



Highlights

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Holy Week and Easter

On **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**, March 24, we recall the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and begin to prepare for the events of this most sacred week of the church year. Children are invited to process into the service with palms. They will meet on the front steps of the Sanctuary at 10:55 a.m.



The **GOOD FRIDAY** Tenebrae (“shadows”) service takes place on March 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will incorporate elements of our Maundy Thursday gathering into our worship on Friday through the celebration of Communion as we remember Jesus’ last supper with his disciples before his arrest, trial, and crucifixion. This service follows the Seven Last Words of Christ through scripture and the slow darkening of the worship area. The service concludes with the removal of the Christ candle from the Sanctuary.

Our **EASTER** festival worship service on Sunday, March 31, will be at 11:00 a.m. The Christ candle will be returned to the Sanctuary to signify the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the light of the world. We look forward to joyful music led by Highland’s Chancel Choir, Brass Ensemble, and Percussion. All are invited to an Easter Sunday Potluck Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (*see page 7 for details*).

Pasta Sauce March Madness

March Madness is coming, and our voting boxes will be in the Gallery Hall starting this Sunday. Bring your pasta sauce in before April 7 to vote for your favorite teams. You will vote for your team by placing pasta sauce in the respective bin. Neighbors who will receive the sauce from Crisis Control will be the clear winners!



The teams you can vote for are: Appalachian State, Davidson, Duke University, North Carolina State University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Wake Forest University, and “Change the Channel” (aka , Kentucky, Purdue, UNC Asheville, etc!). We look forward to your donations!

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

March 17

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Leviticus 19:17–18

Luke 10:25–37

Sermon: Debbie Layman

March 24

Palm/Passion Sunday

Mark 11:1–11

Philippians 2:1–11

Sermon: Randy Harris

Highland Worship Online

There are several ways to access worship:

- Click the link in the Sunday morning email;
- Go to [Highland's website](#) and click on the "[Highland Worship Online](#)" page;
- Subscribe to Highland's YouTube channel where the worship videos are posted (Highland PCWS).

On our Worship Online page, there are links for the Bulletin, a virtual "Friendship Pad," as well as a virtual "offering plate."

New Member Class, March 24



We will be holding an in-person class for those interested in membership at Highland on March 24 at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested, contact [Debbie Layman](#) for more information. This is a great way to learn more about Highland and to connect more deeply with God and this church family.

Moore School Food Pantry

Highland, alongside Temple Emmanuel, supports Moore Elementary School by providing a food pantry for students of Moore School and their families.

For the month of **March**, we are asking for donations of **canned beans**. Thank you!



Men's Breakfast



March 20, 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Join with the Men of the Church for a time of fellowship and study.

Look for an email with details, and email [Randy Harris](#) if you have questions.

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Your Treasure, Your Heart

2024 Stewardship Highlights



We have had some wonderful experiences in ministry at Highland in recent weeks. Youth Sunday was a tremendous day as our young people bore witness not only to God's love, but also to their love of the church, and the church's love for them. Two weeks earlier, the Winston-Salem State University Singing Rams filled the Sanctuary with glorious music and filled all of our hearts with joy. The week before, Highland's Acoustic Café provided a wonderful opportunity for fellowship for all ages.

Meanwhile, we have been sharing our space at the church with community mission partners. The board of Riverwood Therapeutic Riding Center met in our Activity Building for a planning retreat; and counselors and staff from the Trinity Center have been using classrooms and other spaces at Highland during the week while their building downtown is under renovation.

None of this is possible apart from the generous sharing of the members and friends of Highland! Be it taking care of our buildings, compensating our staff, providing funds for learning and fellowship, or supporting our community partners, your faithful stewardship enables great ministry to happen! This sharing of the treasure of our time, talent, and monies reveals where our hearts may be found, and is a means by which God's love pours into the world. ~Joyce Griner, chair, Stewardship Committee

Join Us for Spring Cleanup

Saturday, March 23, 9:00 a.m.–noon



'Tis the season for spring cleaning, and many hands make quick work of it. Please sign up through the link in an all-church email, and join us Saturday March 23, from 9:00 a.m.–noon.

Inside, we need volunteers to check for burned out light bulbs, clock setters and battery changers, pews need to be oiled and maybe a few other tasks.

