



# The Highland Heartbeat

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## Preparing for Advent

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!"**

**Sunday, December 1** ~ Sermon title ~ Wonderful Counselor

**Sunday, December 8** ~ Sermon title ~ Mighty God

**Sunday, December 15** ~ Sermon title ~ Everlasting Father

**Sunday, December 22** ~ Sermon title ~ Prince of Peace

**Tuesday, December 24** ~ **Christmas Eve Family Service—4:30PM**  
**Candlelight Christmas Service—8PM**

Join us in Fellowship Hall for inspiration and praise at IGNITE, an extended worship with our praise band at 9:30 AM ~ **December 8, 15 and 22 and then on each Sunday starting January 5**

**"How Does a Weary World Rejoice?" Advent Booklet.** In Advent of 2023, Pastor Allison preached a sermon series called, "How Does a Weary World Rejoice?" We have collected these sermons and put them into a devotional for those of you who may be interested in revisiting this sermon series. The series is based on the first few chapters of Luke. It explores the theme of weariness as the backdrop to Christ's birth. Christ was certainly born into a weary world-- a world that was waiting for joy-- a world in need of great hope. May this collection of sermons provide the joy and hope you need as you wait for the Christ Child and prepare your heart to welcome Him this Christmas. Copies of these booklets will be in the narthex starting the first Sunday in Advent, next Sunday, December 1, 2024.

## WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:** Revelation 1:4-8

**SERMON TITLE:**

**PREACHING SCHEDULE**

November 24 ~ Pastor Allison  
December 8 ~ Pastor Matt  
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 Thorlaxson, Music Director  
Sarah Hostetter, Director Of Youth Ministries

## PRAYER LIST

### *In Memory*

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

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

### *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

## PASTOR ON CALL

**Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne  
and Ken Osborne  
November 25-November 30**



**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

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



**Highland Giving Tree** ~ The 2024 Highland Giving Tree project is nearing completion. Please note that there are a number of gift certificate tags for our 15 agencies which still hang on remaining tree in the center of the Narthex.



Our shoppers are busy buying some of the individual gifts with funds donated by the congregation but your help with the remaining gift tags is needed. Please help to make the 2024 Giving Tree a success by taking one of the remaining tags. **Please also remember to return your gifts on In Gathering Sunday, December 1.**

**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

**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!



**JOY CHRISTMAS PARTY** ~ Sign-up today in the Narthex for the annual JOY CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The party will start at 11am-1pm on **Thursday, December 5th** with Bill Rhoads leading carol sing, and lunch provided by our own hospitality team. Registration is required for the party so that we will have sufficient food for everyone.



**It's better to give than to receive!** That's what the Reverse Advent Calendar is all about! **Starting on December 1st**, simply add the food item listed on the Reverse Advent Calendar to your grocery list. You may bring the food items each Sunday and put them in the collection boxes in the Narthex and in the office area or you can fill a box and bring it in on Christmas Eve. All food collected will be taken to the Lancaster Food Hub. The Lancaster Food Hub provides food, clothing, and outreach services to those deeply affected by poverty as well as the working poor. A handout which outlines the calendar can be found on the Kiosk next to the Heartbeats and on the round table in the Narthex. Any questions, please see Deb Peterson.

**On January 11 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, members of Highland's various mission committees** will gather for a mini-retreat. As we begin implementing our new strategic plan, it is important for us to consider how our mission work lives into our calling to "see, know, and love all God's people and the world God created." Anyone in the congregation who is interested in our mission work and would like to participate in this conversation is invited to attend. Please use this link <https://forms.gle/6iUQURAb3SVkLZQ68> to RSVP so that we can prepare for you!

**Poinsettias** ~ Stop by the Deacon table in the Narthex **before or after Sunday services until December 1 to place your order. Plants are \$10 each.**



**Senior Fellowship Breakfast** Join us **Thursday, December 5** at Oregon Dairy starting at **9 am** for a time of sharing and caring while we eat! We meet in a small room off the main dining area set aside for us. Breakfast is pay for what you order and comes with a free donut and glass of milk. Get to know your fellow mature HPC members better. Bring stories to tell and concerns to share. Please contact the church office with any questions.



## MISSION & OUTREACH CORNER

**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 shoe-box 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.



**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 5<sup>th</sup> grade? Pick up an availability form in the Narthex or at this link



**Youth Group News:** For all youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade-12<sup>th</sup> 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



**Note from the office:** The church office and building will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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



**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).



**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>- Refreshing Mountain Christmas Zipline** ~ Youth 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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>