

This Week at Highland

Sunday, March 1

- 9:30 Sunday School
- 9:30 For Such a Time as This Class – Dining Rm
- 11:00 Worship
- 12:15 ROOTS
- 1:30 Highland Ringers
- 5:30 Youth Group - Burns Center

Monday, March 2

- 12:30 Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 3

- 9:00 PACT Mobile Food Pantry – 2508 Portland Ave
- 10:00 STITCH
- 4:00 Property Committee – Office Conf. Room
- 5:30 Fellowship Committee - Memorial Lounge
- 7:00 Children's Team - Chapel

Wednesday, March 4

- 1:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting
- 6:00 Children's Music Ministry
- 6:30 Church in the World

Thursday, March 5

- 10:00 STITCH
- 10:00 WOW
- 1:00 Bridge Club – Memorial Lounge
- 6:30 Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 8:00 Choir Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 6

High School Retreat begins

Saturday, March 7

- 9:30 Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 8

- High School Retreat ends*
- 9:30 Sunday School & Adult Ed
- 9:30 Major Building Projects Discussion - Dining Room
- 11:00 Worship
- 12:15 Middle School Youth Lunch
- 1:30 Highland Ringers - Sanctuary

Ministerial Staff Serving the Community

Rev. C. Nolan Huizenga, Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Megan McCarty, Associate Pastor for Mission and Membership
Rev. Adrian White, Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults
Amy Bishop, Director of Ministry with Children and Families
Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, Parish Associate for Congregational Care
Dr. Vini Frizzo, Director of Music Ministries
Dr. Brian Allred, Organist



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HIGHLAND

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Second Sunday in Lent • March 1, 2026 • 11:00am

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements Nolan Huizenga

Prelude - Meditation #6 on "Wondrous Love" Dan E. Nielsen

† Gathering Words Frances Nicholson
Listen and repeat each line after the liturgist.

† Hymn 45 – I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes *Psalm 121*

Prayer of Confession

**Companion God,
you call us forward,
but we hold back.
You offer a new birth,
but we cling to the familiar.
You promise light,
but we close our eyes.
Forgive us.
Free us and fill us with your Spirit.
In Jesus' name.**

Hymn 576 - Lord, Have Mercy upon Us KYRIE ELEISON

Assurance of God's Grace

Lift up your eyes, not to shame or fear,
but to the one who keeps you,
who guards your going out and your coming in.
**In Jesus Christ, we are known.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Hymn 434 – Restore in Us, O God

**Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.**

† *Please rise in body or spirit*

HPC Pub Night - A group will be gathering **Tuesday, March 10, at 7:00pm** for a beverage and some good conversation at TEN20 Craft Brewery at 1020 E. Washington St. Come join us. No agenda, just conversation in good company. All are welcome. If you would like to be added to the list for announcements about the upcoming HPC pub nights, please contact Ralph Bowling or Kathleen (kathleen.poole@hpclouisville.org) in the church office.

Legacy Giving Lunch and Learn with Erin Skinner, March 15, 12:15pm - Our Stewardship team invites everyone in the Highland community to attend an informative and engaging workshop on the meaning of legacy giving on March 15 following 11am worship. We'll provide lunch, and you'll have the opportunity to hear from the Rev. Erin Skinner, our Ministry Relations Officer from the Presbyterian Foundation, who will talk about generosity and legacy giving. She'll guide you through why legacy matters, what you should consider as you think through your own legacy, and some of the options for leaving a legacy gift. Erin will be with us to preach in that morning's worship service as well. Let us know if you're coming, which helps with lunch planning: email Kathleen Poole at kathleen.poole@hpclouisville.org.

Wednesday Night Dinner - The community dinner this month will be on **Wednesday, March 18 at 5:00 pm**. There's no agenda and no need to bring anything, just show up and enjoy good food and fellowship! To make a reservation RSVP to Kathleen at 502-451-2910 or kathleen.poole@hpclouisville.org by noon, Tuesday, March 17.

HPC Community Conversations - Did you miss the lunchtime community discussions after our February 1 congregation-al meeting? Did you come but want to share more? Please grab a question sheet in the Fellowship Hall and let us hear from you! Share your thoughts by leaving the form in the provided box or by emailing session members Katie Kramer (katie.kramer31@gmail.com) or John Pyron (john.pyron@gmail.com) by **TODAY**.

On Tuesday, March 24 from 12:00-3:00 pm, STITCH is hosting their spring Open House and Sale. STITCH is a ministry of Highland Presbyterian and Kentucky Refugee Ministries. Our women use their learned sewing skills to make items to sell, which helps them supplement their family income. 100% of sales go directly to the women who create the items. Please stop by and shop from their amazing selection of handcrafted items. Our students have been working hard creating Derby items, Easter decorations, Mother's Day gifts and graduation table runners and door banners. STITCH is located on the third floor of the Pleune-Mobley Center. (Enter from alley from the church parking lot and take the elevator to the third floor.) We accept cash, checks, or credit cards.

Adult Education Dinner - Adult Education invites you to join us for dinner and discussion of the 2026 Grawemeyer Religion Award Book, *God's Ghostwriters: Enslaved Christians and the Making of the Bible* by Candida Moss. The book is available locally and through Amazon, formatted for Kindle, audiobook and in hardback. Please contact Kathleen if you need help getting a free copy. Our event will be on Sunday evening April 12 the same week that Ms. Moss will give her Grawemeyer lecture on the following Thursday. We will meet on the **12th of April at the home of Linda and Chris Valentine at 5 pm**. Reservations can be made with Kathleen Poole. Please bring a food item to share; alcoholic or nonalcoholic beverages are also welcome.