Outside we need volunteers to shovel and move mulch, pull weeds, light fixture cleaners (remove cobwebs), sign and column cleaners, downspout clearers, remove cobwebs from all doorways and wipe doors down. We will also have a designated team for mulch work.

If you want to help us maintain Highland but March 23 does not work for you, please contact [Dawn Nelson](#), 336-926-8719, to join Highland Property Friends. We can always find some way for you to help around our beloved space!

News and Notes

In Our Prayers: *Betsy Sell*, Home; *Heather Greene*, Baptist; *Bill Lambert*, Home; *Carol Healy*, Home; *Susan Corey*, Home; *Emelda Lawing*, Home with Hospice; *Curtis Patterson*, Home; *Parks Berryhill*, Salemtowne Healthcare; *Esther and Les Preston*, Home; *Heather Greene*, Homestead Hills Assisted Living; *Jean Loftis*, Salemtowne Assisted Living; *Jim Womble*, Heritage Woods; *Mary Pace*, Brookdale on Peace Haven; *Wes McGraw*, Homestead Hills; *John Anderson*, Salemtowne Memory Care; *Ruth Banbury*, Carriage Club Assisted Living (Charlotte).

In Memoriam: Wilma McDaniel, *Scott Templeton's* mother, March 10, 2024

Congratulations to Sydney and Alex Cannon on the birth of their daughter, Isabelle Marion Cannon, March 12, proud grandparents are Gillian and James Thomas.

Dear Friends, I did not know how Highland provides for those of us who are unable to feed ourselves. I did not know about how Highland folks gather so affectionately around those of us whose lives get troubled. Now I have been on the troubled side awhile and witnessed the protective, nurturant, affectionate side of this generous church. Thank you who have held me in the palm of your caring hand.
~ John Woodmansee

Dear Friends, Our family has felt such Highland love and support in this time that I've been home with our oldest following surgery last month. You have picked up our spirits and our bodies through the plethora of prayers, texts,

cards, food, coffee, check-ins, and *love* which you have poured into each one of us. We've never been on the receiving end like this and have felt so beautifully carried through this challenging time. "Thank you" doesn't begin to suffice, but know it comes from the depths of our hearts. We will do what we can to pay it forward as we grow in love for you and all of our neighbors.

~Peace and Love, Debbie Layman and Glenn Otterbacher

Bless You! ~ Our prayers for one another. Each week we invite you to pray for members of our Highland family. We will pray not because anything is wrong, but because we care about each other.

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17, please pray for Robbie Grier; Rich, Joyce, Maddy and Richmond Griner; Kyle, Kathleen and Mitchell Hansen; Dave and Berrilynn Norman; Morgan, Stephen and Kimberly Parker; Stacy Pitcairn; Philip and Roberta Powell; Les and Esther Preston; Mac and Mary Ellen Smyth.

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24, please pray for Wendy Guerry; Jon, Laurie, Theo and Lewyn McKinney; Steve, Dianne, Owen and Olivia Scarce; Sandy Simmons; Maggie Strickland and Sara Herter; Dick and Susie York. *The Lord bless you and keep you. Numbers 6:24*



Easter Lily Order Form



If you wish to order one or more lily for Easter Sunday, they are \$16 each. Please fill out this form and return with a check to the box outside Gidget's office, or mail the order and your check to Highland, 2380 Cloverdale Ave., 27103. **Payment must accompany the order and must be received by Sunday, March 17.** Please make checks payable to **HPC**. Thank you!

I / We would like to order _____ plant(s). Amount of check _____

_____ to be given in memory of: _____

Relationship: _____

By: _____

_____ to be given in honor of: _____

Relationship: _____

By: _____

Deliver to Homebound? Yes or No

Your name: _____

One Great Hour of Sharing—Hunger Relief

Every Eastertide our church has the opportunity to support the One Great Hour of Sharing offering collected by the PCUSA, participating in the national church's efforts to alleviate suffering caused by disasters and hunger and to promote the self-development of people. Locally, Highland engages in several activities to combat hunger in our Winston-Salem community such as the Moore School Food Pantry, Forsyth Backpack program, pasta sauce donations to Crisis Control, and the annual CROP Walk.

