

Invitation to Worship Renee Purtlebaugh

Choral Introit Aaron Copland

Zion's Walls

**LOOK, YOU SAINTS, THE CLOUD OF WITNESS
GATHERED 'ROUND THIS SACRED SPACE**

Call to Worship – Hebrews 12:1-2 Carol Harston

Therefore, since we are surrounded
by so great a cloud of witnesses,
**let us also lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely,**
and let us run with perseverance the race
that is set before us,
**looking to Jesus the pioneer
and perfecter of our faith,**
who for the sake of the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, disregarding its shame,
**and has taken his seat at the right hand
of the throne of God.**

Hymn of Praise (634) † FAITH'S JOURNEY

We Walk by Faith
Stanza One

Prayer of Praise Perry Dixon

My Faith Story Missy Smith

SET ASIDE THE SIN THAT STRANGLES

Prayer of Confession Lauren Jones Mayfield

**O God, you are nearby and far off, in our every moment and in the
highest heaven. Forgive us when we would rather not remember you
in the everyday moments of our lives: when choosing you would mean
putting our neighbors' needs first; when following you would challenge
our comfortable assumptions; when listening to you would change
the life we have grown to love. Forgive us, God of mercy, and love us
into your reign of true peace. Amen.**

Words of Assurance Renee Purtlebaugh

Hymn (48) † FAITHFULNESS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The Exchange of Peace Renee Purtlebaugh

LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS CHRIST

A Morning Story Renee Purtlebaugh

Be Kind

The Gospel Lesson Renee Purtlebaugh

Luke 12:49-56 (Pew Bible page 74 – NT)

Reflection Renee Purtlebaugh

The Race Set Before Us

Hymn Refrain FAITHFULNESS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed, Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

**LET US RUN THE RACE BEFORE US
WITH OUR GOD, AS THOSE OF OLD**

Offertory Prayer Jim England

Offertory ST. ANNE
arr. Jay Rouse

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

News for the Community Carol Harston

Hymn of Renewal † EVANGELINE

Look, You Saints, the Cloud of Witness

**Look, you saints, the cloud of witness gathered 'round this sacred place;
rise as one to cheer us onward, all who choose to run the race.
Sound the trumpets! We will journey swift of foot and brave of soul.
Let us run the race before us with our God, as those of old.**

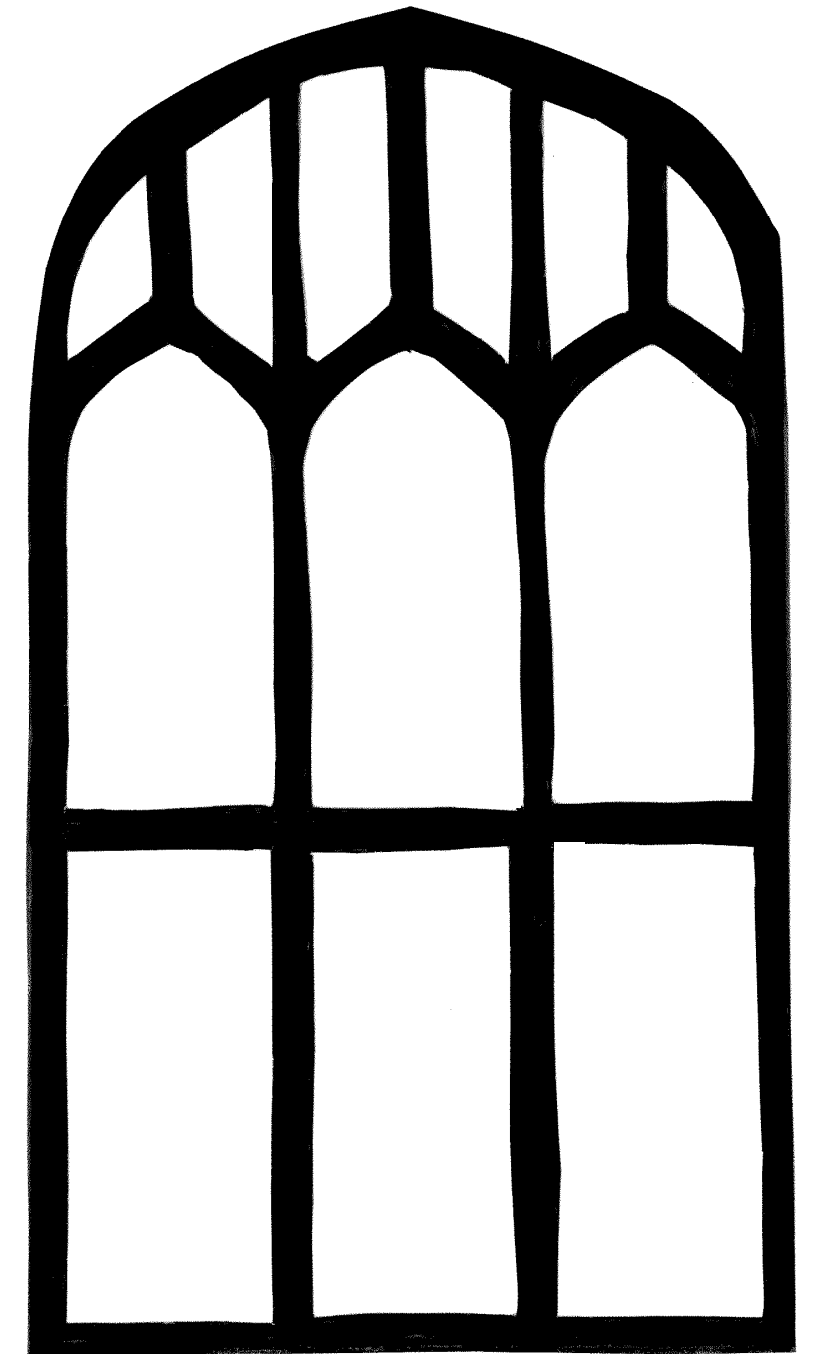
**Let us fix our eyes on Jesus Christ, the author of our faith.
Set aside the sin that strangles, persevere and run the race.
Hallelujah! Pressing forward, "Patience now, the end's in sight!"
shout those saints who long before us safely reached the heavenly light.**

