

This Week at Highland

Sunday, April 5 - Easter

- 9:00 Worship – Patio (Fellowship Hall if inclement weather)
10:15 Egg Hunt
11:00 Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, April 6

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 7

- 9:00 PACT Mobile Pantry – 2508 Portland Ave
10:00 STITCH
12:30 Staff Meeting
4:00 Property Com. – Office Conf. Room
5:30 Fellowship Com. – Zoom

Wednesday, April 8

- 1:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting
5:30 WSL – Office Conf. Room

Thursday, April 9

- 10:00 STITCH
10:00 WOW
6:30 Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
8:00 Choir Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 11

- 9:00 HPC Workday

Sunday, April 12

- 9:30 Sunday School & Adult Ed
11:00 Worship
12:15 ROOTS/MS Event
1:30 Highland Ringers
5:30 High School Youth Group – Burns Center

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



Resurrection of the Lord • April 5, 2026 • 11:00am

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements Megan McCarty

Prelude - Easter Anthem William Billings / arr. Todd Marchand

† Gathering Words Elisa Owen

Jesus is alive!

Jesus walks.

His heart beats in victory.

Every breath he takes proclaims resurrection.

Easter reveals that love has won.

Death is finished. Evil is doomed. God is good.

We are alive with hope!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

† Hymn 232 - Jesus Christ Is Risen Today *Mark 16:6*

Litany for Easter

Joy is when the rains cease

Joy is when the baby squeals

Joy is the march

Joy is the old friend who shows up

Joy is the peace accord

Joy is the casserole

Joy is the grave cloths neatly folded away

Joy is the mountain decked in so much snow

Joy is the full table with everyone there

Joy is the story told again and again

Joy is the joke with life as the punchline

Joy is the fern unfurling

Joy is the empty tomb

Joy is the daphne and lilac and lavender

Joy is the gift that will not be taken back

Joy is life, and more life, and life after that.

† *Please rise in body or spirit*

The church office is closed Monday, April 6th. This is a time of rest and renewal for HPC staff. Thanks to the Personnel Committee and Session for implementing this day off in care for all staff of our beloved HPC!

Join us on Sunday, May 3rd, out at Camp Cedar Ridge (4010 Old Routt Road) for our annual outdoor worship and church picnic! As an Earth Care Congregation, we look forward to every opportunity to be able to worship God in a natural setting. This inter-generational worship service will be a chance to break out of our “normal” worship routine and celebrate all that God is doing outside of the walls of our sanctuary. This year, we will get to worship in their newly built chapel overlooking the lake. There will be great worship with music, a wonderful potluck lunch, and a chance to be in nature either canoeing on the lake, hiking in the woods, or simply sitting and watching it all. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share! Make note that there will not be worship in the sanctuary this day. We need volunteers on Sunday morning to help set up, serve, and clean up lunch. Please contact the Kitchen Team or Kathleen in the office if you would like to volunteer!

Community Relief Fund - Our Community Relief Fund is running low! Can you help our neighbors by filling it up? This fund at church is filled by our members to then be used to help folks in need with unexpected life expenses. We’ve helped people over the years by paying over-due electricity or water bills to avoid shut off, we’ve paid deposits towards section 8 housing or rental assistance, we’ve paid medical debts and bills for car repairs. This fund is a wonderful way that this church provides emergency assistance to those in our community. The Church in the World committee oversees the fund, so if you know of someone who might benefit from this assistance, you can let one of the pastors know. To give to the fund, you can mark your checks “community relief” or you can give online – making sure you note that it should go towards community relief. Thank you for your generosity!

HPC To-Go! Friends, the Fellowship Committee would love to help you reduce and reuse your to-go containers! Would you take a look at your overflowing cabinets and gather up clean takeaway containers you no longer need? Please make sure each container has a lid that fits. Drop them off at the box just outside of the kitchen—it will be labeled "To Go Containers." Thanks!

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

Announcements

One Great Hour of Sharing - Today 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 use the envelopes found in the pews. Thank you for your generosity!

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. 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.

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) - Next WINGS meeting will be **Monday, April 13 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.

HPC Pub Night - A group will be gathering **Tuesday, April 14, 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.

Wednesday Night Dinner - The community dinner this month will be on **Wednesday, April 15 at 5:00pm**. 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 kathleen.poole@hpclouisville.org or 502-451-2910 by **noon, Tuesday, April 14**.

Family Game Night - Join on **Friday, April 17 at 5:00pm** for Family Game Night. We'll have board games and food in the dining room and lots of fun to be had!

† Hymn 585 - Glory to God

GLORIA

† 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 491 - You Have Put on Christ

Galatians 3:27

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 for the last hymn.

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Colossians 3:1-4 (page 201)

Anthem – Love Is Come Again

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18 (page 114)

Sermon - What If?

Nolan Huizenga

WE RESPOND

† Hymn 231 - Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

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† Affirmation of Faith

Iona Community

We believe and trust in God who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus — the Word made flesh — to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the power of the Spirit.

We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect for creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and hope.

In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Invitation to Generosity



Adrian White

Easter Rejoicing

arr. Todd Marchand

† Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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 248 - Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

You are welcome to join in singing the Hallelujah Chorus, our postlude today. Please come to or near the chancel during the final hymn; copies of the music will be found on the music stands.

† Charge and Benediction

Postlude - Messiah: Hallelujah

G. F. Handel

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Today’s bulletin cover is by Esther Heimach-Snipes.

Today’s guest musicians: Clark Hunt, trumpet 1; Jonathan Wysong, trumpet 2; Chris Fortner, trombone; James Lehman, bass trombone; Christopher Carter, tuba; and Jeremy McMonigle, timpani, were provided by Nancy Harris and Harris Entertainment and appear with thanks to contributors to the Leon and Mary Rapier fund, established to support Highland’s vibrant music ministry.

Music Credits: Brass, timpani, and organ arrangements for “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” and LASST UNS ERFREUEN by John Ferguson; “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” by James Biery. Bell hymn accompaniments by Joel Raney. “Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers” and the brass setting for the Hallelujah Chorus arranged by Vini Frizzo.

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.