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## **HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Sharing Christ's Love and Growing Disciples*

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Rev. Raymond R. Meute, Jr., Pastor

**June 1, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

*Order of Worship*

*Youth Sunday*

*June 1, 2025*

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

A Word of Encouragement

*“The child is the beauty of God present in the world, that greatest gift to a family.”*

— *Mother Teresa*

**Prelude**

“Sonatina in C Major, Op. 36 No. 1” Clementi  
Lucy Barndt

**Ring of Church Bell**

**Life in the Church**

**The Church in Action**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** *(based on Revelation 22: 17)*

Daisy Hardy

The Christ candle burns with the message “Come. Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.”

**\* Call to Worship** (Responsively) *(based on Psalm 97)*

Paul Forrest Crowl

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice!

**We tremble at God's awesome works!**

The heavens proclaim God's righteousness!

**The Lord is our guard and protector!**

Light dawns and joy fills our hearts!

**Rejoice in the Lord and give thanks!**

**\* Song**      "Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah"

*(Please stand when your side of the church is singing and sit when the other side is singing.)*

Left side: Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!

Right side: Praise ye the Lord!

Left side: Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!

Right side: Praise ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord!

Left side: Hallelujah!

Right side: Praise ye the Lord!

Left side: Hallelujah!

Right side: Praise ye the Lord!

Left side: Hallelujah!

All: Praise ye the Lord!

**\*Invitation to Confession**

David Lijoi

We worry if we confess what rests heavily on our hearts, we will be judged and condemned. Yet God desires we come close and open ourselves to the possibility of transformation and grace. When we confess our sin, we acknowledge God's love for us and Christ's prayer for us, opening ourselves to forgiveness and new life. Trusting in this love, let us confess our sins.

## **\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Merciful God, you desire that the world might see your light shine through us. Yet we confess we are often too blinded by the glittering temptations of this world. We turn from your way, hurting the very ones we were called to serve, in our action and our inaction. We grow frustrated with each other, seeking to silence anything besides our own desires. We fail to see your righteousness and champion greed and discord in the name of power and popularity. Forgive us. Melt us and mold us into more faithful disciples, seeking your light, reflecting your mercy, and sharing your grace. Amen.**

## **\*Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

David Lijoi

Friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ alone, prays for us. Christ reaches out with endless love and mercy. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made ready to love and serve. Alleluia. Amen.

**\*Congregational Response      "Gloria Patri"      Hymnal #581**

## **\*Song**

**"Jesus Loves Me"**

Verse 1: Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.

Chorus: Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Verse 2: Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago,

Taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to me."

Chorus

Verse 3: Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,

Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Chorus

## **Old Testament Reading**

David Lijoi

Lamentations 3: 22-24, 31-33

P. 766

## **Anthem**      “Every Morning Is Easter Morning”

Avery and Marsh

Soloists: Braylen Gray, Garrett Scarff, and Savannah Thompson

## **Sunday School Recognition**

Becky Gray

## **New Testament Reading**

Lucy Barndt

Romans 6: 1-11

P. 156

## **Skit**

“Every Day is Easter Day”

## **Invitation to the Offering**

Savannah DeRan

We are called to be light to the world. Let us share our talents and treasures in grateful praise.

## **Offertory**

“He Lives!”

Alexa Scarff, Viola

## **\*Doxology**

## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, all that we are and all that we have comes from you. Take these gifts and these people and make them blessings for your people in this community and beyond. **Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Sarah Summerfield, Savannah Thompson, and Garrett Scarff

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

## Song

“I am a ‘C’”

I am a C. I am a C H. I am a C H R I S T I A N, and I have C H R I S  
T in my H E A R T and I will L I V E E T E R N A L L Y.

*(repeat, getting progressively faster)*

## Parting Greeting

- 7:30 PM Wednesday, **Chancel Choir** rehearsal.
- 6:00 PM Thursday, **Pub Theology** at Falling Branch Brewery.
- Next Sunday, **The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper** is celebrated during Pentecost worship.
- Mark calendars for **Vacation Bible School (VBS) – July 7-11**, 5:30 to 8:00 PM with Emory United Methodist Church at Emory. Ask Emily Hardy how you can help!

## Benediction

Paul Forrest Crowl

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The love of God our Parent,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us forever. Amen!

