



The Highland Heartbeat

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

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Holiday Happenings at Highland



Dorothy Rose Smith Concert Series presents their performance featuring Vivaldi's Gloria and other traditional favorites for orchestra and chorus. Will be presented **today, December 15 at 4 pm**. Please join us in celebrating Christ's birth with song and strings.

Children
& Family
Ministries
caroling
at Long
Home



WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 and Luke 1:26-38

SERMON TITLE: "Everlasting Father:

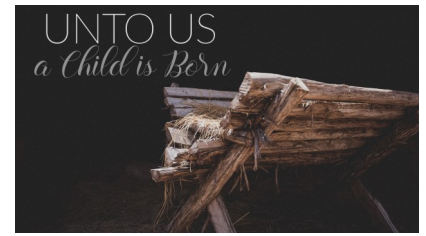
PREACHING SCHEDULE

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. Ken Osborne
December 16—December 22



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

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 at 717-569-2651.



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!

Reverse Advent Calendar ~ **Over halfway there!** Looking forward to completing our Reverse Advent Calendar! In the midst of all the hustle and bustle of Christmas, remember to continue shopping for those who face food insecurity in our community. Feel free to complete the calendar and bring in the remaining food items next Sunday or on Christmas Eve. Food collection boxes are in the narthex and in the office. Thank you for supporting the Lancaster Food Hub with your generous donations!

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. Today is the last day to sign-up. Please sign up in the Narthex TODAY or call the church office. 717-569-2651.



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 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 ~ **Today and December 22 and then on each Sunday starting January 5**

Today is the Last Day of the Quilters Sale! Don't forget to stop at the Quilters' Sale table this morning. There are still many beautiful items to choose from. Have you sometimes envied the baptismal babies that receive a special handmade quilt? Today you could choose one for your little one, your grandchild or great niece or nephew. They are one of a kind and are sure to be treasured. Choose a larger quilt that you can wrap yourself in on a cold winter evening. Choose a little something to pop in someone's stocking. Not only will your gift please someone, but your purchase will help women and children in need. Shop today and this afternoon at the DRS Christmas Concert and Thank you!



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.

Are you **missing a long camel winter J-Crew coat** ~ We believe someone took home the wrong coat last Sunday. If this could be you, please contact the office at 717-569-2651 to exchange coats. Thank you!"



MISSION & OUTREACH CORNER

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. Contact Jennifer Weitzel, jenniferweitzel@highlandpc.org, with any questions. Thanks!



Childcare Schedule for Advent and Christmas

- Sunday, December 22; 10:00 am- Nursery and Sunday School provided at 10:00 am (normal schedule)
- Tuesday, December 24; 4:30pm service - No childcare provided. All ages welcome!
- Tuesday, December 24; 8:00 pm service - No childcare provided. Chapel will be open with livestream of service for children who need space to move and talk. Activity bags available in the Narthex.
- Sunday, December 29; 10:00 am - No childcare provided. Activity bags available in the Narthex.
- Sunday, January 5; 10:00 am - Nursery and Sunday School provided at 10:00 am (normal schedule)

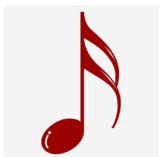
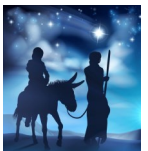


Giving Tree Recipient Healthy Beginnings Clinic ~ excerpt from letter from Carrie, Licensed Social Worker, Penn Medicine, LGH. Ginny and company, Thank you once again for the continued years of generosity Highland Presbyterian has provided to our families in need. This day when your group comes in bearing the gifts of baby items is one of my favorite times of the year as it always restores my belief that there is still so much good in this world and that people will come together to help their community! The layettes go out to many families that simply have no support or persons to help them with basic baby supplies and so we are grateful to be able to continue this benefit to our most vulnerable.

Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra would like to sincerely thank Highland Presbyterian Church and the generosity of the wonderful audience we had on the evening of November 10th for our Veterans Day Wounded Warrior Benefit Concert with America's Sweethearts. Although the weather forecast damped the turnout a little bit, the fundraiser was a success, and we exceeded our \$1,500.00 goal by \$4. The per capita donation this year was higher than any of our previous Veterans Day Concerts. We are blessed to have Highland as our home, and for the support we receive from the congregation.

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.

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



Additional photo of ~ Children & Family Ministries caroling at Long Home