



The Highland Heartbeat

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

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The Highland Quilters are having a sale on two Sundays in Advent, December 8 and 15. On the 15th, the sale will be extended to the afternoon at the DRS Christmas concert. The Quilters create big quilts, little quilts and everything in between. Their work will be on display and for sale on those two Sunday mornings. The sale will be held before and after the church service. All proceeds will be donated to various Nonprofits that support women and children.



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!



Choosing **Compassion** Over Apathy • **Kindness** Over Resentment • **Love** Over Hatred • **Welcome** Over Judgment • **Unity** Over Uniformity

WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:2-7

SERMON TITLE: "Wonderful Counselor"

PREACHING SCHEDULE

December 8 ~ Pastor Matt

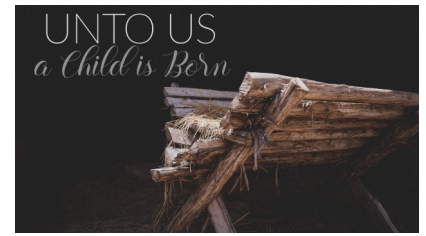
December 22 ~ Pastor Matt

December 15 ~ Pastor Allison

December 29 ~ Carol Sing

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

Candlelight Christmas Service—8PM



VIEWING OF ONLINE SERVICES

- Go to 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 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 Julie Bender
Family of Beth Terry

Family of William "Bill" Ebel

In Prayer

Peggy & Dean Erhart
Pete Faber
Lois Hagedorn
Carolyn Harris
Jane Hartin
Gretchen Laubach
Shirley Offermann
Dorie Steinman
Doris Ramsdell (sister of Lee Heisey)

Emma Fralley
Linda Guimond
Richard Hankel
Luther Heiser
Marge Herrmann
Martha Matt
Joyce Witmer

PASTOR ON CALL

Rev. Matt Drumheller
December 2—December 8



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 24th 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>



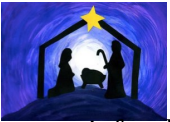
The Women of Highland are once again filling Christmas bags for Red Rose Manor with various toiletries, hard candy, etc. If you would like to donate anything, please place things in the wicker basket by the food cupboard. Especially needed are small pack of tissues, hard candy wrapped, pens, note pads,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

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. Donation baskets will be provided to cover the expenses of the meal. **Last day to sign-up is TODAY.**



Annual Christmas Tea ~ All the women of Highland are invited to the annual Christmas Tea on Friday, December 19 at 11:45, with entertainment at 12:00 and then the tea will be served. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Please sign up in the Narthex on Dec 1 or Dec 8 or call the office.

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 today, December 1.



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

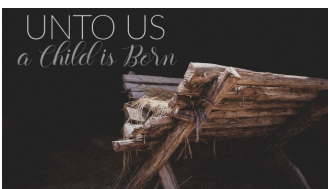
Sunday, December 8 ~ Sermon title ~ Mighty God

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**

Poinsettias ~ **Today is the last day to order. Stop by** the Deacon table in the Narthex **before or after Sunday services to place your order. Plants are \$10 each.**



Ignite Update ~ Ignite will be held in the sanctuary on Dec. 22nd at its usual time, 9:30am. Please also note that there will be **NO Ignite** today or Dec. 29th (the Sunday after Christmas).



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 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.

Kids Night Out ~ Children ages 2 through 5th grade are invited to play games, eat snacks, and make Christmas gifts on **Sunday, December 15th 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, with any questions. Thanks!



It's better to give than to receive! That's what the **Reverse Advent Calendar** is all about! **Starting today 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.

Each day add an item to a box. On Christmas Eve bring contents to the church to be delivered to the Lancaster County Food Hub.

- December 1 ~ box of cereal
- December 2 ~ jar of peanut butter
- December 3 ~ 64 oz. 100% juice (no grapefruit)
- December 4 ~ macaroni & cheese
- December 5 ~ canned fruit (in juice or light syrup)
- December 6 ~ canned tomatoes
- December 7 ~ canned tuna
- December 8 ~ jar of applesauce
- December 9 ~ canned beans
- December 10 ~ package of rice (white or brown)
- December 11 ~ ravioli or SpaghettiO's (pull-tab can)
- December 12 ~ canned fruit, individual servings or pull tab cans
- December 13 ~ spaghetti sauce
- December 14 ~ meat helpers (hamburger helper, rice sides, & taco kits)
- December 15 ~ package of oatmeal
- December 16 ~ canned corn
- December 17 ~ canned mixed vegetables
- December 18 ~ package pasta
- December 20 ~ beef stew (pull-tab can)
- December 21 ~ canned soup (low salt)
- December 22 ~ tuna/chicken, pouches
- December 23 ~ boxed potatoes
- December 24 ~ box of crackers

