



# The Highland Heartbeat

Highland, a Place to be Seen, Known, and Loved

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## DRS Concert ~ Presents the U.S. Naval Academy Orchestra & Mariachi Band

The Highland Presbyterian Church Dorothy Rose Smith Concerts, celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, presents the **U.S. Naval Academy Orchestra and Mariachi Band** under the Direction of Monte Maxwell on Sunday, **November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at 4:00PM**. This Brigade of Midshipmen perform both on and off the 'yard' in everything from chapel services to musicals and concerts, highlighting both soloists and ensembles. In tribute to the late Ms. Smith's tenure as Highland's Director of Music for 29 years, a performance of an Original composition written by her will be performed by an Academy soloist. The concert will also include selections by one of the orchestra's newest ensembles; The Mariachi Marineros, who play a genre of Latin style music. **You will not want to miss this event!**



**2024 Christmas Giving Tree at Highland** – For the 43<sup>rd</sup> year Highland Presbyterian Church will be asking for your Christmas gift donations for individuals in need in the Lancaster community. Our list of 15 agencies includes agencies which serve newborns, children, women, the homeless, and those suffering from mental illness.

For some individuals these may be the only Christmas gifts which they may receive. **The trees will be available starting today, October 27** with gifts collected at any time in the church office

or on Sunday, December 1 during In-Gathering Sunday. The suggested value of each gift this year is \$40 to \$50 with gift cards in the amount of \$45.



*The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'* **Matthew 25:40**

## WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 46 and Matthew 11:28-30

**SERMON TITLE:** "Take it Slow"

### PREACHING SCHEDULE

November 3 ~ Pastor Ann

November 17 ~ Pastor Allison

December 1 ~ Pastor Allison

December 15 ~ Pastor Allison

November 10 ~ Pastor Allison

November 24 ~ Pastor Allison

December 8 ~ Pastor Allison

December 22 ~ Pastor Matt



## VIEWING OF ONLINE SERVICES

- Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)
- In the YouTube search bar, type "Highland Presbyterian Church"
- You should see a picture of Highland at the top of the search results; click it.
- Here, you will find all of our weekly services and devotionals by date, including our recent online services.
- Worship services are livestreamed here at 10 am on Sunday mornings so you can watch it as it happens.

## GIVING

- Mail your contributions to Highland Presbyterian church at 500 E. Roseville Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.
  - Go to our [www.highlandpc.org](http://www.highlandpc.org) and select the "Give Now" button in the upper right-hand corner. It will walk you through how to give using your credit or debit card.
  - Scan the QR code below and it will take you to the online giving on our website.
- If you have general questions, please contact the church office at 717-569-2651.



## PROGRAM STAFF

Rev. Allison Beaulieu, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Matt Drumheller, Associate Pastor for Missions & Discipleship  
Rev. Ken Osborne, Parish Associate  
Jonathan Lefever, Organist  
Jennifer Weitzel, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne, Pastor for Congregational Care  
Rev. Dr. Robert Burns, Parish Associate  
Dr. Paul Thorlakson, Music Director  
Sarah Hostetter, Director Of Youth Ministries

## PRAYER LIST

### *In Memory*

Family of Robert Coup  
Family of James Pressley  
Family of Patricia Smith

Family of Bill Mann  
Family of Eleanor Taylor

### *In Prayer*

Julie Bender  
Pete Faber  
Lois Hagedorn  
Marge Herrmann  
Cheryl Markle  
Shirley Offermann  
Fred & Shelley O'Neill (death of Charles O'Neill)  
Charlotte & Gene Rohrer (death of their daughter, Lynn)  
Ronna Swinehart (death of her sister, Barbara)  
Jeff Chisman (brother of Jen Winter)  
Doris Ramsdell (sister of Lee Heisey)  
John Ray (father of Trixi Ray)

Bill Ebel  
Linda Guimond  
Luther Heiser  
Gretchen Laubach  
Martha Matt  
Dorie Steinman

Our Nation  
Joyce Witmer

## PASTOR ON CALL

**Rev. Dr. Robert Burns**  
**October 28 ~ November 3**



If you or a family member is in the hospital and would like a visit from a pastor or hospital visitor please contact the church office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you, Mike Nolt!** Last week Mike Nolt informed us that he is leaving Highland Presbyterian Church. Mike has been our church administrator for a little over ten years. We appreciate his service to the church and wish him well in his next chapter! His last day in the office is October 31st.

THANK  
YOU

**Library News** ~ Come visit the Highland Church Library located just off the Narthex, outside the Sanctuary doors. The Library has inspirational fiction series as well as commentaries and different Bible translations. Come a few minutes early or stay after church to browse the shelves and take home a few books to enjoy.



