

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**8:30 a.m.**

Invitation to Worship Carol Harston

Meditation Austin Echols

Lenten Refrain *Oh, God, You Know Our Wilderness*

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The Epistle Lesson Lauren Jones Mayfield  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-15 (Pew Bible pages 150-151 – NT)

Prayer of Confession  
You call us to leave our old ways behind,  
**but we like our comfortable lives.**  
You call us to go where you will show us  
**but we want the map and directions before we leave.**  
You call us to be a blessing to all  
**but often we want to keep the blessing to ourselves.**  
Help us to hear your voice and to let go of what holds us back.  
**Help us, Lord, to walk your way on any road we travel.**

Congregational Response *Oh, God, You Know Our Wilderness*

Words of Assurance  
Romans 4:16-17, 20-21 (Pew Bible page 151 – NT)

Gathering Our Offerings (440) *Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire*  
Stanza One

Prayer of Praise Perry Dixon

The Exchange of Peace

The Gospel Lesson Carol Harston  
John 3:1-17 from *The Message*

Sermon Carol Harston  
*When the Tower Crumbles*

Song of Renewal (440) *Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire*  
Stanza Three

News for the Community Lauren Jones Mayfield

Benediction Carol Harston  
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**may God keep us by sunlight and moonlight;**  
may Christ encompass us with love;  
**and may the Holy Spirit transform our wilderness into promised land. Amen.**

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

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Meditation Johann Krieger  
*Andante Cantabile*

The Baptism of Mark Brown (11:00) Jim England  
Call to the Water  
Statements of Faith  
**Baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**A TIME FOR CONTRITION AND GRATITUDE**

Lenten Refrain D. Brewer and A. Echols  
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**A TIME FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

Prayers from the Nomads Bible Study Class Cheryl Davis

Singing of the Morning Psalm – Psalm 121 Hal Hopson  
*I Lift My Eyes*

*Refrain*  
I lift my eyes\_\_\_\_\_ to the moun-tains soar-ing a - bove,\_\_\_ I ask for  
help,\_\_\_ help that on - ly comes from the Lord.\_\_\_ The Lord of life,\_\_\_ the  
God of gods,\_\_\_ the mak - er of all heav'n and all the earth.

Prayer of Praise

**A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION**

The Gospel Lesson † Walter McWhorter, Bob Cunningham,  
and Libby Cunningham (9:30)  
Jim McBee, Alison and Tabor Schureck (11:00)  
John 3:1-17 from *The Message*

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

Sermon Carol Harston  
*When the Tower Crumbles*

**A TIME FOR OUR RESPONSE**

Hymn (440) † GIFT OF LOVE  
*Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Barbara Harbach  
*Chorale Prelude on O WALY WALY*

News for the Community Lauren Jones Mayfield

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,  
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Postlude Austin Echols  
*Lenten Reflections*

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

We ask worshipers 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 Justin Boldt and Diane Brewer (9:30); Robert Davis and Hollan Holm (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.

The photograph on the today's bulletin cover was taken by Highland member, Bill Luster, in 1970 in Barren County, Kentucky. Artwork and photography used on bulletin covers during the Lenten season will be on display in the Commons.

Please express your gratitude to Cheryl Davis for the Prayer of Confession in today's services. Cheryl is a member of Highland's Worship Ministry Group and collaborated with Rev. Dr. Carol Harston for the Second Sunday in the Lenten season. Cheryl worked with Highland's Nomads Bible Study Class for the content of today's Prayers of the People. They meet during the 9:30 hour with teachers, Robert Davis and Doris Hornbuckle.

Today's closing hymn, *Though I May Speak*, is sung in recognition and support of Requiem and Remembrance Day, an online initiative celebrating the healing love of music through song for victims and survivors of gun violence. #Requiem&RemembranceDay

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

## Prayers of the People

### New Concerns

**Scott Blome**, surgery recovery  
**Knox Ross Azevedo**, recovery from removal of adenoids and tonsils

### Ongoing Concerns

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

### Ongoing Concerns (continued)

**Virginia Phelps**, heart stent recovery  
**Sue Rowe**, rehab, recovery from a fall  
**Marty Spiegel**, home  
**Betty Unruh**, home

### Christian Sympathy

**Frank Tupper**, who passed away on 2/28  
**Larry Marcum**, death of brother, Randy, on 3/3

## 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.

The **Highland Book Club** will meet **tonight** at 5:30 p.m., in room 103, to discuss **Small Great Things** by Jodi Picoult. Everyone is invited!

All are welcome to attend the **annual gathering of our Global Women Circles tomorrow**, March 9, at 7:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Von Purdy, from the development office of Simmons College, will speak. While the event is free, we invite those who attend to bring items for the Simmons College food pantry. Items needed are: canned soup, ramen noodles, pop tarts, individual packets of chips/snack foods, macaroni and cheese, cereal, peanut butter, canned vegetables, as well as personal care items like toilet paper, soap/body wash, laundry detergent, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.

**Table Talk** is a relaxed time to eat together, meet new people, strengthen bonds with friends, and enjoy meaningful conversations on topics of collective or individual interest. This month's Table Talk is **this Thursday**, March 12, 6:30 p.m., at North End Café (1722 Frankfort Avenue) in the Clifton neighborhood. Inquiries may be directed to Marc Dowell, Earl Shelp, and Jim Shelton.

The Salaam Network, The Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice, Highland's Immigration Team, and La Casita will host a **panel conversation on Senate Bill 1 this Tuesday**, March 10, 6:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. Our own, Rev. Ryan Eller, will serve as one of the panelists, along with immigration attorneys and political activists. All are welcome to join us to get informed and learn about action steps that we might engage as people of faith. You can learn more at <https://salaamnetwork.org> or visit the Salaam Network Facebook Page to RSVP at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2787752501321089>.

### Mark Your Calendars

March 8: Highlights Class; Highland Book Club  
March 9: Joint Global Women Circles meeting  
March 10: Panel Discussion on Senate Bill 1  
March 11-14: Habitat for Humanity Build  
March 12: Table Talk; Young Adult Bible Study  
March 13-14: Women's Retreat  
March 28: Cream of the Crop Trip  
April 1: No Evening Activities/Supper  
April 5: Easter Festival  
April 8: Holy Wednesday Service  
April 9: Maundy Thursday Service  
April 10: Tenebrae Service  
April 15: Quarterly Church Conference  
May: Global Missions Month  
May 14: Table Talk



The Word (not silence)  
was made flesh (not concept)  
and grace (not merit)  
ministered to faith (not knowledge)  
in such a way that  
we may act as though  
we were an incarnation, too.

~ Carlyle Marney (1916-1978)

## This Week at Highland

### Sunday, March 8

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  
Highlights Class (Commons)  
5:30 p.m. Highland Book Club (103)

### Monday, March 9

6:30 p.m. Anti-Racism Ministry Team (Commons)  
Joint Global Women's Circle (Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, March 10

5:30 p.m. Hope for a Brighter Day (Fireside)  
6:00 p.m. Senate Bill 1 Discussion (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30 p.m. Congregational Engagement Ministry Group (103)  
10:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, March 11

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

### Thursday, March 12

6:30 p.m. Table Talk (Off-site)  
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)  
Young Adult Bible Study (Commons)

### Friday, March 13

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



**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**

*A thinking, feeling, healing  
community of faith*

*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.

**Jerre Bassett**  
FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN

**Frank Bassett**  
PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

**Lauren Blackwell**  
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**Fred Bogert**  
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