

PALM SUNDAY **8:30 a.m.**

Invitation to Worship Carol Harston

Meditation Austin Echols

Palm Sunday Gospel Lesson – Luke 19:28-38 † Renee Purtlebaugh
**“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!”**

Hymn of Praise (175) *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*
Stanzas One and Three

Prayer of Praise

The Exchange of Peace

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!**

Prayer of Confession Perry Dixon

We gather and watch as Jesus enters the city. Lining the path,
we throw our cloaks to the ground in praise and wave our palms
with hope and gratitude to the One who will save us.

**Yet somewhere on the journey we lose our trust,
our confidence, our way.**

We begin to focus on the places where all we can see
is Holy absence rather than being grounded by the moments
where we have experienced Holy presence.

**We end up choosing the path that leads us away from Jesus,
away from forgiveness, away from hope.**

Forgive our tendency to wander off.

**Lead us back to the path of hope and life, O God,
and bind our hearts to yours again. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

God’s vast and steadfast love endures through all of our wandering.

**God’s grace creates space where all are beloved,
where all are forgiven,**

where all experience compassion, where all find life.

**May we live our lives as ones who have been forgiven
by this vast and steadfast love.**

Gathering Our Offerings (680) *I Then Shall Live*

Sermon Carol Harston

This Is Where Holy Week Begins

Song of Renewal (171) *What Wondrous Love Is This*
Stanzas One and Four

News for the Community Renee Purtlebaugh

Benediction for the Journey Carol Harston

PALM SUNDAY **9:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

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Prelude ST. THEODULPH
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Children’s Handbell Choir

**ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR
TO THEE, REDEEMER, KING**

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Processional Hymn (175) † ST. THEODULPH
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Children’s Anthem Vicki Hancock Wright
Hosanna! Hosanna!

Prayer of Praise Jude Mayfield

Anthem William Mathias
Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King
of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the
Lord mighty in battle. The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

The Morning Psalm Jim England (9:30)
Lauren Jones Mayfield (11:00)
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (Pew Bible pages 554-555 – OT)

ACCEPT THE PRAYERS WE BRING

Lenten Refrain PLEADING SAVIOR

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The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (680) † FINLANDIA
I Then Shall Live

WHO IN ALL GOOD DELIGHTEST

Sermon Carol Harston
This Is Where Holy Week Begins

ALL CREATION IN CHORUS

MAKE REPLY

Hymn (171) † WONDROUS LOVE
What Wondrous Love Is This

Offertory Prayer

Choral Offertory Ola Gjeilo
The Ground

Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini. Osanna in excelsis. Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi. Dona nobis pacem.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Lamb of God who takes away the sins
of the world. Grant us peace.

News for the Community Renee Purtlebaugh

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 for the Journey Carol Harston

Postlude *Lenten Reflections* Austin Echols

† 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 Vicki Runnion (9:30) and Susan Coleman Layman (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.

Allison Keenan, Highland member and local artist, created the original artwork for our Lenten bulletins and publications. Please express your gratitude to her for sharing her gifts to enrich our Lenten journey.

 Our children are proudly waving Eco-Palms in partnership with Lutheran World Relief. We are helping palm harvesters in Latin America, their families, and communities find pathways out of poverty. Further information on eco-palms may be found in the Commons.

Prayers of the People

New Concerns

Jim Fleming, eye surgery recovery

Ongoing Concerns

Colleen Clemons, shoulder surgery recovery

Bob Elliott, heart surgery recovery

Kay Gilbert, surgery recovery

Kathy McFall, health, recovery

Bill Mosier, tests

Lisa Shaffer, back pain

Howard Teel, hip surgery recovery

David Wells, back pain

Paul Whiteley, heart surgery recovery

Congratulations

Amy and Jessica Edelen, adoption of son,
Deion Augustus "Gus" Edelen

Rachel and Jason Nally, birth of daughter,
Hazel Anna Nally, on 4/6

Christian Sympathy

Jim Curry, death of sister

This Week at Highland

Sunday, April 14

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
12:15 p.m. Personnel Ministry Group (Pastor's Study)
12:30 p.m. Families with Children Ministry Group (201)
2:00 p.m. Adult Handbell rehearsal (200)
3:00 p.m. Easter Festival (Entire Building)

Monday, April 15

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

Tuesday, April 16

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, April 17

5:20 p.m. Fellowship Supper (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Children's Activities (2nd Floor)
Youth Group (Youth Suite)
6:15 p.m. Holy Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, April 18

1:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministry Group (103)
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Sanctuary)
Maundy Thursday Service (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, April 19

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Gathering (Fireside)
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)
8:00 p.m. 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.

We are now accepting **ballots for Deacon Nominations**. Ballots are available at the end of each pew and on a table outside the sanctuary. Nominations are **due by next 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-5th grade) will be held **today**, 3:00-5:00 p.m., rain or shine! If you have not RSVP'd but would like to attend, please see Renee after the service.

We will gather in the sanctuary for "**Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-In-Process**" **this Wednesday, April 10**, in the sanctuary, where three individuals will share their faith journey guided by our facilitator, Bob Cunningham.

Today is the final day to purchase Easter Lilies that will adorn our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday! 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 today.

Donations for the 41st annual Jean Janes Yard Sale are now being accepted. Please place items in the storage room at the end of the Fireside Room hallway. The sale will be held Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Holy Week Worship Services at Highland

April 17: Holy Wednesday Service, 6:15 p.m.

A time of reflection guided by Psalm 23 with prayer, poetry, reflections, and blessing.

April 18: Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.

A meditative evening of communion, hymns, scripture, and hand-washing to remember.

April 19: Tenebrae Service, 7:00 p.m.

A gripping service of darkness, commemorating the shadows of Jesus' suffering and crucifixion.

April 21: Easter Sunday, 8:30, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Joy bursts forth in song and celebration, as Love triumphs over hate. He is risen!

Mark Your Calendars

April 14: Palm Sunday; Highlights Class; Easter Festival

April 17: Holy Wednesday Service

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

April 25: Cream of the Crop Trip

April 27: Young Adult Community Picnic



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.



Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The Savior comes.

But will I welcome him?

Jesus come.

Break my resistance
and make me your home.

~ Malcolm Guite

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

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