One third of the funds collected via the OGHS offering will be designated for the Presbyterian Hunger Program, reaching hungry people throughout the United States and around the world. PHP seeks to "find out why people are hungry and encourage action that will help address the underlying causes. Together we approach hunger holistically, using a variety of approaches, including direct food relief combined with root cause work, sustainable development, advocacy, intentional and sustainable living, and education." (PHP website). Please give generously to this offering, and join with Presbyterians throughout our country to fight hunger on a national and global scale.

We will formally receive our [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) offering on Easter Sunday, but you may contribute throughout Lent by writing "OGHS" on the memo of your check, designating the offering in the drop-down Giving box on our website, or by sharing your gift in a OGHS envelop found in a Sanctuary pew. ~The Global Service Committee

Climate Corner

Earth-Friendly Cleaning Products

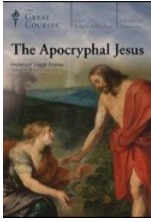
Ever wondered about the chemicals in the cleaners you use? Many of us have found natural products that work great and are earth-friendly, and our planet thanks us! In this segment of the Climate Corner, we share a few ideas for cleaning materials made with everyday items. The items can do an effective job of cleaning without chemicals.

- Everyday counter cleaner: 2 cups hot water, 3T distilled vinegar, 1t earth-friendly dish soap. Mix in a new spray bottle. Use on nonporous counters and tubs. Note: if you have “hard” water, to avoid spots and scratches the recommendation is to boil water first and let it cool before mixing. Options: add citrus peel or herbs. The solution lasts indefinitely, however, if you add citrus or herbs, keep it only for a month.
- Vinyl floor cleaner: A water and mop is good. Dry mop the floor first. For dirt and grime add 1 cup cider vinegar (acidity removes dirt) to 1-gallon hot water. To disinfect, use 1 cup distilled vinegar in place of cider vinegar. For really dirty floors, use the vinegar solution with a few drops of liquid earth-friendly dish soap for first mopping and then mop again using vinegar and water solution only. To add shine to the floor, add a few drops of baby oil to the vinegar and water solution.
- Keeping bugs at bay: If our skin's surface is slightly acidic, the bugs stay away. Pour a spoonful of white or cider vinegar on a paper towel and rub lightly over the skin. The sour smell dissipates as it dries and leaves the skin feeling refreshed.
- Extend life of cut flowers: 1-quart warm water, 3T sugar, 2T vinegar. Mix well in the container and fill a vase. Sugar nourishes the flowers and vinegar inhibits bacteria growth.
- Recommend: Use new spray bottles, and do not reuse old ones that may contain residues from previous products; use distilled vinegar or cider vinegar per directions, not industrial vinegar due to a high level of acetic acid content; and clearly label all spray bottles with ingredients and tape over so the ink does not fade.

~ Global Service Committee

Community Service Corner

Even though the school year is flying by, our friends at Ashley Academy can still use our support. There are several ways you can help between now and the end of the school year. One quick way is by donating to the Ashley Academy PTA. (You can make a check out to Ashley Academy PTA and drop it in Gidget’s office where Emily Collins will pick it up.) Another need is to support the teachers by supervising their classes in the cafeteria at Duty Free Lunch on Friday, April 12 or Friday, May 17. Please keep in mind all volunteers need to be cleared by the volunteer office of the WSFCS system, but that is an easy and quick process. If you want to help out or have any questions please reach out to Emily Collins, 336-408-3170.



Thursday Morning Women's Study

The Apocryphal Jesus, 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m., Ardmore Room

The New Testament gives us 27 canonical texts – gospels, letters, and more, but these works are only a tiny fraction of the many volumes written about the life of Jesus, his family, and the apostles. This alternative body of literature falls under the category of “apocrypha,” which means “hidden” or “secret,” and it offers fascinating insights into the early Christian world. But these early Christian apocryphal works are more than historical curiosities. For more information, on joining this study contact [Heather Ferguson](#).

4th Friday Family Fun Night

Toddlers–5th Graders and Night Out for Parents

March 22, April 26, and May 24, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Our Highland families have a monthly night of fun and fellowship! Parents can drop their children off in the Fellowship Hall where the children will gather for a brief time of faith formation, dinner as Jesus enjoyed around the table with friends, and play time.

Parents can head out to a local restaurant for dinner or whittle away their “to-do” list before returning to the church at 7:30 p.m. to pick up children.

Children will be accompanied by caring adults from Highland as well as our professional childcare staff person, Judy Parro.



