



May we carry around the truths  
of Lent this year,  
inscribed on our foreheads,  
breathed into our nostrils,  
beheld by our eyes,  
and heard by our expectant ears.

~ Daniel Headrick

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**FEBRUARY 26, 2023**  
**8:45 and 11:15 A.M.**

Invitation to Worship

John Dickson

## A TIME FOR CONTRITION

Meditation

Hart Morris

*I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger*  
Highland Handbells  
Stephanie Hall, flute

Prayer of Confession

Justin Sizemore (8:45)  
Lauren Jones Mayfield (11:15)

*O holy God, we feel like poor wayfaring strangers traveling through this world. As we roam, we encounter woe, danger, oppression, and grief. We do not feel at home. And yet, while we work for courage, in our striving we become disembodied. We separate ourselves from ourselves, from one another, and from you. Forgive us. Redeem us. Bring us back over Jordan, to the divine resting place of wholeness, compassion, justice, and mercy. Amen.*

Lenten Hymn (471) †

RESTORATION

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Words of Assurance

Justin Sizemore (8:45)  
Lauren Jones Mayfield (11:15)

Exchange of Peace

## A TIME FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Praise

Amber Burke (8:45)  
Randy Biery (11:15)

A Reading from Psalm 32 – *Psalms for Praying* by Nan Merrill

Renee Purtlebaugh

Anthem

Ola Gjeilo

*The Ground*

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna, osanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Benedictus qui venit. Osanna, osanna in excelsis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. Dona nobis pacem.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is he who comes. Hosanna in the highest. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

Baptism of Hazel Hardesty (11:15) †

Justin Sizemore

Call to the Water  
Statement of Faith  
Baptism in the name of *the Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.*

Hymn of Response (449) †

BUNESSAN

*Baptized in Water*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
born of Creator, we are God's children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.*

## A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION

The Gospel Lesson †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Matthew 4:1-11 (Pew Bible page 3—NT)

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

Hymn (169) †

ST. FLAVIAN

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Sermon

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

*Embodying Lent: A Journey Toward Wholeness*

## A TIME FOR RENEWAL AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Response (286) †

NOEL

*O God in Whom All Life Begins*

Offertory Prayer

Kim Clark-Endicott (8:45)  
Rob Burke (11:15)

Offertory

Jason W. Krug

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*  
Highland Handbells

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.***

For the ministries that shape the life of our community, ***thanks be to God.***

Doxology †

WONDROUS 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

att. J. S. Bach

*Prelude and Fugue in D Minor*

† *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.

Navy Azevedo, who has been part of the Highland family since birth, created the original art for our Lenten bulletin today. She is a 2nd grader and loves crafts, drama, math, writing and playing several sports. Please express your gratitude to Navy 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

- **We invite you to take a Lenten Devotional home with you today to guide us as we journey together throughout this season.** This year's devotion invites us to embody this holy season, engaging our minds, bodies, hearts, and souls. There are also resources available for children and families to embody this season together located in the Children's Commons and on the worship cart.
- **Lenten Hymn Service: we hope you will join us for a Highland Hymn Sing this evening at 5:00** to welcome the season of Lent together. Is there a congregation who sings the great canon of the Church's hymns with more intensity and spirit than Highland? Leading us at the organ will be our friend and organist at St. Francis in the Fields, Robert Lee.
- **Our church is seeking volunteers to help with the upcoming Habitat for Humanity Baptist Build.** Together we will work with other local churches to construct a new home near Cane Run Road. The dates are March 9, 10, 11. We normally work from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM and lunch will be provided. No experience required. You may help any day that fits your schedule. If interested, contact Larry Hoover at [larryhoover@att.net](mailto:larryhoover@att.net).
- **Join us for our next Cloud of Witness evening on Wednesday, March 1 at 6:15 PM.** Bob Cunningham facilitates our conversation with three of Highland's "saints-in-process" as they share about their faith journeys.



**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.

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