



# The Highland Heartbeat

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## Unto Us A Child is Born: Advent Sermon Series

In our Advent sermon series this year, we will be immersed in Isaiah 9:1-7 (particularly vs.6-7). This beloved passage is a prophecy of a coming king who will establish a kingdom of peace, justice, joy and righteousness. Isaiah tells us his name will be **“Wonderful Counselor-Mighty God-Everlasting Father-Prince of Peace.”** Each week of Advent, we will look at one of these titles as we make our way to the manger. Join us as we explore who this coming Savior will be so with the angels we can proclaim, “Glory to the newborn King!”



**Calling all Christmas Pageant Participants & Supporters!** We're planning to have a Christmas pageant for our family service on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. **We need actors, narrators, Black Light performers, ushers, children's hand bells, and behind the scenes helpers to make this a success. Children, youth, and adults are all encouraged to join us in the preparations. We need LOTS of people for various roles, so please SIGN UP TODAY and definitely before November 24th.**

Contact Jennifer Weitzel or Pastor Matt for more information. Sign up here: <https://t.ly/CE2024>



**Dedication Sunday** ~ During today's worship service we bring our pledge cards to the front of the Sanctuary, and place them in baskets to be dedicated to Highland's ministry and mission during 2025.

The baskets are a symbol of abundance. In Matthew's Gospel, we are told that when Jesus fed five thousand men (plus uncounted women and children) from five loaves and two fish, there were twelve baskets of leftovers (Matt. 14:16-21). In another account, four thousand men (plus women and children) were fed from seven loaves and a few small fish, and the leftovers filled seven baskets (Matt. 15: 33-39). Our blessings are abundant indeed, and it is fitting for us to use these baskets to return some of our abundance to the Lord. Together with our time and our talents, our monetary gifts help make this church's ministry thrive and grow.

Pledge cards are available for anyone who has left theirs at home or can be obtained by calling the church office. And pledges for 2025 will be gratefully received in weekly offering plates or at the church office after today.



## WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:** Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

**SERMON TITLE:** "He Paid It All"

### PREACHING SCHEDULE

November 24 ~ Pastor Allison

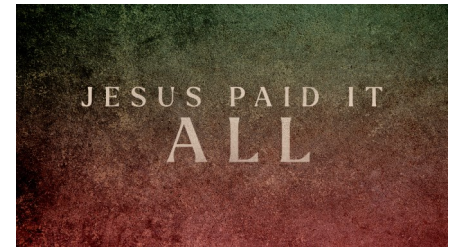
December 8 ~ Pastor Allison

December 22 ~ Pastor Matt

December 1 ~ Pastor Allison

December 15 ~ Pastor Allison

December 29 ~ Carol Sing



## 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

## PASTOR ON CALL

### *In Memory*

Family of William "Bill" Ebel  
Family of James Pressley  
Family of Patricia Smith

Family of Bill Mann  
Family of Eleanor Taylor  
Family of Beth Terry

**Rev. Dr. Robert Burns**  
**November 18-24**

### *In Prayer*

Julie Bender  
Pete Faber  
Lois Hagedorn  
Luther Heiser  
Gretchen Laubach  
Martha Matt  
Dorie Steinman  
Maggie Brightman (sister-in-law of the Gazdiak's)  
Fred & Sherry 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)  
Maya Thompson (great niece of Rita Pickles)

Peggy & Dean Erhart  
Linda Guimond  
Richard Hankel  
Marge Herrmann  
Cheryl Markle  
Shirley Offermann  
Joyce Witmer



**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

**Photos from past church events!** We have been cleaning up the archive room and found boxes of photos. Many have been saved for historical significance and there are some left for the taking. A shoebox will be at the Welcome Center to browse through from now until the end of the year. Stop by to take home some great memories.

**Highland Giving Tree** ~ The 2024 Highland Giving Tree will be collecting gifts for the Resurrection Chapel Church which is the Hispanic Presbyterian Church in Lancaster which operates out of Bethany Presbyterian Church on North West End Avenue. Pastor Maria conducts services in Spanish for her congregation which includes a number of low income families in Lancaster City. Her list includes toys, books and clothing for families who need assistance with Christmas gifts for their children. Please select a tag for these children and **return your gift on December 1, Ingathering Sunday.**



**Thursday, December 5 at 11 am ~ Senior Ministry Christmas "Joy" Gathering**  
**Sunday, December 15 at 4pm ~ Highland Chancel Choir and Orchestra in Gloria**  
**Thursday, December 19 at Noon ~ All the women of Highland are invited to the Annual Christmas Tea.** More details on the events will be forthcoming.