If you are interested in participating or volunteering contact [Heather Ferguson](#) for more information and to get on the *4th Friday Fun Night* email list.

Easter Potluck Breakfast

March 31, 9:30–10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

On Easter Sunday everyone is invited to gather for a special celebration and potluck breakfast in the Fellowship Hall during the education hour. Please bring your favorite breakfast dish to share. What are breakfast potluck dishes? Well, how about fresh fruit, breakfast casseroles, coffee cakes, quiche, yogurt? The list can go on and on. Please bring enough servings to feed your family and a guest or two. Juice, coffee, and tea will be provided.



Sunday Morning Christian Education for Adults

We have various classes for you to engage in study, conversation, and deeper understanding through Highland's Adult Christian Education offerings. Classes are available in person and on Zoom. Zoom links are included in Highland's Sunday morning email.

The Lectionary Café, Salem Room and Zoom

The *Lectionary Café* is a welcoming gathering of folks seeking to engage more deeply into the Lectionary text (scripture focus) for each Sunday. The group shares an informal and lively discussion which seeks to draw deep connections between God's intentions for our daily lives and our practices for a more faithful life together. Facilitator: *Mike Culler*



The Present Word Class, Room 124 and Zoom

The Present Word is an in-depth Bible study for adults that dives deep into God's Word, studying the Bible over a six-year period and focusing on a specific theme each quarter. The winter quarter explores faith that pleases God and faith in action. The units are: Unit I, "Profiles in Faith"; Unit II, "Learning about Faith"; Unit III, "The Righteous Live by Faith."

Parents' Conversation and Coffee, Room 126

Parents are invited to gather in Room 126 for coffee and conversation. This is a time to get to know one other and compare notes on the joys and challenges of parenthood. The first Sunday each month we will have a speaker, video, or other resource for deeper conversations on faith formation in the family and other topics. Other Sundays, we will have free time to connect and share stories of "Parenthood."

The Meaning of Belonging and Our Lives in Christian Community, Ardmore Room and Zoom

Belonging is the question of this generation. Highland Elders and Deacons have been considering "belonging" since this year's Officer Retreat. Like the air we breathe, belonging is also a matter of life and death. Over these weeks, we will explore various themes of belonging and what such belonging means for us as a faith community. Join us as we connect belonging to our lives as followers of Jesus today.

Week 5: Creating a Sense of Belonging
Week 6: The Consequences of Belonging

Facilitators: *Amy Archambault and Katina Barksdale*



Lenten Study and Small Groups

Norman Wirzba contends that Christianity can only be explained and justified if it is seen as a “way of love.” The primary purpose of the church, he argues, is to train, equip, and grow its members in the ways of love. We have three options for gathering with others to discuss this theme and share during this season of Lent:

Mondays 5:30–6:30 p.m., Zoom only – Courtney Stevens

Thursdays 12:00–1:00 p.m., Ardmore Room – Randy Harris

Sundays 9:30–10:30 a.m., Zoom and Room 127 Room – Heather Ferguson

Dessert & Movie Night, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 21, 6:00–8:45 p.m., *As It Is in Heaven*

As It Is in Heaven is a Swedish film that follows the journey of a famous, international conductor as he returns to his small childhood town in Sweden for early retirement. He is soon asked to help with the church choir and all of their lives begin to change.



Dolorosa Gatherings

Fourth Sunday, March 24, 4:00–5:00 p.m., Highland Chapel

The word, *dolorosa*, in Latin means “sorrowful way.” Jesus shows the way to hope, healing, and wholeness through journeys of sorrow and pain. If you would benefit from a time of sharing your experiences of grief and your hopes for healing and wholeness with Highland friends on similar paths, we invite you to gather in the Chapel on the fourth Sunday of the month. Our next gathering is Sunday, March 24.



Young Adult Ministry

New Look for Thursday Gatherings

Following strategic planning, our group has decided to try a rotational model for our Thursday Young Adult gatherings:

1st Thursday: Music Bingo at Fiddlin’ Fish, 7:00 p.m.

2nd Thursday: Winston Salem Public House, 7:30 p.m.

3rd Thursday: Home and Backyard Fellowship, 7:30 p.m.

4th Thursday: Little Richards on Stratford Road, 7:30 p.m.

We value the drop in and consistent nature of our time together to fellowship, study, and support one another. Anyone age 20-30s is welcome to join!



