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HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Love God, Love Our Neighbors, Share God's Hope

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Rev. Raymond R. Meute, Jr., Pastor
Rev. Dr. William J. Netting, Pastor Emeritus

February 22, 2026

10:00 AM

Order of Worship
First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026

***The Family of Believers Comes Together
Responding to Christ's Call***

A Word of Encouragement

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"You are special."
Mr. Rogers

Prelude

Ringling of Church Bell

Life in the Church
The Church in Action

Lighting of the Christ Candle – *from Joel 2:12*

The Christ candle serves to remind us what the prophet Joel wrote, "*Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart.*" May this lenten season encourage us to return to God.

Call to Worship (Responsively) – – *inspired by Psalm 32*

The steadfast love of God surrounds us always — even in the wilderness!

Thanks be to God! Let us be glad and worship!

*** Hymn** “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Hymnal #275

***Call to Confession**

In a time of testing, let us pause to examine our own hearts, looking for how we have failed to live up to that which God has commanded.

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Merciful God, you know all about our troubles. Your Son was tested in the wilderness, tempted by the powers and principalities of the age. We confess how easily and often we give in to them. Yet you continue to forgive us, reminding us there is nothing we can do to lose your love. Holy God, turn us from the evil powers in high places, that we may return to you and the path to which you have called us. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Amen.

***Assurance of God’s Forgiveness**

Hear and receive the good news: In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven! Know this and be at peace. **Amen.**

***Congregational Response** “Gloria Patri”

Hymnal #581

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Invitation to the Offering

Friends, join each other today in giving, according to the generous instincts placed inside of us by Creator.

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Take these, our gifts, as we offer them today, O God. Use them for your glory and kin-dom's expansion. May these gifts go toward freeing the captives, feeding the hungry, comforting the lonely, and healing the world. As Christ's body, use us too, in service to repairing the breached, broken places in our community. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** "Be Still, My Soul"

Hymnal #819

Parting Greeting

--Tuesday, 7:30 PM **Choir Rehearsal** in sanctuary (note Tuesday).

--Wednesday, 5:30 – 7:00 PM **Wednesday Lenten Dinner Church** at First Presbyterian Church, Bel Air. Theme: “*Tell Me Something Good*” based on the parables of Jesus.

Benediction

Choral Benediction “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Postlude

Thank you – to Corbin Hardy and Craig DeRan for serving as our Worship assistants this morning. Also, thank you to Nancy Jones, Organist; Ian Fallon, Pianist; and Stacey Scarff, Director of Music, for the wonderful music today – all of our Worship is to the Glory of God!

Highland Happenings

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, March 5, 6 pm Pub Theology
- Saturday, March 14, 9a-11a Threads of Hope Shopping Day
- Saturday, March 14th Spaghetti Dinner

Mason Dixon Food Bank

Mason Dixon Community Services is requesting canned meats such as Spam and Vienna sausages. Please help us to help our neighbors in this time of need. Please place your donations in the basket in the narthex.

Pastoral Study Hours

Monday through Wednesday, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, with exceptions. It is always best to make an appointment.

****National Suicide Prevention Hotline –
1-800-273-8255** or Dial 988
Please reach out if you or someone you know needs help.**

Prayer List

+Denotes New Addition

THANKSGIVING FOR:

Confirmation Students

INTERCESSIONS FOR:

+Family of Chip Heaps (Susan Summerfield)
+John Philip Wilson (Lucy Holland)
+Tisha, Ben and Benjamin Cox (Adrienne DeRan)
Jimmy Galbreath (Nancy Jones)
Nettie Fisher (Jean Bullen)
Betsy McElwain (Pete McCallum)
The Guthrie Family (Pete McCallum)
Roberta Dominguez (Adrienne DeRan)
Family of Valerie Wilson Keck (Mary Beverly Gallagher)
Scott Hammond (Craig DeRan)
Family of Ted Weeks (Claudia Scarborough)
the Linda Caldwell Family (Koren Buehler)
the John Kramer Family (Nancy Jones)
Judy Taylor (Steve Taylor)

LONG-TERM PRAYERS NEEDED:

Art Noble (Donna Noble)
Carole DeRan (Craig DeRan)
Donald Jones (Dave Derickson)
Helene Mackey (Pastor Ray)
Bill Netting (Dave Thompson)
Jeanie Rainey (Donna Noble)
Jenny Smith (Kim Goode)
Jean Bullen (Pastor Ray)
Debbie and Family (Kathy Watson)
Jim Lawrence (Debbie Mezzatesta)
Grace Christman
Tommy Amrein (Eley Welkner)
Mike Mills (Wilson)
Molly & Sisters (Rose)
Margaret (Elaine & Sandy)
Michael Yarrington (Amos family)
Paul (Ian Fallon)
Gail Hartman (Lucy Hollens)
Frank Thayer (Dolly)
Sam Jones (Sarah DeBaugh)

Heidi and Stu Richardson
Ruth Noble (mother-in-law of Donna Noble)
Dorothy Shahan (Julie-Anna Flaherty)
Tom Bulleit (Eley Welkner)
Joy Merryman (Nancy Jones)

MINISTRIES AND MISSIONS:

Baltimore-Dakota Partnership Mission
All people & their loved ones suffering from addictions and outcomes
Presbytery of Baltimore
Susquehanna Parish – Fallston Presbyterian
All Leadership, HPC Legacy Bldg. Team
Local Mission – FCCAU Homeless Shelter

OUR MILITARY:

Peter Barndt, USN
Cathy Durand Cantu, USCG
Ryan Richardson, USNR

COMMUNITY, NATION & WORLD:

Healthcare workers
Children, elderly, and disabled people without S.N.A.P. support
Justice and the rule of law
Families suffering from loss of federal and medical assistance
Safety in Minneapolis & thanks for their demonstration of neighbor love
Economic uncertainty
Truth to guide all world, national & local events
Peace & restraint in Middle East conflicts
Peaceful & just end to Russian invasion of Ukraine
Immigrants and US citizens being deported and families being separated
Comfort to those living in fear
World Council of Church Prayer Cycle: France, Germany and Monaco