This week, please include the following people in your daily prayers: Dan Arbough, Shana Funk, Christina Davis, George Carter, Bill Wolfe, Mary Bealmear, Melissa McCloud, Jeff Hobart, Maryann Smith, Meghan Booth, Scotty Martin, Don Seeger, Milo McLean, Ben McQuese, Mike Zehnder, Jennifer Zehnder, Communities of Bellewood & Brooklawn, and members of sibling congregation Grace Hope Presbyterian Church.

Our love and prayers are with Nanc Angerman upon the death of her sister-in-law Martha Angerman.

Announcements

Inadvertently, a March birthday was not included in the newsletter: Cynthia Welch - March 17th! Your birthday is special and we want to honor you. Contact Kathleen in the office to add you to the list!

During the Sundays of Lent, we are inviting you to do something that may be new in the context of worship: to be creative! If there is a word, phrase, feeling, or image that you hear, you can use the art materials provided in the pews or go to one of the tables to create something. Yes! You can get up and move if you choose to do so! At the end of the service, you may place your paper on the communion table or on the tables in the back of the sanctuary. Our plan is to display these creations each week and see where the Spirit is leading us through Lent and into Holy Week. If you are watching this service live streamed, we encourage you to participate as well. Gather some art supplies near you; you can send in your art or drop it off at the church office for it to be included in the sanctuary or you can build your own series of reflections through Lent.

Major Building Projects - Join your Property and Finance committees at **9:30 on March 8th in the Dining Room** for an information session about two upcoming building projects at HPC: the rehabilitation of our brick courtyard and renovation of the HVAC system at the Nursery & Weekday School. Committee members and staff will be present to share details about the plans & answer questions.

Attention Bridge Players - Highland hosts a Bridge Club that usually meets the first Thursday of the month. If you would like to be included on our player list, please contact Patti Pinkley or Kathleen (kathleen.poole@hpclouisville.org) in the church office. We will meet on **Thursday, March 5 at 1 pm.**

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) - Next WINGS meeting will be **Monday, March 9 at 6:30pm.** All women of HPC are invited. Contact Laurie Anderson or Kathy O'Hearn or Kathleen (kathleen.poole@hpclouisville.org) in the church office for more information.

For Such a Time as This - Rev. Dr. Shannon Craigo-Snell and Dr. Amy Pauw will lead us in a four-part class based on Hanna Reichel's new book *For Such a Time as This*. This class will continue in the **Dining Room at 9:30 am on March 15.** Here is a short summary of Reichel's book: "*In an era of political polarization, eroding democratic norms, and rising authoritarianism, many Christians find themselves disoriented, wondering how their faith should inform myriad daily decisions. Drawing upon both scholarship and pastoral wisdom, theologian Hanna Reichel offers a timely resource for believers seeking spiritual grounding amid societal upheaval.*" You may purchase a book on your own or pick one for free in the church office. May this timely class be a much-needed balm for our aching souls.

Class schedule as follows:

March 15: Chapter 23: "Find Power in Weakness," or Practice Creative Nonconformity

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

WE LISTEN

Time with Young Disciples

Amy Bishop

Hymn 752 – Dona Nobis Pacem

Sung three times; may be sung as a canon

All children are invited to come forward while we sing. Children kindergarten and younger are invited to the nursery following the Time with Young Disciples. We will bring them back in time to join us for the Lord's Supper.

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Scripture Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (page 154)

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17 (page 93)

Sermon

Megan McCarty

WE RESPOND

† Hymn 312 – Take Us as We Are, O God

Matthew 26:26

Stanza 1: Brian Shaw, solo; Stanzas 2–4: All

Invitation to Generosity



Adrian White

Anthem – Agnus Dei from *Requiem*

Gabriel Fauré

Chancel Choir

The Lenten readings in Year A echo the ancient journey toward baptism, where believers were called "the enlightened ones," and Fauré's *Requiem* reflects this same movement from darkness into light. In the Agnus Dei, we hear John's promise of new birth and saving love, as the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world becomes for us the source of light, peace, and life from above.

† Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Spirit now who makes us one:
Praise God for all that love has done. Amen.**

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 bread that's free of all common allergens. 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.**

Hymn 595 – Holy, Holy, Holy

SANCTUS

See page 35 of the hymnal for the text of the Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(to be selected from)

Hymn 314 – Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

Matthew 5:14–16

Hymn 698 – Take, O Take Me as I Am

2 Timothy 2:19

Prayer after Communion

† Hymn 361 – O Christ, the Great Foundation

Ephesians 6:10–18

† Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response 540 – Shalom, Chaverim!

Numbers 6:24–26

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During Lent we are using liturgy from a new Presbyterian Association of Musicians resource called *Child of Blessing*. Highland is grateful to be among the congregations piloting this innovative program, which seeks to make worship more accessible for people of all ages, and illuminates the ways that children are essential participants and leaders in our community. Children will create our bulletin art each week. This week's is by Lily Bostrom.

Welcome to Highland Presbyterian Church

We are so glad you have joined us in worship today. Whether you are visiting for the first time, haven't attended in a long time, or are a long time member, your presence is a gift to us. All are welcome in worship and at the table of communion. We hope your experience is meaningful and relevant among this church community. If you are new here, please sign the red friendship pad and include some contact information so we can make you feel more welcome following the service.

Highland Presbyterian Church is a PC(USA) **More Light** Congregation, a **Matthew 25** Congregation, and an **Earth Care** Congregation. For more information about these commitments, please visit our website at www.hpclouisville.org.



We're committed to inclusivity. 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.

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. Children kindergarten and younger are invited to this space following the Time with Young Disciples and will return during the final hymn.

Be a part of Highland Presbyterian Church's Music Ministry! We have a strong spiritual connection with music and would love for you to be a part of it. We have both instrumental and choral ensembles for all age groups. Contact Vini Frizzo if you have any questions: vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org.