

Highland Presbyterian Church

"SHARING HOPE FROM THE HEART OF THE HIGHLANDS"

APRIL 2022



The headlines have been distressing. I came across a cartoon this week in the Christian Century magazine that captures the moment. It featured a woman at an electronics repair shop. She is holding her cell phone and says to the man at the counter, "I don't know what's wrong with it. I keep rebooting it but the news is still bad."

Having navigated the challenges of a global pandemic for the past two years, we now face the potential of a different global threat in Russia's war against its neighbor Ukraine. We offer our prayers daily, but like the woman's phone, the news only seems to get worse.

It is within that context that we come together for the first time in two years to celebrate Easter. The word itself brings a note of hopefulness. It represents the notion that things do not have to remain as they are: change, renewal, all things new again, are now possibilities. There is an old cliché among preachers, that I'm sure you've heard somewhere along the way: "It's Friday, but Sunday's coming." We may be experiencing a Good Friday moment in our world, but Easter is on its way. And Easter promises that things can be different.

Now we don't know exactly what that means in our world and its tribulations today. We are like the group of mourners outside the tomb where Lazarus was buried. Only Jesus was now on the scene. People didn't know what he might or could do. But he was there. And that brought about something completely unexpected for Lazarus, his family and all who witnessed Jesus at work.

It is Easter, and Jesus is still at work.

Grace and peace,
Kent Winters-Hazelton

Worship Planning

April 3 Fifth Sunday of Lent. Jesus speaks of being the "way, the truth and the life." John 13:1-14, Kent Winters-Hazelton, preaching.

April 10 Palm/Passion Sunday. Jesus enters Jerusalem and prepares for the final week of his life. John 12:12-27. Megan McCarty, preaching.

April 14 Maundy Thursday. Jesus breaks bread with his disciples and washes their feet. John 13:1-20 "A Cup of Wine and Two Pieces of Bread." Kent Winters-Hazelton, preaching.

April 15 Good Friday. John 19:16-30. Chancel Choir with guest musicians on strings and clarinet will bring us powerfully dark works by various composers resonating on some of the most profound doctrines of our faith.

April 17 Easter Sunday. John 20:1-18. Empty tomb, Jesus calls Mary by name. We will have two services on Easter, at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

April 23 Second Sunday of Easter. John 21:1-19. Jesus finds the disciples fishing at the Sea of Galilee. "The Original Easter Sunrise Service." Kent Winters-Hazelton, preaching.



Session Summary

A report from the March 2022 Session Meeting.

Approved Shannon Bostrom as an Inquirer for ministerial candidacy with Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, under the care of the Session; approved Carol Pye and Cynthia Welch as liaisons in the candidacy process.

Christian Education: Approved VBS for July 11-14, 2022.

Church in the World: Approved first quarter disbursements for mission partners: Mid-Kentucky Presbytery - \$14,000; Cabbage Patch - \$3,000; KRM - \$2,000; Habitat - \$2,500; HCM - \$5,500; PACT - \$1,000.

Finance: Approved the 2022 HPC budget; approved a task force to determine how funds will be spent.

Personnel: Approved the recommendation to elect Rev Dr Cynthia M Campbell as Pastor Emerita.

Worship and Spiritual Life: Approved the Easter Sunday schedule: Worship, 9 AM (oriented to families, children, and youth); fellowship time, 10 AM; Easter egg hunt, 10:30 AM; Worship, 11 AM. No outdoor or sunrise service this year.

Elected Cynthia Welch as Clerk to the Session for an additional year.

IN MEMORIAM

Barbara Vaughn

January 4, 1946 - March 2, 2022

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Mission and Service



Dare to Care Food Bank

has a finely tuned system where all food pick up is non-contact, social distancing is enforced, and LOTS of safety measures are being upheld. This has been crucial for the populations that we serve because it is allowing them free nutritious food in a time when many of them have lost income and are surrounded by uncertainty. We want to thank the volunteers who help keep our partnerships going during this difficult time.

Dare to Care Mobile Food Pantries - While we do not want anyone to volunteer for something that they do not feel comfortable doing, we want the congregation to know that the two Mobile Food Pantries that we have connections with (Portland Avenue and Grace Hope) are still running once a month. (Portland – Tuesday, April 5 at 9:45 am; Smoketown – Tuesday, April 19 at 1:30 pm) Dare to Care

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Easter Sunday
April 17th

Providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.



