

## This Week at Highland

### **Sunday, March 17**

*Confirmation Sunday*

- 9:30 Sunday School
- 9:30 Spiritual Practices Series: Labyrinths
- 11:00 Sunday Worship
- 12:15 Middle School Lunch
- 1:30 Highland Ringers
- 3:30 Roots

### **Monday, March 18**

- 12:30 Staff Meeting
- 5:00 Finance Committee

### **Tuesday, March 19**

- 10:00 STITCH – PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
- 1:30 Smoketown Mobile Pantry – GHPC
- 4:30 Green Team
- 6:00 Antiracism Committee

### **Wednesday, March 20**

- 9:15 NWS Board Meeting – Dining Room
- 1:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting
- 5:00 Wednesday Night Dinner-Dining Room
- 6:00 Children's Music Ministry
- 6:15 Session Meeting – Session Room

### **Thursday, March 21**

- 10:00 STITCH – PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
- 10:00 We of the World (WOW) – Zoom
- 5:30 Deacons – Session Room
- 6:30 Writing Circle – PM Room 111
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

### **Sunday, March 24-Palm Sunday**

- 9:30 Sunday School
- 9:30 Spiritual Practices - Yoga & Mindfulness
- 11:00 Sunday Worship
- 1:30 Highland Ringers
- 5:00 Middle School Youth Group
- 6:30 High School Youth Group – Burns Ctr

### **Ministerial Staff**

Rev. C. Nolan Huizenga, Pastor  
Rev. Megan McCarty, Associate Pastor for Mission and Membership  
Dr. Vini Frizzo, Director of Music Ministries  
Dr. Brian Allred, Organist  
Michael Harper, Interim Director of Ministry with Youth and Families  
Amy Bishop, Director of Ministry with Children and Families  
Mary Mitchell, LPTS Seminary Intern  
Rev. Dr. Cynthia Campbell, Parish Associate and Pastor Emerita (2013-2020)  
Rev. Dr. Jim Chatham, Pastor Emeritus (1981-2002)

