

THOMAS  
MERTON

*In Louisville, standing on the  
corner of Fourth and Walnut, in the center  
of the shopping district, I was suddenly overwhelmed  
by the realization that I loved all these people, that they were mine,  
and I was theirs, that we could not be alien to one another—even though  
we were total strangers. I have the immense joy of being human, a mem-  
ber of the race in which God himself became incarnate... as if the sorrows  
and stupidities of the human condition could overwhelm me — now that  
I realize what we really are. If only everyone could realize this!  
But it cannot be explained. There is no way of convincing people  
that they are walking around—*



*shining  
like the  
sun!*

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

**8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.**

Invitation to Worship

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Prelude

William H. Harris

*Prelude in G*

## SEE OUR LORD IN ALL HIS GLORY, NOW ARRAYED IN DAZZLING WHITE

The Gospel Lesson – Luke 9:28-35 †

Phillip Garrett (8:45)  
Sally Evans (11:15)

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. **And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.**

Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

**Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.**

Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, **“Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”**

While Peter was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, **“This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”**

Hymn of Praise (161) †

CWM RHONDDA

*See Our Lord in All His Glory*

Prayer of Praise †

Phillip Garrett (8:45)  
Sally Evans (11:15)

## SEE THE BURNING CLOUD AROUND US GUIDING THROUGH OUR WILDERNESS

The Hebrew Lesson

Exodus 34:29-35 (Pew Bible pages 34-35 – OT)

Jim England

Anthem

F. Melius Christiansen

*Beautiful Savior*  
Austin Echols, Soloist

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

**Like Peter, James and John, we too experience surprise and awe when your glory is illuminated right before us. Like Aaron and the Israelites, we too can become afraid, inclined to steer our gaze away from what you have revealed to us. Forgive us when our fear overcomes our awe, and we become afraid to step into the illuminated places you have called us toward. Plant within us a posture of curiosity, always open to being transformed. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (366) †

THAXTED

*O God Beyond All Praising*

An additional Stanza will be sung by the choir between stanzas one and two.

**SEE THE LAW AND PROPHETS GATHER,  
LIFTING HIGH THE LIVING CHRIST!**

The Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (Pew Bible page 176 – NT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

*Seeing Beyond the Veil*

**WE WILL FOLLOW UNAFRAID TILL WE SEE YOU FACE TO FACE**

Hymn of Response †

text, Thomas Troeger

NETTLETON

*Come with Moses to the Mountain*

**Come with Moses to the mountain, stand before the bush in flame,  
where the very ground is holy and the Spirit calls your name.  
Then return and take the vision that has blazed upon this height  
to the church and world that hunger for its liberating light.**

**Come with Jesus to the mountain where, transfigured, Christ transforms  
hearts that stumble in the shadows cast by life's persistent storms.  
Strengthened by the light and glory that have crowned the summit's slope;  
hasten homeward with the vision to rebuild the church with hope.**

**Come rejoicing to the mountain to the highest, holy height,  
where the love of God and neighbor is your first and chief delight.  
Where the flame that dazzled Moses and the brightness of Christ's face  
will create a new creation of eternal love and grace.**

Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer

Missy Smith (8:45)  
Vicki Runnion (11:15)

Offertory

*Interlude*

Rosalie Bonighton

News for the Community

Lauren Jones Mayfield

**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

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Choral Benediction

Kathy C. Bowen

*Shine On, Eternal Sun*

Postlude

Austin Echols

*Morning Reflections*

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

## 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, *See Our Lord in All His Glory*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

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

Permission to print and stream music obtained from One License #A-726201. All rights reserved.

---

## Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Called Business Meeting and Congregational Conversation today at 1:30 PM**— We will vote on the expenditure of funds on engineering and architectural plans for the **renovation project** as well as remaining nominations from Congregational Engagement for church leadership for 2022. Following the vote, the **Reparations Task Force will lead a conversation about the windows in both the sanctuary and fellowship hall.** No decisions will be made or votes taken regarding the windows. We gather only to talk, listen and learn from one another as the family of God. The meeting will be held both in-person and on Zoom. **Here is the agenda for today's business meeting:**
  1. Welcome and Call to Business Session
  2. Motion from Congregational Engagement Ministry Group—Vicki Runion
  3. Motions from HVAC Renovation Ad Hoc Committee—Walter McWhorter
  4. Introduction to Research on the Windows—Ryan Eller and the Reparations Task Force
  5. Time for Questions and Feedback
  6. Closing and Benediction—Lauren Jones Mayfield and Mary Alice Birdwhistell
- **Habitat For Humanity, 30th Baptist House Build**—We are **seeking volunteers** to help with the upcoming Habitat for Humanity Baptist Build in the Smoketown neighborhood. **The dates are March 10, 11 and 12.** We normally work from 8:00AM—2:00 PM and lunch will be provided. No experience required. Feel free to help any day that fits your schedule. **If interested, contact Larry Hoover at [larryhoover@att.net](mailto:larryhoover@att.net).**
- **Invitation to Prayer and Reflection:** anyone interested in shared meditation/prayer/reflection is invited to attend a new group meeting on **Wednesdays beginning March 2 from 9:00—10:00 AM** in the Youth Commons upstairs. Feel free to contact Vicki Runion at 502-396-3325 or Carolyn King at 502-541-9636 for more information.
- **Join us for our Ash Wednesday service on March 2 at 6:15 PM.** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter. Join us on this night as we begin this year's Lenten focus at Highland—**Abiding in God's Shadow: A Lenten Journey Through Divine Darkness.** May we learn to let our eyes adjust this Lenten season so that we might see God with us in new and unexpected ways, even while it is still dark.



**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.

**Jerre and Frank Bassett**  
CUSTODIANS

**Mary Alice Birdwhistell**  
PASTOR

**Fred Bogert**  
MUSIC DIRECTOR  
TO FRIDAY CHURCH

**Molly Braun**  
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

**Don Burke**  
PASTOR EMERITUS

**Bill Campbell**  
DEACON CHAIR

**Kathy Collier**  
MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

**Cheryl Davis**  
OFFICE MANAGER

**Austin Echols**  
ORGANIST AND MUSIC ASSOCIATE

**Jim England**  
INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR

**Sally Evans**  
INTERIM MINISTER TO YOUTH

**Megan Fuller**  
INTERIM CHILDREN AND  
FAMILY MINISTRY ASSISTANT

**Lillian Glover**  
PASTORAL INTERN

**Kathleen Gordon**  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

**Lauren Jones Mayfield**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUNG  
ADULTS AND MISSIONS

**Walter McWhorter**  
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

**Erin Phelps**  
PASTORAL INTERN

**Renee Purtlebaugh**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN  
AND THEIR FAMILIES