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## **HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Sharing Christ's Love and Growing Disciples*

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**June 22, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

***Order of Worship***

***Second Sunday of Pentecost***

***June 22, 2025***

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

**A Word of Encouragement**

***“God will provide for me in real and unexpected ways”  
-The Upper Room***

**Prelude**

**Ringling of Church Bell**

**Life in the Church      Recognition of Graduates**

**The Church in Action**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle - *from Tenets of Civil Discourse***

The light of Christ in us moves us to “suspend judgment.” We all have presumptions, biases, stereotypes, prejudices, and other pre-judgments. In the power of Christ, try to suspend pre-judgments and seek to understand.

**\* Call to Worship (Responsively)– *from Psalm 42***

As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for you, O God.

**Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

**Hope in God, for we shall again praise the Lord, our help and our God.**

**\* Hymn**                      “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” Hymnal #169

**\*Invitation to Confession** – *based on Isaiah 65*

Through the prophet Isaiah, God declares a readiness to be sought out, even by those who did not ask, and a willingness to be found, even by those who do not seek. With confidence in God’s readiness to receive us however we are, let us boldly pray this prayer of confession.

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

**God of gospel freedom, we find it difficult to imagine that we could indeed be your children through faith. We cannot believe that we could belong to Christ and be heirs of the promise made to Abraham and his offspring. Help our unbelief; rekindle our imagination. Tame our rebellion. Bring us back to ourselves and to you.**

**\*Assurance of God’s Forgiveness** – *from Galatians 3*

In Christ Jesus, we are all children of God through faith; we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. We are heirs according to the promise and made free in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**\*Congregational Response    “Gloria Patri”**

Hymnal #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, Amen.

**Psalm Reading**

Psalm 22: 19-28

P. 501

**Choir Anthem**

“Give Me A Song”  
Chancel Choir

Pepper Choplin

**Time with Young Disciples and Noisy Offering**

**\*Hymn**

“There Is a Place of Quiet Rest”

Hymnal 824

**Epistle Reading**

Galatians 3: 23-29

P. 189

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 8: 26-39

P. 67

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Message**

“How Much God Has Done for You”

## **Affirmation of Faith (Unison) – *(from The Book of Order, F-1.0301)***

**The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body.**

**The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world: The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.**

**The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things.**

**The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation.**

**The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.**

**The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.**

## **Invitation to the Offering**

After being healed of his affliction, Jesus told the man possessed by demons to return home and declare how much God has done for him. As a grateful testimony of what God has done for us, let us return a portion of our treasures.

## **Offertory**

## **\*Doxology**

## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God may these gifts empower our witness to your work in the world. **Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

## **\*Hymn**

“Day Is Done”

Hymnal #676

## **Parting Greeting**

- Roses in the sanctuary are in honor of newborns: Alma Izel Narciso, daughter of Edgar and Kelly Narciso; and Frankie Wylder Barbour, great grandson of Rachel Ayers.
- Pastor Ray will be on **vacation June 26 – July 6**. If you need spiritual support, please call Clerk of Session Pete McCallum (443-987-4612) and he will mobilize our Elders.

## **Benediction**

## **Choral Benediction**

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

## **Postlude**

Thank you – to Braylen Gray and Alexa Scarff 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!

***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***



**GIVE NOW**

***Highland Church!***



# Prayer List

+Denotes New Addition

## **THANKSGIVING FOR:**

+Alma Izel Narciso  
+Frankie Wylder Barbour

## **INTERCESSIONS FOR:**

+John Philip Wilson (Lucy Hollens)  
+Kathy Sedler (Stacey Scarff)  
+Jenny Goode (Kim Goode)  
+Brooke Taylor (Nancy Carver)  
Conner Derickson (Elaine Derickson)  
Kristy Crowl (Betsy Kays)  
Judy Taylor (Steven Taylor)  
Jean Bullen (Pastor Ray)  
Jim Lawrence (Debbie Mezzatesta)  
Debbie and Family (Kathy Watson)

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

Valerie Keck (Mary Beverly Gallagher)  
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  
Hurricane Helene recovery, prayers & aid  
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  
+SARC: Coming Together to End Abuse

## **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: Malawi  
and Zambia