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HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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July 5, 2026

10:00 AM

Order of Worship

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

A Word of Encouragement

“When was the last time you danced?”

Question put to the sick by a Native American Medicine Man

Prelude

Ringling of Church Bell

Introit “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Life in the Church

The Church in Action

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Based on the Words of Rumi

“There is a candle in your heart, ready to be kindled. There is a void in your soul, ready to be filled. You feel it, don't you?...Invite [God] to fill you up, embrace the fire.”

***Call to Worship** (Responsively) – *Psalm 95: 1-3, 6*

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

*** Hymn** “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Hymnal #1

***Invitation to Confession**

The apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Galatia, “For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” With full assurance of God’s grace and mercy in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin before God and our neighbor.

***Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Gracious and loving God, forgive us when turn a deaf ear to your call in Jesus Christ and to the cries of those in the world who need your love and our help. Forgive us when we treat discipleship as a yoke of oppression rather than a blessing and gift for leading a faithful life as your people. O Lord, forgive our sin. Help us to know and love you with all that we are that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We pray for the strength of your

Holy Spirit to equip us for our calling as followers of Jesus Christ, in whom we have our hope and put our trust. Amen.

***Assurance of God’s Forgiveness**

The apostle Paul also wrote to the believers in Galatia, “For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

***Congregational Response “Gloria Patri” Hymnal #58**

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 145: 8-14

P. 581

Special Music

“The Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Duet—Garrett Scarff and Pete McCallum

Time with Young Followers of Jesus and Noisy Offering

***Hymn** “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” Hymnal #418

Epistle Reading

Romans 7: 15-25a

P. 157

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

P. 11

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Message “Rest for Your Souls”

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) – *from the Barmen Declaration*

“Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption” (*1 Corinthians 1:30*).

As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

Invitation to the Offering (Responsively)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. With glad and generous hearts, let us offer our gifts

Benediction

Postlude “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

Thank you – to Garret Scarff and Nancy Carver for serving as our Worship assistants this morning. Also, thank you to Nancy Jones, Organist; Ian Fallon, Pianist; Stacey Scarff, Director of Music, and Pete McCallum and Garrett Scarff for our Special Music, and 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 any food item or personal care item. Please continue to help our neighbors in this time of need. Please place your donations in the basket in the narthex.

Sunshine Bags

The Deacons are looking for donations for Sunshine Bags. Items needed are fidget toys, and adult coloring books. Please see a Deacon for more information.

Pastoral Study Hours

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

Prayer List

+Denotes New Addition

THANKSGIVING FOR:

Eleanor Knell

INTERCESSIONS FOR:

+Bob and Nancy Long (Wilson Tharpe)
+Teresa Simmons (Wilson Tharpe)
Eleanor Knell Family (congregation)
Ryan Richardson family travels (congregation)
Sandi Jones, Elaine & Dave Derickson
(congregation)
Alan Tetrault (Marilyn Thompson)
Dave Thompson (Wilson Tharpe)
Jaime Zang (Ian Fallon)
Gloria Scicluna (Nancy Jones)
John Philip Wilson (Lucy Hollens)
Cindy Seibel (Claudia Scarborough)

LONG-TERM PRAYERS NEEDED:

Nettie Fisher (Jean Bullen)
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 & Sandi)
Michael Yarrington (Amos family)
Paul (Ian Fallon)
Gail Hartman (Lucy Hollens)
Frank Thayer (Dolly)

Heidi and Stu Richardson
Ruth Noble (mother-in-law of Donna Noble)
Tom Bulleit (Eley Welkner)

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 – New Hope Community Church –
Day Shelter

OUR MILITARY:

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

COMMUNITY, NATION & WORLD:

Venezuelan earthquake recovery
All nations refraining from genocidal threats and
actions
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: Sudan,
South Sudan, Uganda