



# The Highland Heartbeat

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**Wishing you a Merry Christmas and A Joyous New Year**

## Dear Highland Presbyterian Church,

We've been waiting for a Savior...a Savior who is called, "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace." And now as our time of waiting draws to a close, we hear the angelic choir proclaiming the good news of our Savior's birth. This message changes the world. Indeed, as I will say in my Christmas Eve sermon, "it changes everything." The love of God has come to us in Jesus Christ who is Emmanuel, "God with us." Praise be to God! On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year. May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Always in Christ, *Pastor Allison*



## WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 9:2

**SERMON TITLE:** "Prince of Peace"

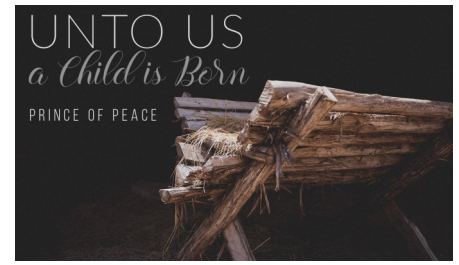
### PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

**Candlelight Christmas Service—8PM**

December 29 ~ Carol Sing

January 5 ~ Pastor Allison



## 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 Albert Price

Family of Dolores Hackenberger

### *In Prayer*

Peggy & Dean Erhart  
Pete Faber  
Linda Guimond  
Richard Hankel  
Luther Heiser  
Marge Herrmann  
Alice Lehmann  
Shirley Offermann  
Joyce Witmer  
Doris Ramsdell (sister of Lee Heisey)  
Maya Thompson (great niece of Rita Pickles)  
Vivian & Art Westman

Emma Fralley  
Faye Gemmill  
Lois Hagedorn  
Carolyn Harris  
Jane Hartin  
Gretchen Laubach  
Martha Matt  
Dorie Steinman

**Rev. Dr. Bob Burns**  
**December 23—December 29**



**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.**

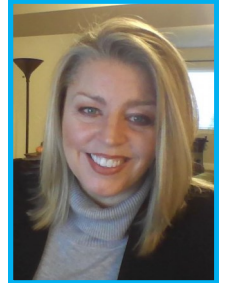
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christmas Eve Schedule ~ 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. Poinsettia Reminder from the Deacons ~ following the Christmas Eve Worship services please remember to pick up your purchased poinsettia**



Join us in Fellowship Hall for inspiration and praise at IGNITE, an extended worship with our praise band at 9:30 AM ~ **Today December 22 we will be in the Sanctuary and then back in Fellowship Hall on Sunday January 5.**

**Welcome Candace Reiner as our Church Administrator** ~ Originally from Western PA, I relocated to Lancaster, PA, 24 years ago after meeting my husband, William, in college. Born and raised in Lancaster, William introduced me to this wonderful community, where we've built a life we cherish, surrounded by friends and family. Professionally, I have developed a fulfilling career focused on office coordination, team collaboration, and contributing to organizational success. As a fast learner and dedicated professional, I am passionate about fostering efficient, positive work environments, supporting my team in achieving our Goals, and contributing to overall growth.



**A recent visitor to Highland?** A get-together for recent visitors will be held after the worship service on **Sunday, January 12** in the McClintock Chapel. This will offer an opportunity for you to interact with staff members and each other, learn more about the overall scope of Highland's ministry, and get answers to some questions that you might have. We look forward to seeing you then. For further information, please contact the church office or stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

**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!

**Offering Envelopes Now Available** ~ Offering envelopes for 2025 are now available at a table in the Narthex. You can help Highland save on postage costs by picking up your envelope package there. If you prefer to have your envelopes mailed to you, please call the office. Your Stewardship Committee thanks you for your faithful and regular.

**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.



**Office update** ~ Please note that the church office & building will be closed on following days in observance of Christmas & New Years' Wednesday, December 25, Thursday, December 26 and Wednesday, January 1.

**Inclement Weather** ~ Winter days are upon us, a reminder that Highland follows the Manheim Township School District regarding delays and closings. Should the school be closed we will be closed. Should the district move to a remote learning day or a "fid" day (flexible instruction day) we will be closed. If there is a delayed opening by the district please call the church office before venturing out.

**HiLites** ~ Held their annual Christmas Gathering with a progressive dinner last Saturday. A group of 40 Highlanders are seen here participating in the Christmas Ornament exchange.



# 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](mailto: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)

**Reverse Advent Calendar** ~ Did you remember to bring in the last items on the food calendar? Beef stew, soup, tuna/chicken pouches, boxed potatoes and crackers. We will continue collecting food donations at both Christmas Eve Services. **THANK YOU** for all the food you brought in during Advent. You have brought light and nourishment to many in Lancaster County.



**Working Adults Lunches for Winter/Spring 2025** ~ If you work from home or have a flexible schedule, join us at any of our upcoming lunch meet-ups where we eat, chat, and enjoy our lunch break together. Pay on your own. Email [jenniferweitzel@highlandpc.org](mailto:jenniferweitzel@highlandpc.org) to let us know if you can make it each month (not required, but helpful).



Clyde Weaver's	Wednesday	1/15/25	12:00 PM
Two Cousin's Pizza,	Thursday	2/20/25	12:00 PM
Ramarn Thai	Wednesday	3/19/25	12:00 PM
Shake Shack	Wednesday	4/16/25	12:00 PM
Tequila Mexican Grille	Wednesday	5/21/25	12:00 PM

**Romina and Brian's Wedding** On January 11th, Highland members Romina Fano-Barbieri and Brian Summersgill will be getting married in the sanctuary. They would like to invite their Highland family to join them for their special day! Consider yourself invited to the wedding ceremony of Romina and Brian at 4pm, Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup> at Highland. No need to RSVP. If you would like to know more about this beautiful couple's story or to access their registry, go to [theknot.com/thesummersgills](http://theknot.com/thesummersgills)



**Gift bags for Red Rose Assisted Living** ~ The women of Highland want to thank everyone for donating various personal products and candy for the Christmas Gift bags for Red Rose Assisted Living. Approximately 30 bags were delivered this past week, full to the brim with your donations. We made their day brighter! Thank you!



# Welcome to the world

Theodore Jacob Caprino, son of Mike and Katie Caprino, born on November 8, 2024. Congratulations & Blessings to all!

