



To go in the dark
with a light
is to know the light.
To know the dark,
go dark.
Go without sight,
and find that
the dark, too,
blooms and sings
and is traveled
by dark feet
and dark wings.
~ *Wendell Berry*

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 13, 2022

8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.

Invitation to Worship

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Choral Introit

arr. Parker and Shaw

I Will Arise

CONTRITION AND GRATITUDE

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 27

Renee Purtlebaugh

One thing I asked of the Lord that I will seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.
Sisters and brothers, God is good, and in love and mercy greets us here.

Psalm Refrain

The Lord Is My Light
Hannelore Mehler, Mezzo Soprano

Prayer of Confession

Diane Brewer

Just as we are,
we come in need of your mercy and forgiveness.

Psalm Refrain

The Lord Is My Light



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust; in God I trust.

Words of Assurance – The Morning Psalm

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Psalm 27:1-5 (Pew Bible Page 493 – OT)

The Exchange of Peace

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 from the Shadows

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Hymn (15) †

JOYFUL SINGING

God of Dawn, Each Day's Renewal

Prayer of Praise

Genevieve Nisbet (8:45)
Larry Marcum (11:15)

PROCLAMATION AND REFLECTION

The Gospel Lesson †

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (Pew Bible pages 76-77 – NT)

Jim England

Anthem

Just As I Am

Richard DeLong

Sermon

The Dark Place Where Reconciliation Is Born

Jim England

RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Response (286) †

NOEL

O God in Whom All Life Begins

Offertory Prayer

Tyler Swim (8:45)
Lewis Miller (11:15)

Offertory

Pastorale

Flor Peters

News for the Community

Sally Evans

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

William Woland

Diapason Movement

† *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.

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. We appreciate the gifts from two Highland members in today's services: to Diane Brewer, member of the Worship Ministry Group, for the Prayer of Confession and to Sharon Sanders for her musical leadership on the organ.

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

- **HVAC Upgrade Project: two Wednesday evening sessions, March 16 and 23 at 6:15**, when we will explore what it means to be "green" with a building project and how we might support minority businesses during our upcoming project. Kathey Golightly Sanders will discuss good environmental building practices and Ron Smith will lead our conversation about minority businesses.
- Now that we've "sprung forward," **Highland's Congregational Engagement Ministry Group is discerning how we might help the life and work of our church "spring forward"** after the past two years of the pandemic. We appreciate 75 of you who have already taken the time to complete the 5-minute survey emailed to you last week. Check this week's newsletter for the survey link in case you missed it. We ask that you **complete the survey by this Friday, March 18**. Thank you!
- **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 on Tuesday.
- **Members are invited to purchase Easter lillies** 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/2022/03/08/easter-lilies/> or contact Cheryl in the church office at 502-451-3735 or cheryl@hbclouisville.org.
- **Invitation to Prayer and Reflection:** anyone interested in shared meditation/prayer/reflection is invited to attend our 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 for further information.



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

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DEACON CHAIR

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Jim England
INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Sally Evans
INTERIM MINISTER TO YOUTH

Megan Fuller
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