## Instrumental Benediction

“Grant Us Peace”

Corbin Hardy, Saxophone

## Postlude

Thank you to our Young Disciples for their joyful sharing of their gifts and leadership of worship today! And thank you to Elders Stacey Scarff and Becky Gray for their oversight and creativity

***Per Capita Assessment for every member is \$42 for 2025. Thank you for contributing this amount per church member.***

**Please e-mail Pastor Ray with all prayer-related additions, changes & removals by Tuesday mornings 10:00 AM to ensure that they will be included in next Sunday's bulletin. Names under Intercessions will be removed after 3 weeks unless otherwise instructed by email. Email for Pastor Ray is [pastor.meute@verizon.net](mailto:pastor.meute@verizon.net).**

**Pastoral Study Hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM, with exceptions. It is always best to make an appointment to meet with Pastor Ray.**

### ***From the Deacons...***

The Deacons are organizing a Meal Train page for Stu and Heidi Richardson and their family living with them. The Richardsons have been facing long-term health issues for some time, and a weekly meal would be helpful and much appreciated by them. Please use the link below to sign up if you would like to bless them by participating. If you have questions or need help delivering a meal, please contact Mary Beverly Gallagher at (410) 937-2500, or [dartfrog999@gmail.com](mailto:dartfrog999@gmail.com).

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/R44V7L>

For those without access to a computer, please contact Koren Buehler at (410) 937-9172 to sign up. Maybe consider teaming up with someone else to make it easier!

**\*\*National Suicide Prevention Hotline –**

**1-800-273-8255\*\* or Dial 988**

**Please reach out if you or someone you know needs help.**

### **Our Tithes and Offerings**

You can now give to Highland electronically through our secure e-Giving option provided through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange. You can set up a giving profile (which will save your giving information if you wish) to either give a one-time gift or to make regular giving easy.

Click “Give Now” above (also posted on Highland’s website) or you can scan the QR code at the bottom with your smart phone to set up your profile and begin giving electronically today!

As always, you may make your contribution to the Church via check. If you are giving to a certain fund, please designate on your check and/or giving envelope the amount given to each fund.

*Thank you for your prayers & continued financial support of*

*Highland Church!*



**GIVE NOW**



# Prayer List

+Denotes New Addition

## **THANKSGIVING FOR:**

+Our Young Disciples  
Highland Grove Concert Series

## **INTERCESSIONS FOR:**

Conner Derickson (Elaine Derickson)  
Family of Cliff & Miriam Long (Pete McCallum)  
Kristy Crowl (Betsy Keyes)  
Tharpe Family in death of Johnny (Wilson Tharpe)  
Judy Taylor (Steven Taylor)  
Jean Bullen (Pastor Ray)  
Jim Lawrence (Debbie Mezzatesta)  
Valerie Keck (Mary Beverly Gallagher)  
Debbie and Family (Kathy Watson)

## **LONG -TERM PRAYERS NEEDED:**

Patricia Hushon Lovelidge (Wilson Tharpe)  
Charlie Oliver  
Jose Lopez, Sr. (Pastor Ray)  
Grace Christman  
Tommy Amrein (Eley Welkner)  
Mike Mills (Wilson)  
Molly & Sisters (Rose)  
Margaret (Elaine & Sandy)  
Michael Yarrington (Amos family)  
Andy Gallagher (Mary Beverly Gallagher)  
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)  
Art Noble (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 & outcomes

Presbytery of Baltimore  
Susquehanna Parish – Churchville PC  
All Leadership, HPC Legacy Bldg. Team  
Local – All Outreach Ministries  
+Missions Noisy Offering

## **OUR MILITARY:**

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

## **COMMUNITY, NATION & WORLD:**

+Post Tornado Recovery  
+Farmers during planting season  
All being affected by mid-east & Ukraine  
uncertainty, plus worldwide needs  
Economic instability  
Truth to guide all re: world, national & local  
events  
Peaceful & just end to Middle East conflicts  
Peaceful & just end to Russian invasion of Ukraine  
Comfort to those living in fear  
Immigrants and US citizens being deported and  
families being  
separated  
Federal government employees being dismissed  
from their jobs  
World Council of Church Prayer Cycle: Angola,  
Mozambique