

The Highland Heartbeat

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

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Holiday happenings at Highland

This past week many HPC members and friends gathered for the Annual Christmas Gathering. Pastor Ann organized the Senior Ministry gathering with Bill Rhoads leading us in song and Linda Brackbill and her volunteers served a delicious lunch. Thank you to all who attended and to those who volunteered their time and talents! *Merry Christmas!*



WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

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

SERMON TITLE: "Mighty God"

PREACHING SCHEDULE

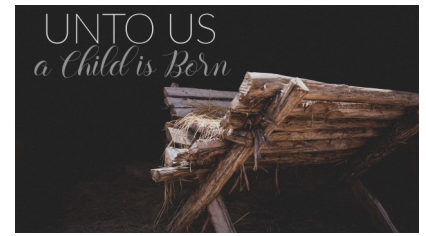
December 15 ~ Pastor Allison

December 22 ~ Pastor Matt

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

Candlelight Christmas Service—8PM

December 29 ~ Carol Sing



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
Linda Guimond
Richard Hankel
Luther Heiser
Marge Herrmann
Martha Matt
Joyce Witmer
Doris Ramsdell (sister of Lee Heisey)
Maya Thompson (great niece of Rita Pickles)

Emma Fralley
Faye Gemmill
Lois Hagedorn
Carolyn Harris
Jane Hartin
Gretchen Lauback
Shirley Offermann
Dorie Steinman

PASTOR ON CALL

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne
December 9—December 15



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

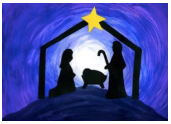
Quilters Sale Today! Did you see the Quilters' Sale table in the narthex? There are lots of handmade items! There are little stocking stuffers, hostess gifts, table runners, wall hangings, baby quilts and more. Everything is handmade and beautiful! The sale is being held today and next Sunday. All your purchases will benefit a variety of non-profits that support women and children. The quilters not only give money to the Lancaster Community, but also nationally and internationally. Shop today and next Sunday and thank you!



Reverse Advent Calendar ~ Beans, rice, SpaghettiO's and fruit ~ all food staples listed on this week's Reverse Advent Calendar. Remember to add these items to your shopping list and bring to church next Sunday. Collection boxes are located in the narthex and the office. All foods collected will be taken to the Lancaster Food Hub. Thank you for participating and helping others. Additional copies of the Calendar are available in the narthex or office. Any questions, please see Deb Peterson or call the church office 717-569-2651.

Annual Christmas Tea ~ All the women of Highland are invited to the annual Christmas Tea on **Thursday, 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 TODAY or call the church 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 can be found in the Narthex.



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 to take place in Fellowship Hall.**

Candlelight Christmas Service—8PM to take place in the Sanctuary.

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

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!

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 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.



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>

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!



Women's Bible Study ~ Starting on **Thursday, January 16 at 7:00 in room 208**, we will begin our 7-week winter study. We will dig into the Old Testament and learn about Hosea, a study by Jennifer Rothschild (who is blind). You'll be guided to understand, but more to apply the message of the prophet of love. The weekly videos are about a half hour. The workbooks cost is \$22. Interested? See Barb Droz or call the church office.

News from our library - Once again, through Advent, we are preparing to receive the Christ child. The round table in the library, is filled with a collection of Christmas stories to enhance the season. Please feel free to borrow one or more for your enjoyment. There are a few that have no cards in the back of the book. It's no problem - they are also available to borrow. On the oblong table, as well on the bottom shelves of the fiction section, are many puzzles from which to choose. Enjoy both now and throughout the cold winter months!

Where are Mary and Joseph? As you pass our nativity scene in the Narthex, you may wonder where Mary, Joseph, Jesus and the three Wise Men are? In the spirit of Advent, we are awaiting their arrival in Bethlehem. Look for them around the Narthex. Mary and Joseph are slowly making their way south from Nazareth with an overlooking Angel. The three Wise Men are on their way to Bethlehem from the east and also have an Angel looking out for them. Each Sunday they will get a little closer and finally arrive on Christmas Eve. Track their progress.



Picture below (center) shows members of our Youth & Family Ministry taking part in a shopping trip to benefit the giving tree.