Dear HCM Member Congregations: It's time to get started on your **Empty Bowls** Theme Baskets for our Raffle! This year we are hosting an outdoor soup cook-off for our 25th annual fundraiser: **Sunday, May 15, 2022 4-7 pm** Highlands Community Campus 1228 E. Breckinridge St. The funds we raise from the baskets, pottery sales, and admission to the Empty Bowls event are critical to the support we provide to low-income families in our area and we need your help to make it a success! We're asking each of our member congregations to contribute at least one basket. Be creative! Making two smaller baskets will often bring more sales than a larger one plus we suggest that each basket have a value of \$50 to \$75. Submitting a list of all

the items included in your basket along with a total value for the basket is also greatly helpful and appreciated. Please deliver your baskets to the HCM Campus on these dates: **Wed., May 11 or Thu., May 12 10am – 4pm** Pull up to the alley door off of Barret Ave., ring the bell If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Theme Basket Chair, Leslie Fowler (lesliefowler@bellsouth.net, 502/327-6550) or HCM Admin Assistant, Mary Beth Rother (info@hcmloouisville.org, 502/451-3695 x200). Thank you in advance for your help and support of HCM and see you soon at our first Empty Bowls Soup Cook-off!



Empty Bowls
Hunger Benefit

**Soup Cook-off
Picnic Style!**

April Birthdays

If we ever forget your birthday, or we have it wrong, please let us know!

April 1: Edy Ewing
April 2: Kevin Burns
David Dobson
Trey VanCleave
April 3: Dorissa Falk
Melissa Head
Annie Kerman
April 4: Carol Thomas
Cooper Osborne
Matt McLaren
Jozy Jones
Jess Rift
April 5: Eddy Gilbert
April 6: Lincoln Weible
Kent Winters-Hazelton
April 7: Julia Cash
April 8: Jess Mays
Ben Weible
April 9: Carol Pye
April 10: Martha Makela
April 12: Lynn Coryell
April 13: Hayden Brown
April 14: Linda Raymond Ellison
Harrison LaJoie
April 15: Teresa Flynn
Dodger VanCleave
April 16: Robert Stansbury
Hank Hoyt
April 17: Roger Taylor
Shannon Bostrom
April 18: Frances O'Connor
Janice Prichard
Betsy Barrick
April 19: Gordon Bell
Vernon Broyles
Sara Lisherness
April 20: Lenna Soltau
Sue Latta
Jocelyn Kirk
April 21: Taylor McGovern

April 21: Greg Sekula
Jill Ramsey
April 22: Cyrus Tucker
Marie Cross
Daniel Burford
April 23: Grover Potts
April 25: Brad Devlin
Margy Ann Palmer
April 26: Will Catlett

April 26: Ann Holmes
Laura Patterson
Courtney McClure
Logan Trentham
April 27: Brennen Burns
April 28: Bruce Plymale
Cameron Brown
April 29: Susan Miller
April 30: Beckett Kim

GIFTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN...

GIFTS have been given to the Rapier Fund in memory of Barbara Rolph by Joyce Straight.

Highland is most appreciative of these gifts.

Outdoor Worship at Cedar Ridge - Save the date (**May 1st**) for our outdoor worship and lunch at Camp Cedar Ridge! Everyone from Highland Presbyterian Church is invited to our annual intergenerational outdoor worship! We'll have worship at Hilltop Pavilion at 10:00 a.m. (When you arrive at Camp Cedar Ridge, follow the signs to Hilltop). Please note that we will not be in the outdoor chapel, but instead we'll gather in the field at Hilltop which will give us more room to spread out, so don't forget your chair. Directly following worship, there will be a time of large group games, complete with a scavenger hunt! After the games, we will have lunch provided by the camp in the Hopkins Hall and then canoeing and hiking following lunch for those interested. Please bring your own outdoor chairs, masks, and bug repellent!



Children's News

ROOTS IS BACK APRIL 24 - The Children's Committee is excited to announce the return of Roots, a ministry for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. The name "Roots" is significant because these children are exploring ways to root themselves in their faith through community-building activities, such as recreation, service projects and thoughtful discussion. Our next scheduled Roots event will be on Sunday, April 24. We will gather immediately after worship for a BYO picnic lunch, then will get our hands dirty potting small succulent plants and delivering them to our HPC neighbors. What a great way to celebrate Spring!

