



Abiding
in
God's
Shadow:
A Lenten
Journey
Through
Divine
Darkness

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 6, 2022

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Prelude

Paul Drayton

Pavane

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 91

Erin Phelps

Those who dwell in the shelter of Infinite Light,
who abide in the shadow of Infinite Love, will raise their voices:
“My refuge and my strength; in You alone will I trust.”

Choral Meditation

Edward Bairstow

I Sat Down Under His Shadow

A Prayer from the Shadows

Renee Purtlebaugh

CONTRITION AND GRATITUDE

The Gospel Lesson †

Erin Phelps

Luke 4:1-13 (Pew Bible page 60 – NT)

Lenten Refrain

LINDNER
text, Brian Wren

Holy Is the Dark

Ho - ly is the dark, ho - ly, hid - den God, roll - ing cloud of
night be - yond all nam - ing: maj - es - ty in dark - ness,
en - er - gy of love, Word - in - flesh, the mys - ter - y pro - claim - ing.

Prayer of Confession

Jim England

Oh God, it feels so dark in the world today. We confess that our inclination in the dark is to immediately turn to fear and anxiety. To claw and clamor for any kind of light. Forgive us for failing to trust in you from dusk to daylight. Remind us that you are with us, still. Give us eyes to see you when our own sight gives way. When darkness deepens, may we be people who abide with you. Amen.

Words of Assurance – The Epistle Lesson

Romans 10:11-13

The scripture says, “No one who believes in Christ will be put to shame.”
For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;
the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on God’s name. For,
“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Hymn †

text, Ruth Duck; SLANE

When We Are Tested

**When we are tested and wrestle alone, famished for bread when the world offers stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your way, food that sustains us by night and by day.**

**When in the desert we cry for relief, pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
lift us to love beyond sign and test, trusting your presence, our only true rest.**

**When we have struggled and searched through the night, sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care, angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.**

Prayer of Praise

Bill Campbell

PROCLAMATION AND REFLECTION

Anthem

Z. Randall Stroope

All Who Dwell in the Shadow of the Lord

The Morning Psalm

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (Pew Bible page 537 – OT)

Sermon

Don't Be Afraid of the Dark

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Invitation to the Table

Exchange of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Reception of the Bread and Cup

Everyone is invited forward to receive bread and cup. All bread served is gluten free.

Please return to your pew to take the bread and cup.

Deacons will receive tithes and offerings in the offering plates as you return to your pew.

RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Response (34) †

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Word of God, Across the Ages

Offertory Prayer

Allison Todd (8:45)

Alan Spade (11:15)

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 †

WONDRIOUS 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, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

Benediction

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

J. S. Bach

Prelude and Fugue in E-minor BWV 555

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.

Tamara Scantland Adams, Highland member and local artist, created the original art for our Lenten bulletins and publications. Please express your gratitude to Tamara for sharing her gifts to enrich our Lenten journey.

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

- **Weekly Lenten Prayers and Reflections on Highland's Facebook and YouTube**
Erin Phelps is coordinating weekly videos of prayer and reflection from Highland members that will be posted online every Sunday evening. We hope they create space for you to unwind with God and embrace the sacred darkness of Lent.
- **Weekly Lenten Podcast: The Commons @ HBC**
Join David Bannister and young adult special guests as they reflect on this Lenten journey through the return of our Young Adults Podcast. A new podcast will be available every week of Lent, starting Tuesday.
- Don't miss our next **Cloud of Witnesses evening on Wednesday, March 9 at 6:15 PM**. Bob Cunningham will facilitate our conversation with Robin Ramsay Lee, Tory Parker and David Wells.
- As the time "springs forward" in the coming week, **Highland's Congregational Engagement Ministry Group is also discerning how we might help to "spring forward" the life and work of our church** after the past two years of the pandemic. We appreciate your taking the time to complete the 5-minute survey emailed to you on Friday. We ask that you **complete the survey by Friday, March 18**. Thank you!
- **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 larryehoover@att.net**.
- **Invitation to Prayer and Reflection:** anyone interested in shared meditation/prayer/reflection is invited to attend a new group meeting on **Wednesdays from 9:00—10:00 AM** in the Youth Commons upstairs. Feel free to contact Vicki Runion at 502-396-3325.



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*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.

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