



Worship Guide

March 3, 2024

Welcome

Welcome to Lake Highlands Baptist Church! We are thrilled that you have gathered with us for worship and we hope this guide helps you better understand and participate in our service this morning. We have gathered to hear and proclaim the Gospel to one another, which is the good news that God the Father has provided a way of salvation for us through his Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that each church is free to arrange its order of worship in whatever way it believes best glorifies God, edifies the saints, and invites the lost into salvation. With much prayer and reflection, we have carefully prepared the following order of worship.

Our worship service draws on historic practices from various traditions and is arranged with God's Word at its center. Within the service, there is a repeated pattern of God speaking to us through the Word preached, read, or recited, followed by our response in singing, prayer, giving, and taking the Lord's Supper together.

We hope that you will leave this gathering today more aware of God's love for us, and more in awe of his majesty and grace. To him be all glory forever!

Weekly Gatherings

Sunday

Small Groups | 9 AM

Worship Gathering | 10:30 AM

Prayer Meeting | 5:30 PM

Wednesday

Fellowship Meal | 5 PM

Lesson | 6 PM

Next Sunday's sermon passage is Esther 5–8:2

Weekly News

Annie Armstrong Offering

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is the primary way Southern Baptists fund missions in North America. One hundred percent of gifts given to the offering go to the field to support more than 2,900 missionary families serving across the United States and Canada. Between now and March 10, please prayerfully consider what God might be calling you to give above your regular giving.

Women on Mission

Women of all ages are invited to Women on Mission's monthly meeting Tuesday, March 12 at 10:30 AM in the library. This is always a wonderful time of fellowship and service!

Precepts

The next Precepts Bible Study will begin Thursday, March 14 on the Sermon on the Mount. The class times are Thursdays at 9:30 AM–11:30 AM or 7 PM–9 PM. Study books are available in the front office. There is a small fee associated with the class. Come on March 14 with the first week of homework done. If you have any questions, please contact Kari at kari@LHBC.com.

Member Meeting

Our next member meeting will be Sunday, March 17 at 3:30 PM. Following the meeting, all are welcome to a picnic! We look forward to this time of fellowship with our church family. These meetings are central to our life together, so please be sure to attend if you are a member.

Taylor Groves Wedding Shower

Please join us in showering Taylor Groves and Cody Leonard with love and blessings Sunday, March 24 at 2:30 PM in the foyer. You can find their registry at zola.com/wedding/leonardgroveswedding/registry.

Holy Week Schedule

Below is the schedule of the worship services that will take place in the week leading up to Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday (March 24) - Small groups at 9 AM, worship gathering at 10:30 AM, and prayer meeting at 5:30 PM

Wednesday (March 27) - No Wednesday night fellowship meal or lesson

Maundy Thursday (March 28) - Worship at 7 PM

Good Friday (March 29) - Worship at 7 PM

Easter Sunday (March 31) - Small groups at 9 AM, worship gathering at 10:30 AM, and no prayer meeting

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal and Lesson

Every Wednesday night at 5 PM we have a freshly cooked meal together in the Fellowship Hall. If you plan on coming, please make a reservation by contacting the office by Tuesday afternoon. Beginning at 6 PM we move to the chapel to hear a lesson. We hope that you will be able to join us!

Fellowship Meal Menu for March 6

Spaghetti, green beans, salad & garlic toast, and cherry crunch dessert

Order of Worship

Theme: God Loves His Church

Moment of Silence

Please use this moment of silence to prepare your heart for worship.

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

All: Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Noah LaHaye

Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Hymn

Bless the Lord O My Soul

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13
Brooks Boutwell

If I speak in tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophesies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

Prayer of Confession

Written and offered by Andrea Saddock

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We confess our thoughts and actions often lack belief in your sovereign providence. The book of Esther makes clear that you are always at work advancing your kingdom and it always happens right on schedule. Help us be a church that submits to your will even when the means and outcomes are often not what we envisioned. Grow us into patient believers capable of surrendering our timelines in favor of being faithful servants in your redemptive plans for this world.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Hymn

Just As I Am

Prayer of Intercession

Pastor Dan Nale

This week we are praying for the following needs:

- That we would have confidence in the gospel
- Calvary Baptist Church in Bastrop, TX
- Persecuted Christians in West Africa
- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- President Joe Biden

Offering/Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Sermon

Esther 5–8:2

5 ¹ On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, in front of the king's quarters, while the king was sitting on his royal throne inside the throne room opposite the entrance to the palace. ² And when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, she won favor in his sight, and he held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter. ³ And the king said to her, "What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given you, even to the half of my kingdom." ⁴ And Esther said, "If it please the king, let the king and Haman come today to a feast that I have prepared for the king." ⁵ Then the king said, "Bring Haman quickly, so that we may do as Esther has asked." So the king and Haman came to the feast that Esther had prepared. ⁶ And as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king said to Esther, "What is your wish? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." ⁷ Then Esther answered, "My wish and my request is: ⁸ If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my wish and fulfill my request, let the king and Haman come to the feast that I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king has said."