PALM SUNDAY PARADE OF PALMS - You don't want to miss the traditional Parade of Palms and the children singing on Palm Sunday, April 10! Not only will they sing "Hosanna", they will sing a hymn to Joseph's family in honor of his baptism.

EASTER EGG HUNT - Rather than regular Sunday School classes on Easter Sunday, April 17, we will host an Egg Hunt and other Easter activities for kids aged 4 through 5th grade. All children will meet at 10:15, then we will divide into groups of younger children and older children for the hunt and activities. There are two opportunities for worship on Easter, a 9AM service before the hunt and an 11AM service after, so you can choose which is better for your family. Whichever service you attend, we will see you at the Hunt!

THANK YOU, CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE! - The Children's Committee is working overtime to get back to "normal" after two years of pandemic turmoil. We are working to plan monthly family events, schedule regular Roots activities, keep in-person Sunday School going, schedule a Tween overnigher, pick VBS materials, and all this while being cautious and keeping our children as safe as we possibly can. I am grateful for these folks who are helping make the children's ministry at HPC the best it can be! - Rhonda



Palm Sunday, April 10: Children's Parade of Palms, Singing in worship, and Baptism

Easter Sunday, April 17: Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15

April 24: Roots activity immediately after worship

May 1: Outdoor worship at Cedar Ridge

July 11-14: Vacation Bible School

Dear Families,

Wednesday evening children's choir continues with mixed ages showing us how we learn from each other, NO MATTER one's chronological age. And we make music in myriad ways. As covid cases decline, live music is on the rise! All 4 year olds through 5th graders WELCOME! Come sing, play, move, and create!

Palm Sunday, April 10, is around the bend and we will carry on with our traditional HOSANNA Palm Parade for the children of the church. After the parade of palms, whomever children would like may join to sing the Hosanna song (many opportunities to learn it: children's choir, Sunday School, quick ZOOMIE with Ms. Makela) [Attached you will find a clip of our children practicing Come Sing Hosanna \(in the email version of the newsletter\)](#). **AND DO NOT GO AWAY!** There is also a baptism this day, April 10. We will sing the baptism hymn for Joseph and his parents Josh and Jenn.

Children's choir year concludes on **Wednesday, April 20**. To celebrate, children and choir families are invited for ice cream on the patio after choir! We are grateful we were able to reconvene and look forward to a full year of music in the fall! Thank you for all who have participated. Masks and singing are challenging, yet the children give us reason to keep on keeping on.

Best, Martha

Nursery & Weekday School

Spring has arrived and brought with it the joy of renewal. New buds, new blooms, new warmth, new light...the children have been noticing, too, and responding with their own joy! Warmer, more pleasant weather enhances our outdoor play experience, as we "bake" mudpies in the dirt kitchen, paint in the art garden, dig in the flower beds and wiggle bare toes in the sand pit. This is the time of year that we notice so much growth in our young children, too: new skills that allow them to be sturdier climbers, faster runners and, oh, the blossoming of new language! Our youngest children are suddenly speaking in sentences and are enjoying the satisfaction that comes with the ability to better communicate their ideas and needs. Our older children are more adept at communication too, and we intentionally allow them time and space to explain their ideas and work out their disagreements before we rush in to smooth things over. Spring is a time to marvel at the newness of it all.

Speaking of new, we have completed our enrollment period for next year's new school year. Most spaces have filled, but there are still a few left. If you are interested in joining us, or just want a little more information, please reach out to us at (502) 456-6991 or by email to director@hpcweekdayschool.org. Happy spring to all!



In Other News

The Pastor Nominating Committee continues its search for a new Pastor Head of Staff. We have begun in-person interviews, and continue to make calls and reference checks. As said before, we cannot predict when we will have a new pastor but know that we are working hard.

Contemplative Photography Field Trip at The Parklands - Do you enjoy taking pictures? Whether you use your cell phone camera or have a DSLR, we invite you to join other HPC friends who share your interest in photography on an outing at Beckley Creek Park of The Parklands on **Wednesday, April 20 at 5:30pm** (rain date April 27). We'll meet first for a brief discussion led by guest speaker and nature photographer Greg Giesing, then walk into the Parklands to put our knowledge to work! Please note this will involve walking and some hills, and that Beckley Creek Park is about a 25 minute drive from HPC so you may wish to carpool. We're keeping this group to about 20 people; please RSVP as soon as possible to Patti Hartog pattihartog@gmail.com and we'll reply with further details.

GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - If your son, daughter, or someone you know is graduating from high school, we would like to know about it and share your joy with the congregation in the May newsletter! Send an email with the graduate's name, relationship to you, year, school and any awards or plans for the future you'd want to share with the congregation to Kathleen Poole at kathleen.poole@hpcloouisville.org by **April 22nd**.

Intern Office & Zoom times for APRIL— Melissa invites you to join her on Mondays or Wednesdays from 1-3:30 p.m. at the church or by Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9 to 9:30 a.m., Join Zoom meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8077451763?pwd=TVc5YTgvdWNUZ1MUzY0L2k3b21vUT09> Meeting ID: 807 745 1763 Passcode: 8F93Zc

Music Ministry

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR HOLY WEEK - There is so much music written specifically for the services during Holy Week that are not only beautiful but also incredibly poignant and spiritual. We hope to make this year's Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday extra special because we have not been able to worship together for these services since 2019. Music for Palm Sunday will be led by the Children, Youth, Chancel Choir, and Highland Ringers. An array of calming and reverent music will be led by both Highland Ringers and HPC Orchestra for the Maundy Thursday service held at 7pm on April 14th. The following evening, April 15th at 7pm, the Chancel Choir with guest musicians on strings and clarinet will bring us powerfully dark works by various composers of different periods and styles. It is our sincere hope that the music will help resonate some of the most deep and profound doctrines of our faith.

CHANCEL CHOIR - Chancel Choir rehearses Thursdays at 7pm. We are always looking for new members. If you are not sure, you do not have to fully commit. We encourage folks to come visit us on Thursday evenings and make music with us. Childcare can be provided. If interested, please email me, vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org. We hope to see you there!



HIGHLAND RINGERS - We currently have two bell choirs that meet at 1:30 and 2:30 on Sunday afternoons. We are always looking for new members, and the 2:30 time is really geared toward visitors and folks who just want to play for fun. It is open to 6th grade to adult. If interested, please email me, vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org.

HPC ORCHESTRA - Do you play an instrument? If so, HPC Orchestra is always looking for folks to play with us. You might think you're too green, but you're not. We tailor the music to fit everyone's level. Think about it! We have loads of fun! Please email me, vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org for more information. We have an upcoming rehearsal for Maundy Thursday service in the sanctuary on Sunday, April 10th at 2:45pm.



ARTS ON THE CORNER - The Arts on the Corner Concert Series is continuing to offer great music despite the pandemic. Two videos are available on our website for viewing. The recent January 19th KRM Benefit Concert "New Journeys with Old Friends" features beautiful string music by Dvorak, Ravel, and Schulhoff.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY - Children's Music Ministry meets every Wednesday from 5:30pm to 6:15pm. If you have a child between the ages of 4 and 5th grade, they are welcome to be a part of the music at Highland Presbyterian Church. Please email me, vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org for more information.

Vini Frizzo,

vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org

Adult Ed

Lunch and Learn - At **12:30 on Sunday, April 3**, renowned UofL anthropologist John Hale will give an illustrated presentation on the *The Evolution of Religion: 25,000 years of Humankind's Quest for Spiritual Power and Understanding* in the Pleune-Mobley dining room. Contact Kathleen Poole today (502.451.2910, kathleen.poole@hpclouisville.org) to reserve your spot. See **insert** for more information.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 10 - **Palm/Passion Sunday 11:00am** - John 12:12-27. Megan McCarthy, preaching. Children's Parade of Palms, and Baptism. This service begins Holy Week, a time we remember how Christ gave his life in love for the world. The music will be led by all music ministries including Children, Youth, Chancel Choir, and Highland Ringers.

April 14 - **Maundy Thursday 7:00pm** - John 13:1-20. "A Cup of Wine and Two Pieces of Bread." Kent Winters-Hazelton, preaching. An array of calming and reverent music will be led by both Highland Ringers and HPC Orchestra to remind us the new commandment that Christ gave in word and deed.

April 15 - **Good Friday 7:00pm** - John 19:16-30.
As we are drawn into the story of the passion of Christ, this musically filled service will resonate on some of the most profound doctrines of our faith. Led by the Chancel Choir and guest musicians on strings and clarinet, the Good Friday Service will help us remember Jesus' crucifixion with the powerful dark music by various composers of different periods and styles.