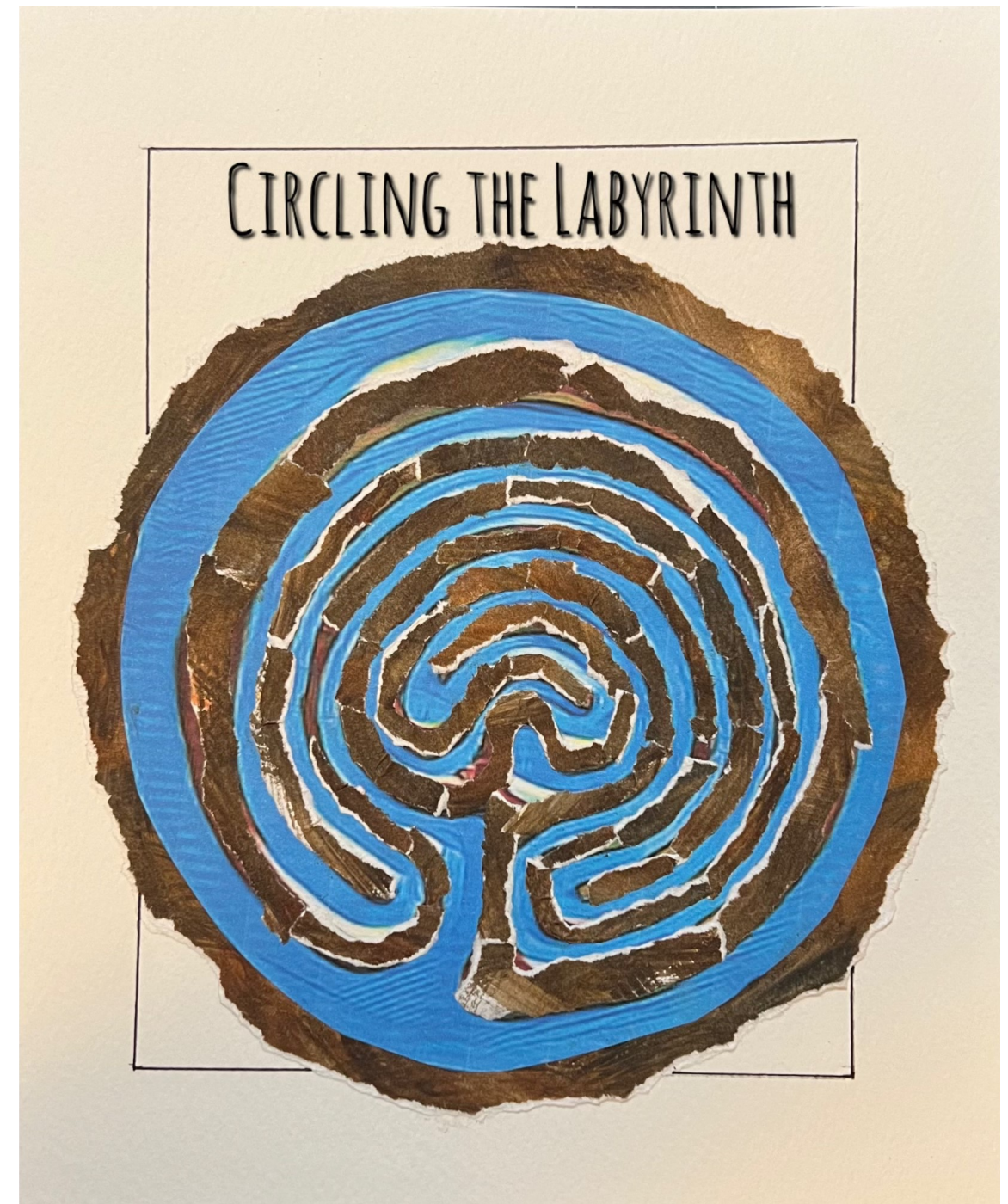


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**Fifth Sunday in Lent • Confirmation Sunday • March 17, 2024 • 11:00am**

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Welcome and Announcements Nolan Huizenga

Introit - We Are Blessed Andrea Ramsey  
Children Music Ministry

† Call to Worship HPC Youth  
As we continue our Lenten journeys,  
we pause to remember and celebrate God’s presence in our lives.  
**We come together to worship the Holy One.**  
Let’s raise our voices to sing God’s praise!  
**Let’s engage God’s Word with open hearts!**  
Let’s sing and pray together!  
**Let’s remember our baptisms and share God’s love!**  
Let’s worship God.

† Hymn 297 - In Christ Called to Baptize ST. DENIO

Prayer of Confession  
**Eternal God, forgive us for wanting our lives to be like tidy comedies,  
free of suffering and full of simple, happy endings for all of God’s children.**  
**Jesus Christ, even though out of love you have sacrificed for us,  
we do not always want to make sacrifices for your beloved children,  
and so we fail at what you taught us.**  
**Holy Spirit, we do not always hear the cries of those around us.**  
**We assume that we are the only ones bullied, left out, or mistreated.**  
**Forgive us for not sharing your message of hope with others,  
especially those who need it more than we do.**  
(silent prayer)  
Amen.

† Please rise in body or spirit

**Crafty Spirit Contemplative Arts Circle** - Join us for one of our monthly contemplative arts circles. Activities include painting, drawing, collage, sculpture, doodling, and more. You do not need to be an artist to join! This circle is all about the process, not the product. It’s about seeking eudamonia – “that exhilarating encounter between a human being and divine creative inspiration” (Elizabeth Glibert).  
Date: **Wednesday, March 27th @ 6:00-8:00pm** Location: Pleune-Mobley Classroom 111

This event is free, but if you'd like to make a tax-deductible donation of \$20 or so to help pay for arts & crafts supplies - or just to support Crafty Spirit - you can do so here on Highland's website. We can't wait to see the beautiful visions you'll create!