⁹ And Haman went out that day joyful and glad of heart. But when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he neither rose nor trembled before him, he was filled with wrath against Mordecai. ¹⁰ Nevertheless, Haman restrained himself and went home, and he sent and brought his friends and his wife Zeresh. ¹¹ And Haman recounted to them the splendor of his riches, the number of his sons, all the promotions with which the king had honored him, and how he had advanced him above the officials and the servants of the king. ¹² Then Haman said, "Even Queen Esther let no one but me come with the king to the feast she prepared. And tomorrow also I am invited by her together with the king. ¹³ Yet all this is worth nothing to me, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate." ¹⁴ Then his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, "Let a gallows fifty cubits high be made, and in the morning tell the king to have Mordecai hanged upon it. Then go joyfully with the king to the feast." This idea pleased Haman, and he had the gallows made.

6 ¹ On that night the king could not sleep. And he gave orders to bring the book of memorable deeds, the chronicles, and they were read before the king. ² And it was found written how Mordecai had told about Bigthana and

Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, who guarded the threshold, and who had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus.³ And the king said, "What honor or distinction has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?" The king's young men who attended him said, "Nothing has been done for him."⁴ And the king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the king's palace to speak to the king about having Mordecai hanged on the gallows that he had prepared for him.⁵ And the king's young men told him, "Haman is there, standing in the court." And the king said, "Let him come in."⁶ So Haman came in, and the king said to him, "What should be done to the man whom the king delights to honor?" And Haman said to himself, "Whom would the king delight to honor more than me?"⁷ And Haman said to the king, "For the man whom the king delights to honor,⁸ let royal robes be brought, which the king has worn, and the horse that the king has ridden, and on whose head a royal crown is set.⁹ And let the robes and the horse be handed over to one of the king's most noble officials. Let them dress the man whom the king delights to honor, and let them lead him on the horse through the square of the city, proclaiming before him: 'Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor.'" ¹⁰ Then the king said to Haman, "Hurry; take the robes and the horse, as you have said, and do so to Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Leave out nothing that you have mentioned."¹¹ So Haman took the robes and the horse, and he dressed Mordecai and led him through the square of the city, proclaiming before him, "Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor."

¹² Then Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman hurried to his house, mourning and with his head covered.¹³ And Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and his wife Zeresh said to him, "If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of the Jewish people, you will not overcome him but will surely fall before him."

¹⁴ While they were yet talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hurried to bring Haman to the feast that Esther had prepared.

7 ¹ So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther.² And on the second day, as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king again said to Esther, "What is your wish, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled."³ Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be granted me for my wish, and my

people for my request. ⁴ For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have been silent, for our affliction is not to be compared with the loss to the king.” ⁵ Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has dared to do this?” ⁶ And Esther said, “A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

⁷ And the king arose in his wrath from the wine-drinking and went into the palace garden, but Haman stayed to beg for his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that harm was determined against him by the king. ⁸ And the king returned from the palace garden to the place where they were drinking wine, as Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was. And the king said, “Will he even assault the queen in my presence, in my own house?” As the word left the mouth of the king, they covered Haman's face. ⁹ Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Moreover, the gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, is standing at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” ¹⁰ So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the wrath of the king abated.

8 ¹ On that day King Ahasuerus gave to Queen Esther the house of Haman, the enemy of the Jews. And Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told what he was to her. ² And the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

Communion/Hymn

Pastor Winston Hottman
Come Thou Almighty King
Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Benediction

Pastor Dan Nale

Sermon Notes

To access sermon recordings, go to the “Sermons” page on our website at www.lhbc.com/sermons.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 3/3

Small Groups | 9 AM

Worship Gathering | 10:30 AM

Prayer Meeting | 5:30 PM

Wednesday 3/6

Fellowship Meal | 5 PM

Lesson | 6 PM

Thursday 3/7

Precepts | 9:30 AM & 7 PM

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