April 17 - **Easter Sunday** - John 20:1-18.
Worship Service - 9:00am
Fellowship Time - 10:00am
Easter Egg Hunt - 10:15am
Worship Service - 11:00am



Fellowship

Men's Pub Night - A group of men will be gathering on **Thursday, April 7 at 7:00pm** for a beverage and some good conversation at TEN20 Craft Brewery at 1020 E. Washington St. Plenty of socially distanced outdoor seating. Come join us. No agenda, just conversation in good company. If you would like to be added to the list for announcements about the upcoming men's pub nights, please email Ralph Bowling at ralbow87@gmail.com.



DID YOU KNOW????? There is a Highland Pres Bridge Group that meets each month! If you are a bridge player, the Highland Bridge Group would love for you to join us! We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We would be happy to have new members join us. If you are interested, you can contact Janet Raderer at traderer@bellsouth.net or 897.5986 or Patti Pinkley at pattipinkley@gmail.com or 419.1003. We can contact you the week before each gathering to ensure that we fill up our bridge tables each month! **Meets April 7 at 1:00pm.**

WINGS will meet **Monday, April 11th at 6:30pm**. All women of the church are invited! Contact Kathy Reed at kathyreed330@gmail.com for more information.

College of Elders - If you have ever been ordained as a teaching elder, ruling elder, or deacon, you are invited to our College Elders meeting on **Sunday, April 24th** directly following worship. This will be a time to catch up on Highland Presbyterian business, especially topics like the Race Audit Report and the Pastor Nominating process as well as a time of fellowship and enjoying one another's company. The location is still being determined as our reopening committee continues to make decisions around what is safest in this new era of covid, but there will be lunch provided. There will also be a Zoom option if you are unable to attend in person. All attendees must RSVP by **Thursday, April 21st** to let us know if you will be attending in person or if you need the Zoom link. The Zoom link will not be given out unless you RSVP. Please also let us know if you have any dietary restrictions. RSVP to Kathleen Poole in the front office at Kathleen.poole@hpcloouisville.org or (502) 451-2910.

Environmental Stewardship Moment

Interfaith Power and Light is hosting Faith Climate Action week April 22-May 1 to focus on how we can all take action to protect our climate. Our outdoor worship at Cedar Ridge will be a celebration and call to action surrounding the environment. Be on the lookout for more events to come during these ten days of climate-focused prayer and action! On **April 22nd** (Earth Day) across the nation, people of all faiths will join their voices together to pray for action on climate change at 12 noon local. Join us! When we stand together and raise up our voices we can have the power to change hearts and minds. Here is the prayer we will collectively say at noon: "Holy Creator, we hold brothers and sisters who suffer from storms and droughts intensified by climate change. We hold all species that suffer. We hold world leaders delegated to make decisions for life. We pray that the web of life may be mended through courageous actions to limit carbon emissions. We pray for right actions for adaptation and mitigation to help our already suffering earth community. We pray that love and wisdom might inspire my actions and our actions as communities so that we may, with integrity, look into the eyes of brothers and sisters and all beings and truthfully say, we are doing our part to care for them and the future of the children. May love transform us and our world with new steps toward life. Amen."

Visit faithclimateactionweek.org for more information.

Youth News

Youth Group Fundraiser

Youth Postcard Sales

Looking for a way to support the faith formation of our youth while also creating a stronger connection with them? That's exactly what our postcard program is designed to do. Beginning in March, you can order your personalized set of postcards that will be handwritten by a youth and sent from each of the youth summer trips. Cost for this subscription is \$50.

If paying by check, please send to the church and indicate "youth postcards" in the memo line. If paying by credit card, please click on the gifts/payments button on the church website, create an account, use the gift option, and indicated "youth postcards." The deadline to receive postcard orders is **May 15th**. All postcard donations are tax deductible. Thanks so much for your support!



Presbyterian Union

*A Monthly Discussion Group Sponsored by
Second Presbyterian and Highland Presbyterian Churches*

On the first Tuesday of each month (usually), people gather downtown for the fellowship of a lunch, followed by a speaker and discussion around a wide variety of topics-- church and culture issues, faith questions, the changing face of Louisville, topics of personal interest. Think of it as a quick retreat with some friends from different places to think about the world of work and living from a different direction. All are welcome, so please invite guests.