For questions about either of these offerings or to RSVP, contact: [angieandriot@gmail.com](mailto:angieandriot@gmail.com) or 765.760.4569. *Crafty Spirit is part of PC(USA) 1001 New Worshiping Communities and supported by Highland Presbyterian Church.*



- March 24 - Palm Sunday - 11am
- March 28 - Maundy Thursday Worship - 6pm
- March 29 - Good Friday Worship - 7pm
- March 30 - Easter Activities and Egg Hunt - 10am
- March 31 - Early Easter Worship with Communion - 9:30am
- March 31 - Easter Festival Worship - 11am

**Giving Just Got Easier** - Giving just got easier, whether it’s a regular donation or a one-time event. The QR Code by the Invitation to Generosity, will take you to a selection of 18 different categories that allow you to donate. You can also go to the Highland Presbyterian Website ([hpcloouisville.org](http://hpcloouisville.org)) and click on “give” at the top of the page.

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**RESERVATIONS**

It is helpful to the kitchen committee if you can plan ahead and make reservations. Please put this slip in the offering plate to let us know if you plan on coming to an event.  
Please note, we welcome EVERYONE at all our events!  
Don’t let the lack of a reservation stop you from attending!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
Event attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST**

**This week, please include the following people in your daily prayers:**

George Carter, Melissa McCloud, Betty Smith, Dan Arbough, Shana Funk, Don Seeger, Fred Holper, Pam Phelps, Christina Davis, Ana-Lucia Carter, Lucy Leath, Adelaide Smith, Jim Watson, Terry Watson, Communities of Bellewood & Brooklawn, and members of sister congregation Grace Hope Presbyterian Church.

Our love and prayers are with Junior Kayembe Luaba upon the death of his sister.

**Announcements**

**Bulletin cover:** The Lenten series of bulletin covers were created by Meg Rift through the Liturgical Arts group. We give thanks to God for the many gifts and talents of this congregation! **Lenten Banner:** The Lenten banner was created and given to the church by Esther Elsenheimer.

**On this Confirmation Sunday we welcome preacher Michael Harper**, Interim Director of Ministries with Youth and Families. As part of his rich ministry among us, Michael shepherds our confirmands.

**Thank you to Yeshima** for working with the Children’s Music Ministry with support from Rapier Fund.

**Spiritual Practices: A Lenten Series (Fellowship Hall)** - The six weeks of Lent have traditionally been a period dedicated to reflection and exercises that strengthen the spiritual life. To assist this process, the Adult Education committee has scheduled a series on spiritual practices, which began with an after-worship luncheon on February 18 and includes four 9:30 am workshops and the youth-led spirituality night on March 3.

- Sunday, March 24 9:30: Yoga and Mindfulness

**Wednesday Night Dinner - March 20th** - This month, our Wednesday night dinner will take place Wednesday, March 20th. Dinner and fellowship starts at 5:00 pm in the dining room. Come enjoy good food, and good fellowship! RSVP to Kathleen in the church office by noon Monday, March 18th.

**HPC Bookclub** - The March selection is The Lede by Calvin Trillin. Newly published in February, this collection of stories about journalism and journalists is the latest from this noted comedic New Yorker writer. We will meet on **Monday, March 25th at 7 pm** in Memorial Lounge. Questions? Contact Patti Pinkley at 502.419.1003 or patti.pinkley@gmail.com.

**Grace Hope Project Day** - Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church has invited us to help with numerous projects at our sister church Grace Hope Presbyterian. The next of these workdays will be **THIS MONDAY, March 18th from 9 AM – 12 PM**. If you are available, please show up at Grace Hope (702 E Breckenridge) at 9. There are a variety of projects to be completed, but many of them require manual labor. Additional days for clean-up will be coming, so stay tuned!