**Poinsettias** ~ It is hard to believe it is that time of the year. Christmas is around the corner! One of the Deacon's many ministries provide the opportunity to order Poinsettias to donate for delivery to someone homebound, grieving or who is ill. You can also order a Poinsettia memory of a loved one or for your personal enjoyment. When you purchase Memorial Plants in memory of or in honor of a loved one their names will be printed in the bulletin. Poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 22 and Christmas Eve. Stop by the Deacon table in the Narthex **before or after Sunday services starting November 3 and continuing until December 1 to place your order. Plants are \$10 each.**

**From Your Stewardship Committee: The Pearl of Great Price.** One of the shortest of the parables of Jesus is: "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it." (Matthew 13: 45-46 (NKJV)). Your Stewardship Committee does not claim that Highland Church, pearl that it is, has no flaws. Nor do we ask you to sell all you have. But we do urge you to consider the value that this faith community has for you, and to let your pledge for 2025 reflect that value. Pledge cards are being sent, can be returned at any time, and will be dedicated in worship on November 17.

**Time of Prayer** ~ The election season is a stressful time, and we know that Election Day itself can be a source of great anxiety. We are called by God to pray without ceasing, and you may find yourself in need of an opportunity for prayer on November 5. You are invited to stop by the church between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm on Tuesday, November 5 for prayer in the Chapel. There will be several creative self-guided stations available. Church staff will also be periodically available for individual prayer.

Highland also serves as a polling place for our community, so we encourage you to enter the church through the office door to access the Chapel.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** is in communication with affected presbyteries and National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster) to share information and coordinate resources as damage is assessed. PDA has deployed a National Response Team to Tampa Bay Presbytery, Presbytery of Western North Carolina and Northeast Georgia Presbytery. They have approved several initial assistance grant requests and are anticipating additional requests from affected presbyteries to help respond to needs in their communities.

The impact of Helene has been felt across multiple states. With the storm surge, wind damage, and flooding, it is crucial to have the necessary resources to support the many communities that are affected. Helene caused devastating damage in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

As you are able, please consider contributing to the important work done by PDA. Your generous gifts will bring hope and encouragement. <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-helene/>



**Thursday, December 5 at 11 am.** Senior Ministry Christmas "Joy" Gathering  
**Thursday, December 19** All the women of Highland are invited to the annual Christmas Tea  
More details on both events will be forthcoming.

## MISSION & OUTREACH CORNER



Highland Children & Family Ministries continue to grow! We can use your help to make our classroom Spaces and gym activities more meaningful and age-appropriate. Check out our Amazon Wish list at <https://t.ly/HPCKidsWishList2425> to donate items and help our spaces become even more welcoming for children of all ages! Email [jenniferweitzel@highlandpc.org](mailto:jenniferweitzel@highlandpc.org) with questions. Thank you for your support of Children & Families at Highland!



### Upward Basketball and Cheer Registration begins October 1st.

Regular Rates from October 16<sup>th</sup> to November 20<sup>th</sup> - \$125/player.

Donations always welcome online at [HighlandPC.org](http://HighlandPC.org) or at our Registration Link

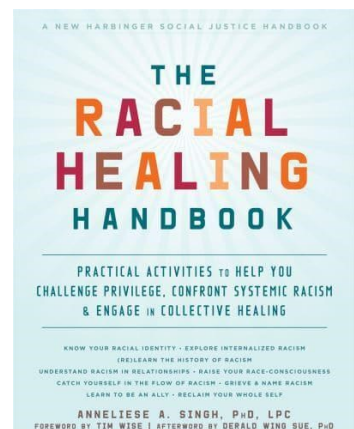
<https://registration.upward.org/UPW87439>.

#### BASKETBALL:

- Kindergarten: Our kindergarten season lasts 8 weeks and starts on January 25th. Players practice and play games at the same time on Saturday mornings at one of two different time slots.
- 1st through 4th graders: This age group's season lasts 10 weeks and start the week of January 6th. Players practice one hour at the same time each week and play one hour games on the weekends.

#### CHEER:

- This is a PILOT program, so please be kind and considerate as we work out the kinks of this program.
- CHEER UNIFORMS RUN SMALLER. Always best to order a size up to be on the safe side for these uniforms. Be sure to use the sizing chart in the online registration.
- Unless there is an overwhelming response, we will keep all ages together for this first season. This will be a great opportunity for older cheerleaders to take leadership roles.
- This program will last 8 weeks and will start the week of January 20th.



The Matthew 25 Committee would like to invite you to join a book discussion hosted by the Donegal Presbytery's Racial Justice Task Group. The discussion group – called Brave Spaces – will begin meeting this fall over Zoom to discuss the Racial Healing Handbook. If you would like to register or receive more information about this small group, please email Betty Angelini [bettyangelini529@gmail.com](mailto:bettyangelini529@gmail.com) or Ann Hatfield [ahatfield@westminsterpc.org](mailto:ahatfield@westminsterpc.org)



The Earth Care Committee is excited about the completed Green Master Plan and the many opportunities it presents for improvements around the Highland campus. In conjunction with the priorities laid out in the Plan – like cultivating native plants and improving stormwater management - we are encouraging church members to get involved with programs hosted by other organizations. Here are two upcoming educational seminars in which you might be interested!

Native Garden Design for Stormwater Management: Saturday, October 26 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in Lancaster.

Green Mulch – Using Native Plants as Groundcovers: Saturday, November 30 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in Lancaster.

The Earth Care Committee would like to cover the admission costs for church members to participate in these programs. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Matt at [mattdrumheller@highlandpc.org](mailto:mattdrumheller@highlandpc.org) to register.