**Though the journey seems unending, full of mystery, joy, and pain,
Jesus' open arms receive us evermore with Him to reign.
Praise to God, the crown of honor waits for all. The Victor cries,
"Join those saints, the cloud of witness;
God's redeemed shall claim the prize!"**

Benediction Renee Purtlebaugh

Postlude Austin Echols

Morning Reflections



Hope is a state of mind independent of the state of the world.
If your heart's full of hope, you can be persistent when you can't be optimistic.
You can keep the faith despite the evidence,
knowing that only in so doing has the evidence any chance of changing.
So while I'm not optimistic, I'm always very hopeful.

~ William Sloane Coffin

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

Today in Worship

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 Highland's hymn, *Look, You Saints, the Cloud of Witness*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service—praise, confession, proclamation and response.

The morning story, *Be Kind*, by authors, Pat Zietlow Miller and Jen Hill, is a New York Times bestselling book for children.

Prayers of the People

New Concerns

Barb Bower, recovery from possible stroke
Tish Gardner, Nazareth Home Clifton, rehab
Harold Omer, Episcopal Church Home, room D28 memory care

Christian Sympathy

Perry Dixon, death of uncle on 8/14

Ongoing Concerns

Jane Allison, Franciscan Home
Susan Coleman Layman, ulcer recovery
David French, complications from eye surgery
Lillian Glover, recovery from a recurring illness
Joyce Holmes, home, recovery from parainfluenza virus
Reece Little, leukemia
Karen Park, ruptured appendix, surgery recovery
Joe Powell, home, rehab
David Wells, home, surgery recovery

This Week at Highland

Sunday, August 18

10:30 a.m. Gather 'Round Service (Sanctuary)
 11:30 p.m. Fellowship (Front Lawn)
 6:00 p.m. Viewing of *When They See Us* (Commons)

Monday, August 19

6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Group (Youth Suite)
 6:30 p.m. Pastor Search Committee (Pastor's Study)
 7:00 p.m. Deacons (Commons)

Tuesday, August 20

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, August 21

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. Adult Class—Cloud of Witnesses: Stories of Saints-in-Process (Sanctuary)

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

Thursday, August 22

7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, August 23

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

News and Notes 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 for more information about the ministries of Highland Baptist Church.

Wednesday Night Fellowship begins anew for the school year on **August 21!** Please plan to join your church family of all ages in this mid-week gathering for fellowship and faith formation.

We will gather in the Sanctuary for "**Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-In-Process**" **this Wednesday, August 21**, where W.D. Burden, John Foster, and Lilly Glover, will share their faith journey guided by our facilitator, Bob Cunningham.

Our Wednesday night **meals** will be catered by Gracious Plenty. Cost is \$7/adult, \$3.50/children ages 4-12, and a maximum of \$21/household (immediate family members) with a reservation. **Reservations/cancellations are due by 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays** and can be done by calling the church office or emailing deb@hbclouisville.org. **Please note: Even if you've had a standing reservation in the past, the list is recreated every year beginning in August!**

Wednesday Night Dinner Help Is Needed!

Volunteer teams serve one week per month to set up for caterers, make desserts and do the dishes. We are still in need of several more volunteers for the weekly teams. If you can help or would like more information, contact Kathy Belcher at kbelcher53@gmail.com or 502-216-6471.

Join us on **Sunday, September 8**, at 6:00 p.m., as we **ordain our newly-elected Deacons** to serve this year.

The Anti-Racism Team and Young Adults will be sponsoring a **screening of *When They See Us***. The miniseries highlights some of the terrible effects of systemic racism in the criminal justice system, in the media, and in everyday life. Over a series of four evenings, **Sundays during the month of August, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**, in the Commons, we will watch all four episodes of the miniseries while incorporating time for guided questions and reflections. This is a free event. Parental discretion strongly advised.

New visitors and prospective members are encouraged to join us on four Sunday mornings, **September 8, 15, 22, and 29**, during the 9:30 Bible study hour our **Highlights Class!** This class offers an in-depth look at Highland Baptist 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 in conjunction with our New Members Ministry Group. To participate, contact Deb Ackerson at deb@hbclouisville.org.

Mark Your Calendars

August 21: Regular Wednesday programming resumes; Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Process
 August 25: Promotion Sunday; Regular Sunday morning schedule resumes
 September 2: Church Offices Closed
 September 5: Theology on Tap
 September 8: Highlights Class; Deacon Ordination and Installation Service
 September 12: Table Talk
 September 15: Highlights Class
 September 21: LGBTQIA Youth and Young Adults Breakfast
 September 22: Highlights Class



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
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Linda Campbell CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ASSISTANT		



Look, you saints, the cloud of witness,
gathered 'round this sacred place.

~John Dickson, 1993

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
GATHER 'ROUND
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 18, 2019