**News from the Presbytery of Donegal** ~ Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson, Stated Clerk has been called to a new position with the Board of Pensions to become the Director of Education, the Arc of Ministry. Michael has served in several roles within the Presbytery. If you would like to send a card or note to Michael please do so by sending them Attn: Christine Wells (Executive Administrative Assistant) to the Presbytery of Donegal Office, P.O. Box 10054, Lancaster, PA 17605. Emails are welcomed as well and can be sent to [christine@donegalpy.org](mailto:christine@donegalpy.org) they will be printed and given to Michael. **Their office asked you do so by December 6,** when they will present him with all your well wishes.



**Poinsettias** ~ One of the Deacon's many ministries provides the opportunity to order Poinsettias to donate for delivery to someone homebound, grieving or who is ill. You can also order a Poinsettia in 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 until December 1 to place your order. Plants are \$10 each.**



**The Women of Highland** are once again filling Christmas bags for Red Rose Manor with various toiletries, hard candy, etc. If you would like to donate anything, please place things in the wicker basket by the food cupboard. Especially needed are small pack of tissues, hard candy wrapped, pens, note pads, toothpaste 2 - 6 oz, mouthwash 2 oz, and toothbrushes. **We plan to fill the bags in early December.** Any questions? See Barb Droz



**Highland's Book Group** meets this Wednesday, November 20 at 1 p.m. in Room 208. The book discussion will be on "Apples Never Fall" by Liane Moriarty. **Join the discussion. Everyone is welcome!**

**Market Share** ~ As the holidays approach, remember to purchase your gift cards to cover your grocery expenses, holiday decorating or gift giving. Gift cards can be purchased to use at Weis, Giant or Oregon Dairy. Every card sold contributes a little bit to the mission pool to help us combat hunger. The next donation will be in December. With your card purchases, we can make it a generous one!

**Dorothy Rose Smith Concert Series ~ The Highland Choir and Orchestra in Gloria** ~ Presents its annual Christmas time concert on a Sunday afternoon in Christmastime. This year, their performance Features Vivaldi's Gloria and other traditional favorites for orchestra and chorus. Please join us in celebrating Christ's birth with song and string on Sunday, December 15 at 4pm here at Highland!



## MISSION & OUTREACH CORNER

**Kids Night Out** ~ Children ages 2 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to play games, eat snacks, and make Christmas gifts on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 - 5:30 pm (same time as youth group)**. Cost is \$10/child, \$25/family max. Friends of Highlanders are welcome to attend. RSVP with payment by Sunday, 12/8. There are fifty openings still available. Sign up with this link <https://t.ly/KidsNightOut2024> or QR code. See Jennifer Weitzel with questions.



**Kids Sunday School - Leaders Wanted for Winter ~ Spring 2025** ~ Children's Sunday School has been a blast this Fall! We have learned more about Jesus through art, science, videos, games, and other workshops. Can we "count you in" to help cultivate these meaningful moments of learning, loving, and growing by helping as a leader with children in the nursery through 5th grade? Pick up an availability form in the Narthex or at this link <https://t.ly/SS2025> to sign-up ASAP and before Sunday 12/8. Contact Jennifer Weitzel, [jenniferweitzel@highlandpc.org](mailto:jenniferweitzel@highlandpc.org), with any questions. Thanks!



**Ignite Update** ~ Ignite will be held in the sanctuary on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at its usual time, 9:30am. Please also note that there will be **NO Ignite** on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> (the Sunday after Thanksgiving) and Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> (the Sunday after Christmas).



**Youth Group News:** For all youth 6th grade-12th grade, our **Sunday night youth group time is now 4:00PM-5:30PM**. We will have a large snack instead of a sponsored meal. We are moving our times to reflect busy schedules of youth, and busy schedules in families where providing meals has become harder and harder, If you are not on our email list, please email Sarah Hostetter at [sarahhostetter@highlandpc.org](mailto:sarahhostetter@highlandpc.org) to be added.



**TODAY ~ Sunday, November 17th**  
**Giving Tree Service Event**  
Youth Giving Tree Service Event will kick off at **4pm today** starting at MOD Pizza off Fruitville Pike. We will break into groups then head over to Target to shop for a few giving tree families in groups. Please email Sarah at [sarahhostetter@highlandpc.org](mailto:sarahhostetter@highlandpc.org) for more details or if you plan to attend.



**Sunday, November 24th**  
**Highland Christmas Decorating** ~ Youth and families, we have been invited to participate in the annual church Christmas decoration on **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm**. Please join us for some wonderful festivities, laughter, and food and please bring your decorating eye!



**Saturday, December 7th- Refreshing Mountain Christmas Zipline** ~ Youth 6th-12th grade please join us on Saturday for a day of fun, fellowship and meaningful connection as we embark on an adventure they may challenge you, but also bring you a little closer to God's creation. We will be leaving the parking lot at 10:30am on Saturday to enjoy some team building activities, a few meals, a ropes course and the grand finale of zip lining under the Christmas lights. To sign-up please fill out this waiver: <https://go.theflybook.com/manage/OW023L#/lite>

