



History,  
despite its wrenching pain,  
cannot be un-lived,  
but if faced with courage,  
need not be lived again.

~ Maya Angelou

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**NOVEMBER 13, 2022**  
**8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.**

Invitation to Worship

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Prelude

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

*O Worship the King*  
Highland Handbell Choir

## COME, GREAT GOD OF ALL THE AGES

Call to Worship

Loren Townsend (8:45)  
Yoko Suzuki (11:15)

The Spirit of God is upon us!  
**The Spirit of hope and joy.**  
The Spirit of challenge and truth.  
**God calls us to proclaim liberty to captives,**  
to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable,  
**to join our bodies with Christ in service and song.**  
**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Processional Hymn (5) †

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Come, Great God of All the Ages*

Prayer of Praise

Loren Townsend (8:45)  
Ayumi Hargrove (11:15)

Glory to the Creator †

MEINEKE

**Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Spirit, One.**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## FIT US FOR THE WORK OF BUILDING

The Hebrew Lesson

Isaiah 65:17-25 (Pew Bible page 682—OT)

Renee Purtlebaugh

Prayer of Confession

Lauren Jones Mayfield

O God, we do not trust you to know our needs.  
**We think we know what is best for us and our faith family. Forgive us for so often doing ministry a certain way, especially when it feels old and stale. Forgive us when we choose boredom and comfort instead of creativity and fun.**

*Silence*

Open us to the newness that you consistently breathe into your people and church.  
**Help us to sense it. Inspire us, anew, Holy One. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Hear the Good News:

**God creates joy and delight. God hears us before we call.**

We are being redeemed.

**We are the beloved children of the God who loves all creation. God's mercy is here.**

The Exchange of Peace

Hymn (57) †

FINLANDIA

*Be Still, My Soul*

## COME, CHRIST JESUS, SURE FOUNDATION, CORNERSTONE

The Gospel Lesson †

Luke 21:5-19 (Pew Bible page 83—NT)

Jim England

Choral Anthem

Kevin Memley

*Be Thou My Vision*

*Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)*

Sermon

Jim England

*Authentic Living in a Moral Circus*

## AS WE ACT IN FAITH AND REVERENCE, LET US, LORD, THE FUTURE SEE

Hymn of Response (540) †

YE BANKS AND BRAES

*We Cannot Measure How You Heal*

Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer

Otter Bright, Erin Phelps, Anita Roper

Offertory

Michael Helman

*A Song of Thanksgiving*  
Highland Handbell Choir

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

Jim England

Postlude

Frank Stoldt

*The Ash Grove*

† *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 processional hymn, *Come, Great God of All the Ages*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

We are grateful for musical leadership in worship today by Emily Stewart and Cameron Carnes.

Flowers are provided today by the Jean Janes Baptist Women's group in honor of Dr. Marilyn Sanders and her passion for missions, both local and global.

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

- **We invite you to sign up in the Commons to volunteer to help with Highland's new holiday partnership with La Casita.** There will be opportunities over the coming weeks to purchase Spanish and bilingual books, purchase sweets, general food and baby items, and to volunteer to help with various elements preparing for the La Casita Family Resource Day on December 13. We also invite you to help us collect \$25 Target and Kroger cards, as well as blankets, to support Highlands Community Ministries' efforts to care for our community this Christmas. We will receive all donations for La Casita and HCM at Hanging of the Green on Sunday, November 27 through the following Sunday, December 4.
- **All members are invited to purchase a Christmas poinsettia** for \$15 in memory, in honor, or in appreciation of a family member, friend, or loved one. You may submit payment and information through Highland's website or contact Cheryl Davis at 502-451-3735 or [cheryl@hbclouisville.org](mailto:cheryl@hbclouisville.org). **The deadline for ordering is Monday, November 21.**

### Looking Ahead:

**Nov. 20: An Evenson Service of Music in Honor of Kathy Collier at 5:00 PM**

**Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Service and Breakfast at 8:30 AM**

**Nov. 27: Advent I – Hanging of the Green at 6:00 PM**

**Nov. 30: Final Wednesday evening of the semester**

**Dec. 4: Advent II - Crosses on the Lawn in both services; Children's Advent Service at 6:00 PM**

**Dec. 11: Advent III - Sanctuary Choir Music**

**Dec. 18: Advent IV**

**Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 and 6:00 PM**

**Dec. 25: Christmas Day Worship (streaming only, no Bible study)**



**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

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