

Invitation to Worship Jim England

Meditation Austin Echols

Call to Worship – Isaiah 12 Renee Purtlebaugh

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let us sing God’s praises throughout all the earth.

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from the highest peaks to the deepest caverns.

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and our sorrows.

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as we come to worship the God of all creation!**

Processional Hymn (357) *O Praise the Gracious Power*
Stanzas One, Two, and Six

Prayer of Praise Perry Dixon

The Exchange of Peace

The Epistle Lesson Carol Harston
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (Pew Bible page 203 – NT)

Gathering Our Offerings (75) *If I Fly as Birds at Dawning*
Stanza One

The Gospel Lesson Jim England
Luke 21:5-19 (Pew Bible page 83 – NT)

Sermon Jim England

Song of Renewal (75) *If I Fly as Birds at Dawning*
Stanza Three

News for the Community Renee Purtlebaugh

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Prelude Franklin Ritter
Chorale Prelude on MARION

**O PRAISE THE GRACIOUS POWER
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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.**

O PRAISE INCLUSIVE LOVE ENCIRCLING EVERY RACE

Morning Psalm from the Scroll of Isaiah 12 Knut Nystedt
Cry Out and Shout

Cry out and shout, ye people of God! The Lord is strength and song!
Therefore with joy shall ye draw water from the wells of salvation.

The Epistle Lesson Carol Harston
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (Pew Bible page 203 – NT)

Meditation GREENCASTLE
If I Fly as Birds at Dawning

Prayer of Confession Lauren Jones Mayfield (9:30)
Renee Purtlebaugh (11:00)

**We confess that we have spread ourselves so thin that we have little
left to offer you. We are weary from our busy lives and find ourselves
frustrated by the call to work harder. Remind us that you call us not
to lose our lives for profit. You call us, instead, to work diligently
on the work that matters: loving our enemies, caring for the poor,
lifting up the oppressed. Even while we pray for your love to revolu-
tionize our world, let us not grow weary in loving here and now.
We pray in Christ’s name, remembering the One who showed us
what the work of love looks like, Amen.**

Words of Assurance – The Hebrew Lesson
Isaiah 65:17-18; 21-25 (Pew Bible page 682– OT)

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (75) † GREENCASTLE
If I Fly as Birds at Dawning

**O PRAISE THE WORD OF FAITH
THAT CLAIMS US AS GOD’S OWN**

The Gospel Lesson † Jim England
Luke 21:5-19 (Pew Bible page 83 – NT)

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

Sermon Jim England

O PRAISE THE POWER, THE TRUTH, THE LOVE

Hymn of Response † EBENEZER
Come, Great God of All the Ages

Offertory Prayer

Offertory EBENEZER, arr. Jeff Cranfill
O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
Highland Orchestra

News for the Community Renee Purtlebaugh

Doxology † OLD HUNDREDTH
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

Benediction Jim England

Postlude Austin Echols
Morning Reflections

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

We ask worshippers to read the lines in **bold** in today’s litanies and printed scriptures.

Today in Worship

We are grateful for the lay leadership in today's services by Phillip Garrett and Missy Smith (9:30); David Hartley and Doris Hornbuckle (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.

Listening Assist Devices are available. Please see our sound technician or an usher for assistance.

Phrases from our processional hymn, *O Praise the Gracious Power*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Prayers of the People

Ongoing Concerns

Ainsley Braun, recovering from fracture
Nicole Farnsley, recovering from fracture
James Hikes, heart issues
Helen Hinton, knee surgery recovery
Becky Martin, surgery recovery
Joe Powell, Valhalla rehab, surgery recovery

Christian Sympathy

Phillip Garrett, death of brother, Timmy
Wanda Nakdimen, death of brother-in-law
Jennifer O'Neil, death of uncle

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 for more information about the ministries of Highland Baptist Church.

Adult Wednesday Night Class

Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-In-Process. Join us this Wednesday, November 20, where Bojangles Blanchard, Noah Cooksey, and Janet Tharpe will share their faith journey guided by Bob Cunningham.

The Property and Space Ministry Group invites you to help with our **Fall Work Day this Saturday, November 23**, 8:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. We'll rake leaves, pick up limbs, trim shrubs, and generally prepare the property for the season. Bring your rake and work gloves and join us at the main parking lot behind the church.

The **Highland Book Club** will meet **next Sunday, November 24**, 6:00 p.m., at the home of Bob and Libby Cunningham, to discuss *Love Medicine* by Louise Erdrich. Everyone is invited!

Highland invites all people (LGBTQIA, siblings, families, and allies) to our annual **Thanksgiving Soul Supper this Thursday, November 21**, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. RSVP to perry@hbclouisville.org.

Make your plans now to join us for Highland's meaningful annual **Thanksgiving worship service at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 28**, in the Sanctuary, followed by breakfast prepared by our Deacons in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, December 1, begins the Advent season! We gather as a community to prepare our hearts and our space on **Sunday, December 1, at 6:00 p.m.**, for the **Hanging of the Green Service**. Please bring a cash donation, non-perishable goods (peanut butter, hearty soups, canned meats, cereal, rice, beans, etc.) for local families in need, or toys to be used in Highland's Christmas Store.

Immediately following the **Hanging of the Green Service**, you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall for a **reception**. This gathering is one of the very few times that we are all together and requires us all to pitch in to help it happen. **We need folks** to cook your favorite sweet or savory goodies, folks to help with set up and lots of folks to help clean up. An event of this size needs lots of hands to make it happen. Please visit our display following today's services and let us know we can count on you.

As is our custom, our Sanctuary will once again be adorned with red poinsettias this Advent and Christmas. All are invited to **purchase a poinsettia** in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is \$15; forms can be found on the table outside the Sanctuary and are also printed in the weekly newsletter. *Payment and information should be placed in an envelope* and turned in to the church office by November 24.

Mark Your Calendars

November 17: Vote on 2020 Budget
 November 20: Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in Process
 November 21: Thanksgiving Soul Supper

This Week at Highland

Sunday, November 17

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
 12:30 p.m. Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 2:00 p.m. Adult Handbells rehearsal (200)

Monday, November 18

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

Tuesday, November 19

5:30 p.m. Hope for a Brighter Day (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 p.m. ICIJ (Commons)
 10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, November 20

5:20 p.m. Fellowship Supper (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 p.m. Children's Activities (2nd Floor)
 Youth Group (Youth Suite)
 Adult Class—Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints in Process (Sanctuary)
 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, November 21

1:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministry Group (103)
 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Soul Supper (Fellowship Hall)
 Young Adult Ministry Group (Fireside)
 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)
 Environmental Action Ministry Team (103)
 Prayer Shawl Group (Off-site)

Friday, November 22

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)

Saturday, November 16

8:30 a.m. Work Day on the Grounds



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
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

Fred Bogert
MUSIC DIRECTOR
TO FRIDAY CHURCH

Don Burke
PASTOR EMERITUS

Linda Campbell
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
ASSISTANT

Kathy Collier
MINISTER OF MUSIC
AND WORSHIP

Perry Dixon
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH
AND THEIR FAMILIES

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OFFICE MANAGER

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CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Bill Martin
DEACON CHAIR

Lauren Jones Mayfield
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO
YOUNG ADULTS AND MISSION

Walter McWhorter
OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

Renee Purtlebaugh
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES



Sometimes when you're
 surrounded by dirt,
 you're a better witness
 for what's beautiful.

~ Matt de la Peña
Last Stop on Market Street

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 17, 2019