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HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Raymond R. Meute, Jr., Pastor

July 13, 2025

10:00 AM

Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

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

A Word of Encouragement

"The best thing you have to give is yourself"

-Norman Vincent Peale

Prelude

Ringling of Church Bell

Life in the Church

The Church in Action

Lighting of the Christ Candle (Sarah Summerfield) - – *from Tenets of Civil Discourse*

The bright Christ candle asks us to "Practice Forgiveness." We learn from trying things out and sometimes we make mistakes. Seek to forgive and to be forgiven as we learn together.

*** Call to Worship** (Responsively)

Christ has set us free

Free to serve

Free to welcome and include

Free to love our neighbors as ourselves

*** Hymn** “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy” Hymnal #305

***Invitation to Confession**

Our world and our human desires often lead us to oppose God’s way.
Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us confess these
sins before our God.

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Spirit of the Living God, your fruit includes love, peace, patience
and kindness but we are a divided, hateful people. We turn to
violent means and violent words to settle our disputes. We are
impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment
to love. Our idols fascinate and distract us from your right path.
Forgive us. Turn us from our sinful ways. Set us free in Jesus
Christ. Amen.**

***Assurance of God’s Forgiveness**

Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God’s grace.
Respond with love. **Amen.**

***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.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30: 9-14

P. 185

Special Music

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Wilson Family Singers

Time with Young Disciples and Noisy Offering

***Hymn**

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Hymnal #688

Epistle Reading

Colossians 1: 1-14

P. 199

Gospel Reading

Luke 10: 25-37

P. 71

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

“The Good We Need to Be”

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) – – *from the Confession of Belhar*

We believe

• that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,

that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;

- **that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;**

- **that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;**

- **that any teaching which attempts to legitimize such forced separation by appeal to the gospel and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.**

Invitation to the Offering

Paul reminds us that generosity is a fruit of the Spirit. Let us generously share the gifts we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God.

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kin-dom and build your beloved community. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” Hymnal #65

Parting Greeting

- New address for Pastor Emeritus Bill Netting:
535 Park Ave., Apt. B-201, Quarryville, PA 17566
Phone numbers: 717-786-6199 (h); 717-209-6554 (c)
Email: revnetting@gmail.com
- Next Sunday: **Commission Ihanktonwan Mission Team** during worship.
- Financial Activity January – June 2025:

Receipts

General	\$102,970
Missions	\$7,839
Building	\$1,178

Disbursements

General	(\$95,483)
Missions	(\$6,410)
Building	\$0

Net Income

General	\$7,487
Missions	\$1,429
Building	\$1,178

Benediction**Postlude**

Thank you – to Sam Tharpe, Jr. and Sarah Summerfield 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!

Wilson Family Reunion

Today is the third day of the Wilson family reunion. On the Sunday of each reunion weekend, family members traditionally attend Highland Church to worship where so many Wilson ancestors were founding and lifelong members.

The flowers in the church today are given in memory of these Wilson family members who have died since the last reunion in 2022:

Robert S. Branham
Robert Legard Jones
Ronald Bruce Mellor
Katrina Annabelle Murphy-Choi
Marian Kathryn Whiteford Wheeler
Diana Marie Wilson
James Wallace Wilson Jr
William Barry Wilson

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.

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.

<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:

+Vacation Bible School with Emory UMC!

INTERCESSIONS FOR:

John Philip Wilson (Lucy Hollens)
Kim and Jason Wilson (Claudia Scarborough)
Glenn Grove (Claudia Scarborough)
Family of Rev. Andy Scott (Ian Fallon)
Jenny Smith (Kim Goode)
Brooke Taylor (Nancy Carver)
Judy Taylor (Steven Taylor)

LONG -TERM PRAYERS NEEDED:

+Betty Jane Meute (Ray and Nancy Meute)
+Jean Bullen (Pastor Ray)
+Debbie and Family (Kathy Watson)
Jim Lawrence (Debbie Mezzatesta)
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 – Summer Camps for Children & Youth

OUR MILITARY:

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

COMMUNITY, NATION & WORLD:

+Aftermath of flooding in central Texas
+Families suffering from loss of federal assistance
Travel mercies in summer months
Immigrant population in U.S.
Families in Minnesota
All being affected by mid-east & Ukraine
uncertainty, plus worldwide needs
Economic instability
Truth to guide all re: world, national & local
events
Peace & restraint in 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: Eritrea,
Ethopia