
In-Person Worship: Beginning June 4 and 6

We are excited to share that we are officially planning to open in-person worship in the sanctuary **beginning Friday, June 4 and Sunday, June 6**. The staff, COVID advisory team, and two task forces are hard at work planning logistics for how we will gather, as safely as possible.

This Sunday, our deacons will be joining us in worship for a test-run in-person worship service, along with some members of our task forces who will be serving as ushers. Following this week's test-run and any additional changes we need to make to our process, we will be sending you all of the information regarding in-person worship by the end of next week.

Personally, I can tell you that I am so hopeful about this news and the chance to finally be together with my church family, face-to-face! I am grateful to our task forces and COVID Advisory Team for their hard work and discernment over the past year. I am incredibly thankful for our staff and all the work they have done to imagine and re-imagine worship over the past year, and now they are beginning that process all over again. And I am beyond grateful for the resilience of the community of faith that is Highland Baptist Church.

-Mary Alice

Table Talk, this Thursday

Table Talk will meet this Thursday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m., using Zoom conferencing technology. We will have an opportunity to check in with each other and meet new people interested in an informal time to build new and to strengthen existing relationships within the congregation. Everyone is invited to participate. To join the gathering contact Marc Dowell, Jim Shelton or Earl Shelp.

Children's Corner

Pop-Up Children's Choir Event is this Saturday!

Calling all children in Grades 1 through 5 to Highland on Saturday, May 15, for

musical activities outdoors on the front lawn and playground! Our Children's Choir Teachers have greatly missed making music with the children and are so excited to have something scheduled after being away since March 2020. Emails have gone out to all of Highland's families with children in grades 1 through 5. Reply by Thursday morning, May 13, to hold a place for your child in one of the two morning sessions: 10:30-11:15 or 11:30-12:15 p.m. The rain date will be Saturday, May 22.



Summer Camp Opportunities for Highland's Elementary Children

This summer, our regular pattern of overnight camps is not possible and so we are re-designing and re-creating our opportunities! Our 4th and 5th graders will have the opportunity to participate in Advocacy Camp in late June, and our K-3rd graders will have the opportunity to participate in Compassion Camp in mid-July. All of the details, including dates, cost and registration information, are in this past weekend's Sunday email for families. Can't find it? Be sure to check your junk mail. Still can't find it? [Contact Renee.](#)

Weekend Services Ascension Sunday

Acts 1
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

Ascension Anthem:
Sing Praises to God

All Things Mission

Habitat for Humanity

Annually we collect a special offering at our Thanksgiving Day service for Habitat for Humanity. Further, we set aside an amount from our mission budget projects to give to this ministry as well. Finally, Habitat for Humanity efforts are often part of our Alternative Christmas Card collective. In the past five years we have averaged about \$5500 in donations, specifically toward the Baptist Habitat House—a conglomerate project with other Baptist churches in the city who together sponsor the building of a home. This is the 26th year we will partner in this venture.



Further, Highland members volunteer work hours at the building site of the Baptist house, as well as at other Habitat ventures in our city throughout the calendar year. If you would like to learn more about Highland's Habitat for Humanity Team please contact Jim McBee at jbmcbec@outlook.com.

If you would like to learn more about Habitat for Humanity please check out their website here: <https://www.habitat.org/>. To learn about Habitat for Humanity Louisville, click here: <https://louisvillehabitat.org/>. Finally to sign up for their newsletter, which contains wonderful information about project updates, volunteer opportunities, support for families who move into the homes, etc. you may click here: <https://louisvillehabitat.org/about-us/contact-us/> and scroll to the bottom of the page for "newsletter sign-up."

Alliance of Baptists THRIVE

By way of update about our involvement in the 5-year anti-racism project with the Alliance of Baptists, known as THRIVE for Racial Justice, we have begun our work. Lauren Jones Mayfield attended an all-day training last week with twenty-five other Baptist pastors from around the country. Together they discovered and cultivated a common language to discuss and further investigate racial justice conversations. Later this month, Missy Smith and Lauren will attend (virtually) together an all-day workshop, again, with the pastors and lay leaders from the fellow 25 congregations.

Would you be willing to take a brief survey about how you have or have not discussed racial justice motivations in the Church, the church in which you grew up, other churches you have attended, as well as, and of course, including your time here at Highland as well. Please let Lauren know if you would like to complete a survey by May 22nd by emailing her at

laurenjm@hbclouisville.org. Thanks!



Friday Church on the Lawn

Join us weekly for Friday Church on the Lawn, every Friday at 7:00 PM, weather permitting. Please bring a lawn chair. Masks and social distancing required. Hope you can join us outside as we continue our Easter worship series, "Practice Resurrection."



Louisville Homicides

Please join us in prayer and action as we remember those who have been killed in recent weeks in our city. We grieve with those who mourn, while we also maintain a hope that one day, all things will be made new.

- Stephon Boyd, age 23, killed March 20
- Zyuan Pearson, age 5, killed April 2

- Roderick Ballard, age 29, killed April 4
 - James Yearby, age 62, killed April 13
 - Kyon Higgins, age 10, killed April 20
 - Charles Coates, age 51, killed April 22
 - Victor Shackleton, age 52, killed April 25
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