

Highland Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday of Lent
February 22nd, 2026
9:45 a.m.



Pastor – Dr. Scott Rollins

Highland Presbyterian Church seeks to be a *diverse* and *inclusive* Christian Community as we embody the love and forgiveness of Jesus by serving the Community and the World, drawing people to Christ.



Welcome & Announcements

Dr. Scott Rollins

Prelude

If You but Trust in God to Guide You

Newmark / Cherwien

Gathering

***Call to Worship (Responsive)**

Pam Clifford

One: For forty days and forty nights our Savior fasted in the wilderness.

All: Tempted to turn from God, tempted to turn to power and privilege our Savior resisted.

One: Let us follow Jesus through the wilderness this Lent,

**All: examining our temptations, resisting them and returning to God.
Let us worship God.**

*Opening Hymn

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn 35

Call to Confession

Pam Clifford

We pause here to examine our lives, our temptations and the ways we have fallen short before our God. Let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession (Communal)

Gracious God, as we wander through this wilderness with Jesus, examining all the worldly comforts we turn to during times of stress and struggle, we confess our lack of trust in you.

We confess all that we place above you, making idols of money, earthly power, and even food. Empty us this Lent, Holy God.

Guide us in our spiritual practices so we can leave this wilderness season more aware of your presence and the ways our faith can sustain us. Amen.

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Pam Clifford

God of grace, help us seek you and the message you intend for us today. Let us not be distracted by worldly pursuits or pleasures. Help us to focus our hearts and minds on you and your Word read and proclaimed today. Amen.

Holy Scripture

Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' "

But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Anthem

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Highland Choir

Sermon

Transfiguration

Dr. Scott Rollins

Affirmation of Faith (**Communal**)

(From A Brief Statement of Faith)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Call to Offering

Dr. Scott Rollins

Offertory

Day by Day

Ahnfelt / Shackley

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Sending

*Closing Hymn

The Glory of These Forty Days

Hymn 165

Benediction

Dr. Scott Rollins

Postlude

A Lenten Postlude

Pergolesi / Troutman

Announcements

Highland Session Meets Today

The session will meet in the fellowship hall at 1:00 p.m. today.

Lenten Devotional Study

The devotional study, *A Way Other than our Own*, will begin this week. Scott will meet in person on Tuesdays, starting this week, from 11:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m., and there will be a zoom study on Tuesday evenings, from 7:00-7:40 p.m. There are a couple devotionals still available, let Scott know if you want one.

Highland Garden Club

The next meeting of the Highland Garden Club will be today following the Sunday School classes (around noon).

Sign-Up for Altar Flowers

The sign-up calendar for altar flowers is on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Dates are listed for now through December; please sign up for any Sunday where there is an open spot.

Free Little Neighborhood and Community Food Connection

The February items are listed below. Please put your items in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary.
Little Neighborhood boxes: **tuna fish, instant oatmeal**
Community Food Connection: **ketchup, mustard, diapers**

Spring Compost Sale and Plant Share

The Sustainability Committee is sponsoring the Compost Sale and Plant Share will take place on March 7, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. If you need mushroom compost for your garden, we will be asking for \$10 donations per 5 gallon bag.

The Highland Garden Club is holding a small “plant share”. Attendees stopping by for compost can take a plant for a donation of their choosing. If you are dividing plants at home and are willing to donate a few to the “plant share”, we would be grateful. We welcome donations of bulbs & rhizomes, houseplants, perennials, and small tree seedlings. They may be dropped off the week of March 1. (Contact Kim for the drop-off location.) Please include a label identifying the plant. Thank you!

Please help us spread the word.