and Larry Davis (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.

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.

## Prayers of the People

### New Concerns

**Kay Gilbert**, surgery recovery

### Ongoing Concerns

**Colleen Clemons**, shoulder surgery recovery

**Jim Hawkins**, home, flu

**Kathy McFall**, health, recovery

**Nancy Miller**, rehab, recovery from a fall

**Bill Mosier**, tests

**Lisa Shaffer**, back pain

### Ongoing Concerns *(continued)*

**Howard Teel**, hip surgery recovery

**Burke Tinsley**, surgery recovery

**Betty Unruh**, home, heart and lung issues

**David Wells**, back pain

**Paul Whiteley**, heart surgery recovery

### Congratulations

**Elizabeth and Bryan Cobban**, birth of daughter,

Annabelle Harper Cobban, on 2/20

## 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.

New visitors and prospective members are encouraged to attend Highland's **Highlights Classes, March 24, 31, and April 14**, in the Commons, 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.

Please make plans to attend a **Congregational Conversation next Sunday, April 7**. We need to allow an hour and a half for each session. Therefore, please note our first session will be **9:00-10:30 a.m.** and the second one will be **10:30-12:00 noon**. In some ways, this is our most important conversation as we will be discussing models of leadership which will be a vital part of how we craft our "**Pastoral Profile**" in seeking candidates for becoming our new pastor.

Beginning next Sunday, April 7, we will begin accepting **ballots for Deacon Nominations**. Ballots will be available at the end of each pew and on a table outside the sanctuary. Nominations are **due by Sunday, April 21**. Please prayerfully consider who among our members God might be calling to this group of servant leaders!

Highland's annual **Easter Festival for families with children** (birth-5<sup>th</sup> grade) will be held on **Sunday, April 14**, 3:00-5:00 p.m., rain or shine! Cost is \$5/child, \$10 max per family. RSVP to Renee by Wednesday, April 10.

All are invited to participate in the Families with Children Easter Festival by **donating individually wrapped candy** for Easter eggs. Please do so by placing candy in the bin outside the choir room **by April 10**. Thanks for your support!

**Easter Lilies** to adorn our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday are **now available for purchase!** They are \$15 each and can be made in memory, honor, or appreciation of a loved one. Pick up an order form on the table outside the Sanctuary and drop it off in the offering plate or in the church office no later than Sunday, April 14.

### Mark Your Calendars

March 31: Highlights Class

April 3: No Wednesday Evening Supper/Activities

April 7: Congregational Conversation

April 11: Table Talk

April 14: Palm Sunday; Highlights Class;

Easter Festival

April 18: Maundy Thursday Service

April 19: Tenebrae Service

April 21: Easter Sunday

April 22: Donations being accepted for Yard Sale

April 24: Quarterly Church Conference



Keep squeezing drops of the Sun  
From your prayers and work and music  
And from your companions' beautiful laughter.

Keep squeezing drops of the Sun  
From the sacred hands and glance of your Beloved  
And, my dear,  
From the most insignificant movements  
Of your own holy body.

from *Cast All Your Votes for Dancing* ~ Hafiz, 14<sup>th</sup> c Persian poet



*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

**Lauren Blackwell**  
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**Linda Campbell**  
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY  
ASSISTANT

**Kathy Collier**  
MINISTER OF MUSIC  
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**Walter McWhorter**  
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**Renee Purtlebaugh**  
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**Kim Shippey**  
DEACON CHAIR

**Kathy Golightly Sanders**  
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

## This Week at Highland

### **Sunday, March 31**

8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:00 a.m. Community Gathering  
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Bible Study  
Highlights Class (Commons)  
10:30 a.m. Community Gathering  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Bible Study  
12:30 p.m. Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### **Monday, April 1**

4:00 p.m. Emma Leachman Group (Fireside)

### **Tuesday, April 2**

5:30 p.m. Hope for a Brighter Day (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 p.m. G.R.O.W. (103)  
10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

### **Wednesday, April 3**

No Evening Activities/Supper

### **Thursday, April 4**

6:00 p.m. Theology on Tap (Off-site)  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Group (Off-site)  
Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

### **Friday, April 5**

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

### **Saturday, April 6**

4:30 p.m. Transition Team (Fellowship Hall)

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 31, 2019