

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**8:30 a.m.**

Invitation to Worship Jim England

Meditation Austin Echols

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 119:1-8 Lauren Jones Mayfield

Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way of the Lord —
the path of justice and mercy that draws us toward wholeness.
 Happy are those whose hearts delight in the law of the Lord —
teachings that root us in love, sustain us in hope,
and nurture generous spirits within us.
 Happy are our souls when we gather to worship the Living God —
the fountainhead of Grace, the Giver of Life.

Hymn of Praise (32) *God Has Spoken by the Prophets*
Stanzas One and Three

Prayer of Praise Renee Purtlebaugh

The Exchange of Peace

The Hebrew Lesson Carol Harston
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (Pew Bible page 163 – OT)Gathering Our Offerings (295) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
Stanzas One and ThreeThe Gospel Lesson Jim England
Matthew 5:21-26 (Pew Bible pages 4-5 – NT)Sermon Jim England
*Impossible Standards*Song of Renewal (283) *Holy Presence, Holy Teacher*

News for the Community Lauren Jones Mayfield

Benediction Jim England

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**9:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

Invitation to Worship Jim England

Prelude arr. Robert Sterling
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Highland Orchestra**GOD HAS SPOKEN BY THE PROPHETS,
SPOKEN THE UNCHANGING WORD**

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Processional Hymn (32) † HYMN TO JOY
God Has Spoken by the Prophets

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.****‘MID THE WORLD’S DESPAIR AND TURMOIL
ONE FIRM ANCHOR HOLDING FAST**The Hebrew Lesson Carol Harston (9:30)
Renee Purtlebaugh (11:00)
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (Pew Bible page 163 – OT)Anthem William H. Harris
Behold, the Tabernacle of God
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with all, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you:
For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are: for the love of whom
you do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.Prayer of Confession Lauren Jones Mayfield (9:30)
Perry Dixon (11:00)

**Living God, we confess that we accept adversity rather than doing
the work that leads to life. Give us eyes to see how our anger,
stubbornness, lust, and lies keep us from the life you have created us
to live. With cleansed hearts and restored spirits, we are again knit
together in common purpose through your grace. Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

Words of Assurance – The Epistle Lesson
1 Corinthians 3:6-9 (Pew Bible page 163 – NT)

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (295) † NETTLETON
*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***GOD IS SPEAKING BY THE SPIRIT
SPEAKING TO OUR HEARTS AGAIN**The Gospel Lesson † Jim England
Matthew 5:21-37 (Pew Bible pages 4-5 – NT)*Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children’s Worship in the 11:00 service.*Sermon Jim England
*Impossible Standards***GOD ABIDES, THE WORD UNCHANGING,
GOD THE FIRST AND GOD THE LAST**Hymn of Response (283) † HARLAN
Holy Presence, Holy Teacher

Offertory Prayer

Offertory arr. Jeff Cranfill
Amazing Grace
Highland Orchestra

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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

Postlude Austin Echols
Morning Reflections† *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 Bill and Linda Campbell (9:30); Bojangles Blanchard and Buddy Lee (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, *God Has Spoken by the Prophets*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Prayers of the People

Ongoing Concerns

Janie Blome
Truman Cissell, hearing issues
Rob Cosby, home
Penny Mosier, surgery recovery

Ongoing Concerns (continued)

Sue Rowe, rehab, recovery from a fall
Marty Spiegel, hospital
Betty Unruh, rehab, radiation

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.

There will be a **Congregational Conversation at noon today** in Fellowship Hall, to hear important information on the need for a major upgrade to our aging HVAC system that serves our Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and other parts of the building. A light lunch will be served. Childcare will be provided for infants through pre-K.

New visitors and prospective members are encouraged to join us on three Sunday mornings, **February 23, March 1, and March 8**, during the 11:00 Bible study hour for 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 Carol Harston.

HBC Got Skillz, Highland's beloved church-wide talent show, returns **next Sunday, February 23**, at Highlands Community Ministries. Dinner starts at 5:00 p.m., and the show starts at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase in the Commons. *You got skillz?* Please find a youth and their parents with sign-up sheets in the Commons. All proceeds benefit Highland Youth's year and summer trips to Virginia and Miami.

We gather to begin our Lenten journey on **Ash Wednesday, February 26, for a service of penitence and humility at 6:15 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. An imposition of the ashes formed by burning last year's palm branches will mark our heads as we remember where we are from and where we shall return.

For the third year, our Anti-Racism Ministry Team has adorned our lobby with posters honoring key individuals and places for **Black History Month**. Pictures and stories highlight some of the people and places that have had a significant impact on the history of our nation. Stop by and check it out!

Adult Wednesday Night Class

Life and Theology of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 Dr. Lewis Brogdon returns to us on Wednesday, February 19, at 6:10 p.m., in Fellowship Hall, to help us learn more about Dr. King as not just a "dreamer" but as a major Christian theologian. In preparation of this class, we encourage you to read **Stride Towards Freedom: The Montgomery Story**, so that you can read King's own words.

Mark Your Calendars

February: Teacher Appreciation Month
 February 16: Congregational Conversation
 February 23: Children's Sabbath; Highlights Class; HBC Got Skillz
 February 26: Ash Wednesday Service
 February 27: Cream of the Crop Lunch/Movie
 March 1: Youth-led Worship; Highlights Class

Choose life so that we
 and our descendants may live,
 loving the Lord our God,
 obeying God,
 and holding fast to God;
 for that means life to us
 and length of days,
 so that we may live
 in the land that the Lord swore
 to give to our ancestors,
 to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

~ Deuteronomy 30:19b-20

This Week at Highland

Sunday, February 16

8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:00 a.m. Community Gathering
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 Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. Community Gathering
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Bible Study
 12:00 p.m. Congregational Conversation (Fellowship Hall)
 2:00 p.m. Adult Handbell rehearsal (200)
 5:00 p.m. Global Partnerships Ministry Team (103)

Monday, February 17

6:00 p.m. Finance Ministry Group (103)
 Youth Ministry Group (Youth Commons)
 7:00 p.m. Deacons (Commons)

Tuesday, February 18

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, February 19

5:20 p.m. Fellowship Supper (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 p.m. Children's Activities (2nd Floor)
 Youth Group (Youth Suite)
 6:10 p.m. Adult Class—Life and Theology of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Fellowship Hall)
 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, February 20

1:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministry Group (103)
 6:00 p.m. Young Adult Ministry Group (Fireside)
 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)
 Environmental Action Ministry Team (103)

Friday, February 21

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



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

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 AND WORSHIP

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 AND THEIR FAMILIES

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 CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

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Bill Martin
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Walter McWhorter
 CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Renee Purtlebaugh
 ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN
 AND THEIR FAMILIES

Loren Townsend
 MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR