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HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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March 22, 2026

10:00 AM

Order of Worship
Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026

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

A Word of Encouragement

"I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live..."

Ezekiel 37:14

Prelude

Ringling of Church Bell

Life in the Church

The Church in Action

Lighting of the Christ Candle – based on Psalm 130

O Highland, hope in the Lord. For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and great power to redeem. We light the Christ candle, in worship of our Lord and Savior.

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Day after day, an abundance of God's love,

Morning by morning, new signs of blessing:

A gentle rain, an awesome sunset,

A friend's embrace, a child's smile,

A new insight, a sense of peace,

A shared meal, a treasured moment.

All around us and deep within us are signs of God's presence.

How can we not sing of God's faithfulness?

* **Hymn** "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" Hymnal #250

***Call to Confession**

Psalm 130 reminds us that our God is loving and merciful. Let us come before God now, together and then privately and silently, to confession our sin.

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

God, we are a busy people. We become preoccupied with the demands of work, our relationships, and our communities. We tend to focus on our own needs and fail to see the needs of those around us. We do that which we should not and fail to do that which we should. We ask for your forgiveness and for your guidance in following the path you have set before us. Hear us now as we humbly come before you silently and privately to confess our sin.

Gospel Reading

John 11: 1-45 (selected)

P. 104

This is the gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

“To Wake Up”

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) – *The Apostle’s Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

As the well-known hymn says, “*Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe.*” Everything we have, we owe to the grace of God. Therefore, it is only right that we return a portion of those gifts to God, whether it be financial, our skills and talents, or our relationships. Let us take this moment to give these gifts to God.

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, we offer these gifts to you, fruits of our labors and a token of our appreciation for everything that you have done for us and given to us. We pray that you guide their use for the welfare of your people. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

“To God Be the Glory”

Hymnal #634

Parting Greeting

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

--Wednesday, 5:30 – 7:00 PM This week's **Wednesday Lenten**

Dinner Church is at Fallston Presbyterian Church. Theme: “*Tell Me Something Good*” based on the parables of Jesus.

--Thursday, 8:30 AM Mason-Dixon Community Service Centers, Inc.

Board of Directors meeting at Highland Presbyterian Church.

Benediction

Choral Benediction

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

Postlude

Thank you – to Charlie Buehler and Edgar Narciso 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

Mason Dixon Food Bank

Mason Dixon Community Services is requesting pasta sauce and dishwashing liquid 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:

N.H.H.S. Music Trip to Disney World

INTERCESSIONS FOR:

+Family of Donald Jones (Pastor Ray)
+Jennifer Lilly (Becky Gray)
+Madelyn Bedsaul (Susan Summerfield)
+Susan Summerfield (Carolyn McCallum)
Bradley Snee (Ryan Richardson)
Sedler Family in death of Ralph Weber (Stacey Scarff)
Families of those killed in Iran War
Susan Heaps Burcham (Rachel Ayres)
Nettie Fisher (Jean Bullen)
Judy Taylor (Steve Taylor)

LONG-TERM PRAYERS NEEDED:

Jimmy Galbreath (Nancy Jones)
Art Noble (Donna Noble)
Carole DeRan (Craig DeRan)
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 – Day Shelter – New Hope Community Church

OUR MILITARY:

Cathy Durand Cantu, USCG
Ryan Richardson, USNR
Bradley Lim and Aaron Macy, USAF

COMMUNITY, NATION & WORLD:

The killing of 175 girls at Iran school by US missile
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: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania