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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

March 8, 2026

10:00 AM

Order of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

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

A Word of Encouragement

“Get your mind so eager, so zestful, so filled with interests that you just cannot be tired.”

The Power of Positive Thinking, Norman Vincent Peale

Prelude

Ringling of Church Bell

Life in the Church

The Church in Action

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light the Christ candle today in honor of our Lord and Savior who showed us God's will and way. Shine in us forever!

Call to Worship (Responsively)

We are looking for paradise here on Earth.

We are searching for a love that lasts.

This is the gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Message “Spring of Water”

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) – *Excerpted from The Confession of 1967*

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

Invitation to the Offering

From the dust of the earth, God made our mortal bodies, and with God’s breath, life was instilled in us. There is nothing that we have that is not a gift from God. Remembering all of God’s manifold blessings, let us worship by offering our lives to the Lord.

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, from abundance upon abundance, you have said that we may freely take and freely share. As we return to you what is already your own, we ask that you bless these gifts and multiply them. May we, in turn, be blessed, as we see your reign unfolding before us, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” Hymnal #81

Parting Greeting

--Tuesday, 6:30 PM **Deacons** in Library; 7:30 PM **Choir Rehearsal** in sanctuary (note Tuesday).

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

--Thursday, 10:00 AM **Gathering of the Presbytery of Baltimore** (Zoom only). 7:00 PM **Nominating Committee** (Zoom)

--Saturday, March 14, 1:00 PM Memorial Service for **Valerie Plunkett Wilson Keck** in the Highland sanctuary; **Sphaghetti Dinner** from 5 to 7 PM in Netting Hall. Fundraiser for Ihanktonwan Learning Camp including Silent Auction.

Benediction

Choral Benediction “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Postlude

Thank you – to Jacob Fallon and Ian Fallon 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

Saturday, March 14th:

- Memorial Service for Valerie Plunkett Wilson Keck, 1 PM (upstairs)
- Spaghetti Dinner, 5 to 7 PM (downstairs)

Mason Dixon Food Bank

Mason Dixon Community Services is requesting pasta, pasta sauce, and canned food items. 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.

Volunteers Needed

Greeters/Coffee Hour – please sign up at the table near the coffee area if you would like to be a greeter before church or if you would like to provide snacks and coffee after church.

Sanctuary Flowers – please sign up on the board outside the sanctuary if you would like to provide flowers.

****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:

Highland Children & Youth

INTERCESSIONS FOR:

+Families of those killed in Iran War

+Brady Lim and Aaron Macy (US Air Force)
(Dotty Macy)

+Susan Heaps Burcham (Rachel Ayres)
Lorri Norris (Pastor Ray)

Dorothy Shahan Family (JulieAnna Flaherty)

Claudia Scarborough (Wilson Tharpe)

Family of Chip Heaps (Susan Summerfield)

Tisha, Ben and Benjamin Cox (Adrienne DeRan)

Nettie Fisher (Jean Bullen)

The Guthrie Family (Pete McCallum)

Roberta Dominguez (Adrienne DeRan)

Family of Valerie Wilson Keck (Mary Beverly
Gallagher)

Scott Hammond (Craig DeRan)

Judy Taylor (Steve Taylor)

LONG-TERM PRAYERS NEEDED:

Jimmy Galbreath (Nancy Jones)

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)

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 – Good Shepherd

Presbyterian

All Leadership, HPC Legacy Bldg. Team

Local Mission – Susquehanna Habitat for
Humanity

OUR MILITARY:

Cathy Durand Cantu, USCG

Ryan Richardson, USNR

COMMUNITY, NATION & WORLD:

End to the War in the Middle East

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

Economic uncertainty

Truth to guide all world, national & local events

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: Ireland,

United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland,

Scotland, Wales