

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP

God beckons the lost, the least, and all who long for home.

God calls even when we wander from the path.

God always welcomes us back with open arms.

Today we celebrate and rejoice in God’s renewing power and seek courage as we continue to follow in the footsteps of our Lord, Jesus.

Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving.

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

I Will Call Upon the Lord;

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord/I Could Sing of Your Love Forever;

You Are So Good to Me; Lord, I’m Coming Home

Praise Team: Chris Pinelo, AJ Allen, JR Brumley, Neal Sterrett

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

(At this time, children 4yrs through 5th grade are dismissed to go upstairs for Sunday School.

Parents, please pick up your child in room 207 upstairs following worship.)

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERING MUSIC

Come Back Home; As It Was

SCRIPTURE

LUKE 15:11-32

MESSAGE

The Courage to Follow

Courage to Turn Back

Rev. John W. Bowling

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Trust in God; The Blessing

BENEDICTION*

*Please stand as you are able.



Special thank you to today’s **Ushers & Greeters,**
Patty & Tom Fernandez
Your service is greatly appreciated!



Wednesday, March 11 @ 5:30. There's no better way to get to know your church family than at the dinner table. We're hosting weekly Wednesday Night dinners. Please RSVP by noon on Tuesday at highlandmethodist.com Price is just \$6 per person or \$20 per family.

Menu: Chicken, Dressing, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce & Dessert



Highland United Methodist Outreach Ministries

Generous donations from our members in 2025 have made funds available to distribute to the following agencies and services in the coming year:

- Care Closet
- Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky
- Hosea House
- Kentucky Refugee Ministry
- Vine and Branches (Wesley Foundation at NKU)
- Ida Spence Mission
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- The Goshorn Family Mission in Peru

For more information about the agencies and services and/or to volunteer and participate, please contact a member of the Outreach Team. Tom Yocum (chair), Nancy Baker, Kevin Hagerty, Vern Hicks, Cheli Reutter, or Ann Richards.

Please bring your donations of clean, plastic caps and lids such as plastic bottle caps, plastic jar lids, cottage cheese/coolwhip/yogurt container size lids, and we now can take prescription medicine bottle caps! A bin has been placed in the Gathering Area for your donations which will help purchase a recycled plastic bench for the pollinator garden.



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PRELUDE In God, My Faithful God Buxtehude

GREETING Rev. John W. Bowling

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HYMN #160* Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

RESPONSIVE ACT OF PRAISE #824 Psalm 103

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MORNING PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY Alas and Did My Savior Bleed Robert Farlee

DOXOLOGY*

ANTHEM Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed Deborah Govenor

SCRIPTURE LUKE 15:11-32

MESSAGE **The Courage to Follow** Rev. John W. Bowling
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HYMN #365* Grace Greater than Our Sin

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE Choral Ernest Chausson

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Highland United Methodist Church

March 8, 2026 9:30am

Third Sunday in Lent

Highland United Methodist's Church **Administrative Council** will meet **Tuesday, March 10, at 7pm** in the Welcome Area to vision and plan for the ministries of the church. All members of the Highland United Methodist community are invited to attend and help chart the future of Highland.



YOUTH MINISTRY



Join us for a **new Sunday School Class** for our Middle School and High School Youth. We'll dismiss during the 9:30 service and enjoy an hour of learning and fellowship.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



You're invited to Children's Ministries **Bunny Breakfast on Saturday, March 21 from 9-11**. For just \$12 per person (children under 1 are free with a paid adult), we'll enjoy a delicious breakfast, an Easter egg hunt, Kountry Kritters petting zoo, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Register by March 14th on highlandmethodist.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Gary S—health concerns
- Annika—health concerns
- T. Sticks—health concerns
- Paul—eye/vision issue
- S. Emery—cancer
- The Family of Faith Jenkins—who passed away on 2/20
- New Admin Council Members
- Youth Group



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Grow – Follow – Love

At Highland United Methodist Church, we are a community of imperfect people who exist to **grow** God's kingdom by **following** the examples of Jesus and **loving** with purpose.

We are deepening our spiritual understanding by embracing diversity, enriching lives, mindfully serving, and bringing joy through music and friendship. As United Methodists, we inclusively welcome everyone and follow the Wesleyan call to do no harm, do good, and love God.