

This Week at Highland

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 - Burns Ctr
6:30 High School Youth Group – Burns Ctr

Monday, March 25

12:30 Staff Meeting – Memorial Lounge
7:00 Bell Quartet – Sacristy
7:00 Book Club – Memorial Lounge

Tuesday, March 26

10:00 STITCH – PM 3rd Floor

Wednesday, March 27

1:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting
6:00 Children's Music Ministry

Thursday, March 28

10:00 STITCH – PM 3rd Floor
10:00 We of the World (WOW) – Zoom
6:00 Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 29

7:00 Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 30

10:00 Easter Activities & Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 31

9:30 Early Easter Service
11:00 Sunday Worship

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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Palm Sunday • March 24, 2024 • 11:00am

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Prelude - Fanfare Modest Mussorgsky / arr. Arnold B. Sherman
(based on The Great Gate of Kiev from Pictures at an Exhibition)

Welcome and Announcements Nolan Huizenga

Gathering Words - “The Donkey” by G. K. Chesterton Helen Jones
When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.
With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil’s walking parody
On all four-footed things.
The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.
Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

† Hymn 197 - Hosanna, Loud Hosanna ELLACOMBE

Prayer of Confession
Hosanna, we pray. Save us, Lord.
Save us from ourselves, when we trip over pride, doubt, or fear.
Save us from the systems that keep us bound, when we cannot see the way out.
Save us from our sins, when we feel their weight pressing on our hearts.
Remind us, O Lord, that crowds shouting “Hosanna”
will soon be screaming “Crucify him.”
Save us, we pray, O Lord, and do not let us be among them.
(silent prayer) Amen.

† Please rise in body or spirit



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

One Great Hour of Sharing - Easter Sunday, March 31st we will be receiving the offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. Through this offering you join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God’s love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. This year’s collection will go to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. You can donate by designating the memo of your checks for “One Great Hour of Sharing” or using the envelopes found in the pews next Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

Attention Bridge Players: Highland hosts bridge on the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm. If you would like to be included on our player list, please call or email Patti Pinkley at patti.pinkley@gmail.com or 419.1003. **Meets April 4 at 1:00pm.**

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) 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.

Our love and prayers are with Wayne McAlister upon the death of his mother.

Our love and prayers are with John Kim upon the death of his mother.

Announcements

The flowers today are given by Charles and Mary Ann Brockwell in joyful celebration of their 65th anniversary tomorrow (Annunciation Day).

The artwork on the cover of the bulletin, *Palms of Passion*, was created by Lisle Gwynn Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Lenten Banner: The Lenten banner was created and given to the church by Esther Elsenheimer.

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.

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

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.

Join us for our Easter Activities & Egg Hunt

on Saturday, March 30, from 10 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Can't wait to see you there!

Schedule:

10:00 - Crafts / Photo Booth

10:30 - Egg Hunt

Preschoolers on Patio and Elementary on Playground

11:00 - Open gym for half an hour



Assurance of God's Grace

Listen, the time has come at last.

Look, now is the day of salvation!

In the name of 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

752 - Dona Nobis Pacem

Children are invited to the front of the sanctuary.

Amy Bishop

DONA NOBIS PACEM

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter - This Is the Day (Psalm 118) (Insert)

Gospel Reading

John 12:12-16 (page 106)

Sermon

Megan McCarty

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 544 - Bless the Lord

Lenten Meditation Hymn

BLESS THE LORD

Invitation to Generosity

Anthem - Zion's Walls

Chancel Choir

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

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.



RAQUEL

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer
Sung Refrain 576 - Lord, Have Mercy

SINGAPURA

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.

† Hymn 264 - At the Name of Jesus

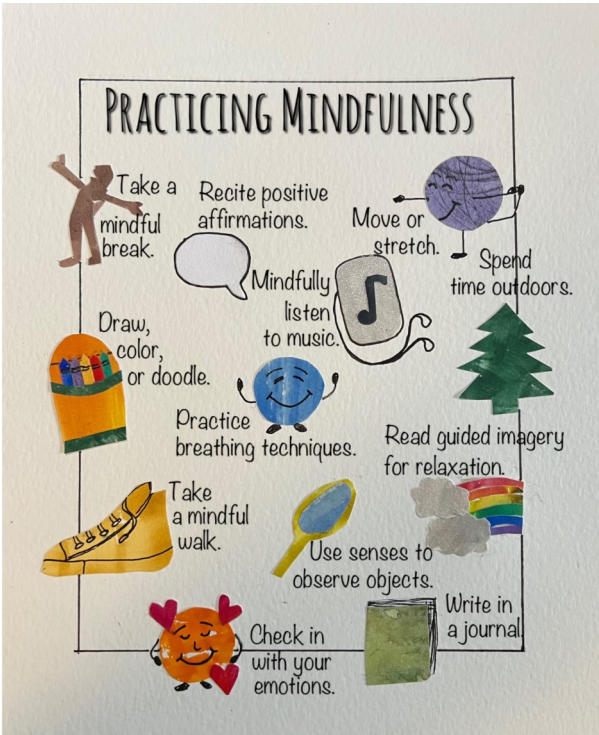
KING'S WESTON

† Charge and Benediction

Postlude - Fanfare

Paul Fey

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Bulletin Insert and Banner: The Lenten series of bulletin covers, inserts, and today’s banner were created by Meg Rift through the Liturgical Arts group. We give thanks to God for the many gifts and talents of this congregation!

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 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.