**InkWELL Contemplative Writer's Circle** - This is a space to come together with other writers to support one another and reflect on the writing life. It is not a critique group. We will discuss our projects, how we are organizing our time, what challenges and joys we encounter in our writing, and what our writing brings up for us. Meets **Thursday, March 21 @ 6:30-8:30pm** in Pleune-Mobley Room 111.

Assurance of God’s Grace  
Let’s remember with confidence that we are forgiven, loved, accepted, and precious to God and one another.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

† Passing the Peace of Christ  
The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

Time with Young Disciples Megan McCarty and Nolan Huizenga  
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*Children are invited to the front of the sanctuary.*

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading Acts 8:26-40 (page 127)

Sermon Michael Harper

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Hymn 544 - Bless the Lord BLESS THE LORD  
*Lenten Meditation Hymn*

Liturgy of Confirmation  
Presentation  
Professions of Faith — Apostles’ Creed, hymnal p. 17  
Baptism of Catie Mayo  
Prayer of Blessing  
Welcome

Invitation to Generosity

Anthem - Followers of the Lamb arr. P. Dietterich  
Chancel Choir; Brian Shaw, soloist





† Doxology Hymn 3 - Womb of Life and Source of Being (stanza 4)

RAQUEL

Mother, Brother, holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son:  
we would praise your name forever, one-in-three and three-in-one.  
We would share your life, your passion, share your word of world made new,  
ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

All are invited to Christ’s table. When a guide invites your row, come to the front via the closest inner aisle. A server will hand you a piece of gluten-free bread. Dip the end into the cup of juice, then go ahead and eat. Return to your seat via the outer aisle. If you’d like to be served at your seat, please raise a hand and roving servers will come to you.

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sanctus - Holy, Holy, Holy (Insert)

ADORO TE DEVOTE

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

† Hymn 741 - Guide My Feet

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† Charge and Benediction

Postlude - Invention on "Veni Creator"

Flor Peeters

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Welcome to Highland Presbyterian Church

Whether you are visiting for the first time or are a long-time member, your presence is a gift to us. All are welcome in worship and we hope your experience is meaningful and relevant among this church community. Welcome.

The congregation of Highland Presbyterian Church affirms the worth and dignity of all people. We are all created in God’s image, and in Christ we are the children of God. Just as Jesus welcomed everyone into his fellowship, including those who traditionally had been marginalized, we welcome all people to our congregation regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, income, or political beliefs. All are invited to worship, serve, and participate fully in the life and ministry of Highland. We strive to fully embrace everyone and acknowledge our humanity even as we fall short of this desire. Living out our Christian calling, we celebrate the presence, gifts, and companionship of all as we experience this journey of faith together.

If you are new here - Welcome! We want to connect with you. To help us offer a welcome, please leave your name, email, and phone number in a collection plate, as you leave worship. If you want information about joining the church contact Megan McCarty at [megan.mccarty@hpclouisville.org](mailto:megan.mccarty@hpclouisville.org) or 502-451-2910.

Large print bulletins (including hymns) and hearing enhancement devices are available. If you would like either, please ask an usher.

Children’s bulletins and Bibles for beginning readers are available on the rack at the back of the sanctuary.

Our Nursery is on the second floor — to get there walk through Fellowship Hall and go up the stairs near Memorial Lounge. Children ages 3 and younger are invited (not required!) to enjoy that caring space.

Prayer Support - Prayer request cards are available in the Welcome Centers. You are welcome to write a request and place in the offering plate.

Invitation to Generosity - During worship we invite you to give, either online or via the offering plates. If this is your first time with us, we consider your presence as your offering this day. Contributions support the ministries of Highland Presbyterian Church to serve this congregation and community beyond us as we “share hope from the heart of the Highlands.”

Masks Optional - Masking remains at your discretion. Thank you for helping yourself and others stay healthy.