Serving with the Shalom Project

We continue to support the Flourish Program through serving a meal to program participants. Sign up for one of the cook or serve teams through the GroupMe for our next meal on Monday, March 25.

Sunday Mornings for Highland's Children

Now–March 24, The Good Samaritan, Kindergarten–Fifth Grade

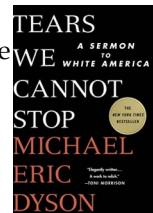
This unit, we focus on the **Good Samaritan**, the parable that draws children and adults into the mystery of Jesus' unique teaching and invites us into the story of a lone traveler, robbers, Temple officials, and a despised Samaritan. Through Godly Play, drama, cinema, art, cooking, and movement, the children and their leaders get closer to what it means to be a neighbor.



- 9:30–10:15 a.m. The Good Samaritan (3rd floor, Education Building, various rooms)
- 10:15–10:45 a.m. Children's Choir (3rd floor, Education Building, Worship Room)
- 11:00–12:00 p.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
Nursery (Infants–4 year olds) (1st floor, Education Building)
- 11:15–12:00 p.m. Children & Worship (Kindergarten1st Grade) (3rd floor, Room 307)

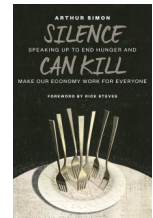
***Listening to Black Voices* Book Group**

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on March 19, as we continue reading and reflecting on the experience of our African American neighbors, and consider what our faithful responses might entail. In March we will discuss *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America*, by Michael Eric Dyson. If you are interested, please contact [Randy Harris](#).



Spring Poverty Book Group

This spring our Poverty Book Group will discuss *Silence Can Kill: Speaking Up to End Hunger and Make Our Economy Work for Everyone* by Art Simon. We will meet in-person at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays March 25, April 22, and May 20. Senator Bob Dole said of the book, "Simon makes a credible case that ending hunger is a surprisingly attainable goal—one that can be achieved through determination and a unified voice. More than just informative, this book is a call to action." We hope you will consider reading and discussing this book with us! Contact [Debbie Layman](#) if you have interest in joining the study.



Youth News...

Youth Fellowship

Sunday, March 17

Middle School 4:00–5:15 p.m.

Senior High 4:45–6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 24, Lunch at The Loop, 12:30–1:30 p.m.

Our youth love to eat and fellowship together. We will continue our morning of education and worship with a meal out in the neighborhood.

Summer Trip Deadline, March 24

Space is still available for all of our summer opportunities for growth, faith exploration, and fellowship!

- Montreat Youth Conference, June 9–15
- North Georgia Service Week, June 22–28
- Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference, July 16–19



**Images From:
Youth Sunday and
Middle School Outing**

Church Calendar

Please be sure to check whether events are meeting online or in person. If a meeting will happen in person, a location is specified.

Sunday March 17

- 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Bread for the World, Ardmore Room
- 4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Fellowship, AB 3
- 4:45 p.m. High School Youth Fellowship, AB 4

Monday March 18

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Lenten Group
- 5:30 p.m. Long Range Planning

Tuesday March 19

- 6:30 p.m. Adult Christian Education Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Listening to Black Voices Group

Wednesday March 20

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
- 5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Room 101
- 6:30 p.m. Arts & Worship Committee, Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

Thursday March 21

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Ardmore Room
- 11:30 a.m. Caring Friends
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Group, Ardmore Room
- 5:45 p.m. Community Service Committee, Salem Room
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Movie & Dessert, Ardmore Room
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Young Adults, Home of Tory Gentry

Friday March 22

- 5:30 p.m. 4th Friday Family Fun Night, Fellowship Hall

Saturday March 23

- 9:00 a.m. Spring Clean Up Day

Sunday March 24

- 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Lunch, The Loop Restaurant
- 2:00 p.m. New Members Class, Ardmore Room
- 4:00 p.m. Dolorosa Gathering, Chapel

Monday March 25

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Lenten Group
- 7:00 p.m. Poverty Book Group, Salem Room

Tuesday March 26

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Salem Room
- 1:30 p.m. Moore Food Pantry, Curbside

Wednesday March 27

- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

Thursday March 28

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Ardmore Room
- 4:00 p.m. Membership Committee, Ardmore Room
- 7:30 p.m. Young Adults, Little Richard's

Friday March 29

- 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary