

Today in Worship

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.

Phrases from today's hymn of praise, *Crown Him with Many Crowns*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Today we pause to share our deep gratitude with Lauren Jones Mayfield for 5 years of ministry with us at Highland. Lauren began serving as Highland's Minister of Young Adults and Mission in 2016. We are so grateful for Lauren's thoughtful and pastoral leadership among us, for her investment in the lives of our young adults, for her spiritual insights, curiosity, and imagination, and for her passion to do the work of justice and Love in God's world. We love you, Lauren!

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

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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 Highland Baptist Church.

Members are invited to purchase Christmas poinsettias for \$15 in memory/in honor/in appreciation of a family member, friend, or loved one. You may submit payment and information through Highland's website at <https://hbclouisville.org/christmas-poinsettias> or contact Cheryl in the church office at 502-451-3735 or cheryl@hbclouisville.org.

"Friday Church" TONIGHT at Wayside for Thanksgiving Week
We will gather tonight at the Wayside Christian Mission for a Service of Gratitude at 7 PM. Join us with friends from Friday Church and Wayside to give thanks and share our gratitude with one another! Please note that we will not meet in person this Friday, November 26.

Mark Your Calendars

- November 25:** Thanksgiving Service—online
- November 26:** Voting begins on 2022 Budget
- November 28:** Hope Sunday—Hanging of the Green in both morning services
- December 1:** Advent Book Discussion—*The Gravity of Joy*
- December 5:** Peace Sunday—Crosses on the Lawn
- December 8:** Advent Book Discussion—*The Gravity of Joy*
- December 10:** Singing the Carols of Christmas at Friday Church
- December 11:** The Christmas Store (9:00 AM-12:00 PM)
- December 12:** Joy Sunday—Highland's Sanctuary Choir and String Quartet
- December 17:** Singing the Carols of Christmas at Friday Church
- December 19:** Love Sunday—Highland's Sanctuary Handbells
- December 24:** Christmas Eve Services (4:00 and 6:00 PM)
- December 26:** Sunday Worship, online only at 10:00 AM

Thanksgiving Worship

You are invited to log onto Highland's Facebook page or YouTube channel for a special Thanksgiving Day service this Thursday, November 25. The pre-recorded service will be available for viewing on Thanksgiving morning at 8:30 a.m. Phyllis and Chet Watson decorated the Commons with their beautiful fall foliage as a backdrop to our service. We look forward to the day when we can gather again safely for a shared meal for this beloved tradition.

Sunday, November 28: Beginning of Advent and Hanging of the Green

Join us next Sunday as we begin the Advent season and explore this year's Advent theme, "Awaken to Joy." Both morning services will also include elements of our traditional Hanging of the Green service as we complete the decorations of our beautiful sanctuary for the Advent season. Everyone is invited to bring donations of new toys and books for the Christmas Store and blankets and gift cards for HCM to the Christmas tree in the Commons throughout the morning. Alternative Gift Cards will also be ready to purchase and available throughout the Advent season in the Commons.



Colonel Jessup (Jack Nicholson): *You want answers?*
LTJG Kaffee (Tom Cruise): *I think I'm entitled to them.*
Col Jessup: *You want answers?!*
LTJG Kaffee: *I want the truth!*
Col Jessup: *You can't handle the truth!*

~ *A Few Good Men* (1992)

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
THE REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 21, 2021
8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.



Invitation to Worship

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Prelude

Robert J. Hughes

Crown Him with Many Crowns

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS, THE LAMB UPON HIS THRONE

Words of Acclamation – Rev 1:4b-8

Marilyn Sanders (8:45)
Nancy Goodhue (11:15)

Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was
and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are
before God's throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
**To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God
and Creator, to Jesus be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**
Look! He is coming with the clouds;
**Every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.**
"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Hymn of Praise (223) †

DIADEMATA

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Prayer of Praise

Marilyn Sanders (8:45)
Nancy Goodhue (11:15)

HARK! HOW THE HEAVENLY ANTHEM DROWNS ALL MUSIC BUT ITS OWN

Anthem

Dale Wood

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

The Hebrew Lesson

2 Samuel 23:1-5 (Pew Bible pages 295-296 – OT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

**Holy One, you are our rock and our foundation, the solid ground on which we steady our feet.
And yet, the weight of the world crowds in threatening to unsteady us, bringing with it fear,
confusion, even helplessness and defeat. In our disoriented state, we lose sight of the glorious
sunrise that causes the dew to glisten on the grass. Clarify our vision, that we might see that
a mystery far greater than we can imagine is at work in our midst providing all that we need
most. Through Christ who binds us together, we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance – The Morning Psalm

Psalm 132:13-17 (Pew Bible page 563 – OT)

The Exchange of Peace

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

Hymn †

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."**

**Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

AWAKE MY SOUL AND SING OF HIM WHO DIED FOR THEE

The Gospel Lesson †

John 18:33-37 (Pew Bible page 111 – NT)

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Sermon

What Is Truth?

AND HAIL HIM AS THY MATCHLESS KING THROUGH ALL ETERNITY

Hymn (692) †

AURELIA

Let Truth and Mercy Find Here

Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer

Lilly Glover

Offertory

arr. Jeffrey Honoré

Nun danket alle Gott

News for the Community

Renee Purtlebaugh

In response to your decision, **we welcome you! We covenant to be the family of God for you in this place.
We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, as we journey in faith together.**

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

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Choral Benediction

text, Isaac Watts 1674-1748
arr. Alice Parker

Let All That Dwell

Let all that dwell above the sky, and air, and earth, and seas conspire to lift Thy glories high and speak Thine
endless praise. The whole creation join in one to bless the sacred name of Him that sits upon the throne, and
to adore the Lamb!

Postlude

*30 Short Chorale Preludes, Op. 135a
No. 18. Nun danket alle Gott*

Max Reger