TOPIC: "Paths to Healing: Psychological Trauma and Recovery"

**SPEAKER: Jesse H. Wright, MD, PhD, Professor, Vice Chair of
Academic Affairs, Director of UofL Depression Center**

Dr. Wright is the principal author of seven books on cognitive-behavior therapy and the first multimedia computer program for treatment of depression. His book for the general public, *Getting Your Life Back: The Complete Guide to Recovery from Depression*, was chosen by Self Magazine as one of the eight best self-help books. It is distinguished by an integrated method that unites psychological, biological, social, and spiritual approaches in the fight against depression.

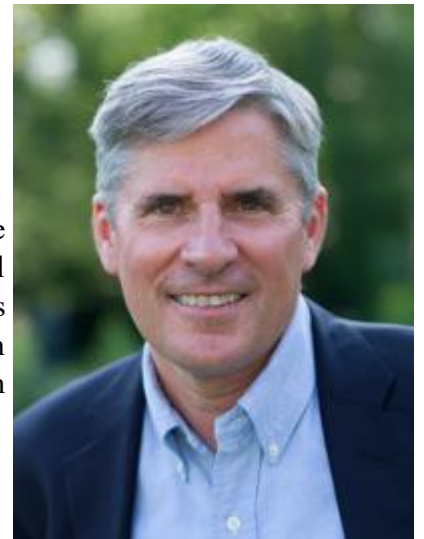
Where: Vincenzo's, The Courtyard Room, 105 South 5th Street

Lunch: buffet salad and entrée, dessert, iced tea

Cost: **\$20.00** including gratuity

When: **TUESDAY, April 5, 2022**, at 11:30am

RSVP: If you will attend, please notify by 4:00 pm Monday, April 4 (if accepting) E-mail Ann or Ivan Schell at adschell@bellsouth.net or phone 894-8440



WE REQUEST THAT ALL IN ATTENDANCE ARE FULLY VACCINATED. TABLES WILL NOT SEAT MORE THAN 6 PEOPLE.



April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Sun.: 9:30 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 1:30 – Bell Rehearsal 2:30 – Bell Rehearsal 5:15 – Youth Activities Tues.: 9:30 – Staff Meeting			Weekly Meetings: Wed.: 5:30 – Children’s Music Ministry 6:30 – Race Audit Thurs.: 10:30 – WOW 7:00 – Chancel Choir				
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3 12:30 Adult Ed Event w/John Hale	4 7:00 Children’s Committee	5 9:45 PACT Mobile Pantry 5:00 Property Committee 6:00 Fellowship	6 5:00 Adult Ed 6:30 Church in the World	7 1:00 Bridge Club 7:00 Men’s Pub Night	8	9 9:00 Workday	
10 Palm Sunday 	11 6:30 WINGS	12 4:00 Earth Care Committee 4:30 Personnel Committee	13 4:30 Worship Committee	14 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	15 7:00 Good Friday Service	16	
17 Easter 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Egg Hunt 11:00 Worship	18 5:00 Finance Committee	19 1:30 Smoketown Mobile Pantry	20 6:00 Session Meeting	21	22	23	
24 12:00 College of Elders 12:00 Roots	25	26	27	28 5:30 Deacons	29	30	



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Lenten Devotionals Available

Highland Presbyterian has again created a daily devotional for Lent.

If you'd like to receive the daily email devotional, contact Rob at rob.miller@hpclouisville.org.

Limited paper copies are still available in the church

Welcome Centers.



Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday Service

April 14 - 7:00pm

Good Friday Service

April 15 - 7:00pm

Easter Sunday

April 17

Worship Service - 9:00am

Fellowship Time - 10:00am

Easter Egg Hunt - 10:15am

Worship Service - 11:00am



(ABOVE: Göbekli Tepe in Turkey: possibly the world's most ancient temple and astronomical observatory)

The Evolution of Religion:

25,000 years of humankind's quest for spiritual power and understanding

Dr. John R. Hale, University of Louisville

The archaeological record makes it clear that religious experiences were a vital component of all human cultures from the beginning. Furthermore, religious impulses have been the driving force in the creation of human artworks and monumental structures from the Old Stone Age to the Industrial Revolution. Although religion is traditionally studied from the perspective of theology, creeds, and iconography, the mute material record of ancient religious practices offers many insights into forms of ritual and belief.

The ancient sites that speak to the evolution of religion include some of the most famous in the world, ranging from Stonehenge and Easter Island to the Egyptian Pyramids and Machu Picchu in Peru.



Archaeologist John R. Hale documenting a Bronze-Age sacred site in Sweden, where sacred ships and sacrifices were burned as offerings to the Norse gods and goddesses.