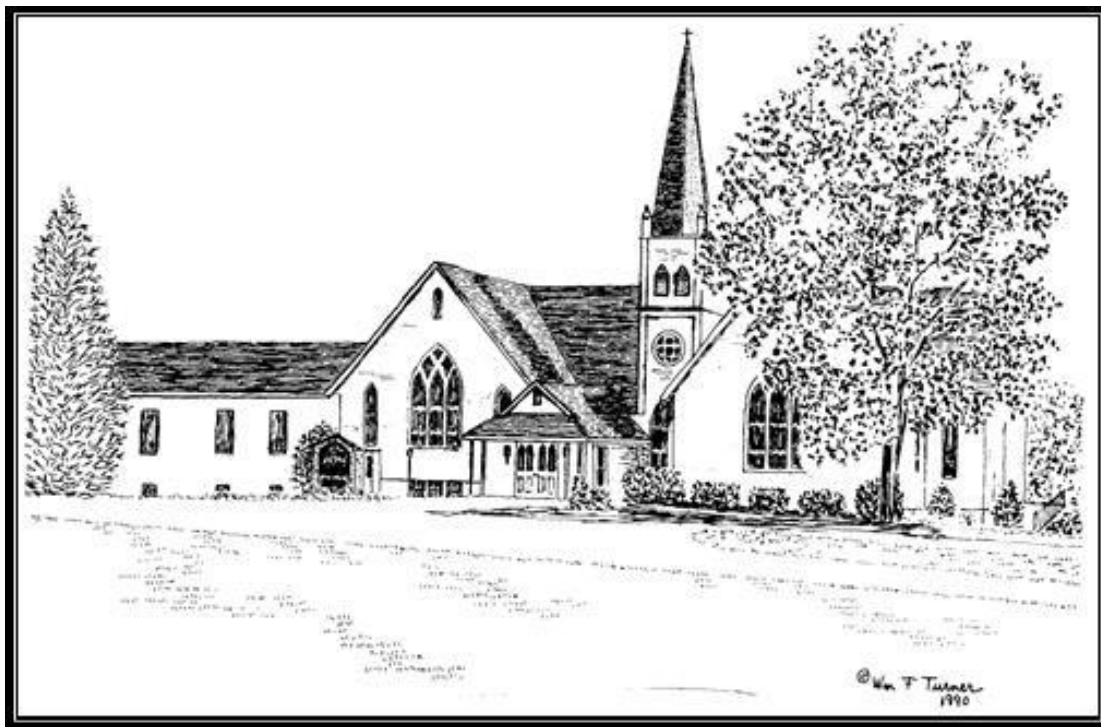




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Rev. Raymond R. Meute, Jr., Pastor
Rev. Dr. William J. Netting, Pastor Emeritus

July 26, 2026

10:00 AM

Order of Worship

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

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

A Word of Encouragement

“May our words pass through our hearts before they leave our lips.”

Terah Cox

Prelude

Ringling of Church Bell

Life in the Church

The Church in Action

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We recognize the power and Godliness within our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. The light of Christ gives hope to all, and especially to those in deep distress.

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

As the deer pants for streams of water, so too do our souls long for You, O God.

Our souls thirst for the living God. When shall we come and behold His face?

Though our tears have been our food, we remember Your goodness and lift our voices in hope.

Why are you cast down, O my soul? Hope in God, for we shall again praise Him!

*** Hymn** “As the Deer”

Hymnal #626

***Invitation to Confession**

Before faith came, we were held captive bound by sin, divided by labels, and defined by what set us apart. But now, through Jesus Christ, we are clothed in grace and called children of God. Let us come and confess all that still holds us back from living in the freedom and unity of the gospel.

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Gracious God, You have made us one in Christ, yet we confess that we often live as though we are many. We hold onto divisions by race, status, gender, and pride. We cling to old identities and forget we have been clothed with Christ. We trust our own efforts instead of Your grace. Forgive us, Lord. Tear down the walls we build, and draw us again into the unity of Your Spirit. Help us to live as Your children: free, forgiven, and made one in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Assurance of God’s Forgiveness (Responsively)**

In Christ Jesus, you are all children of God through faith. You have clothed yourselves with Christ, and there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, for you are all one in Him.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God!

***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 43 P. 515

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Special Music “Garden Medley - A Mother’s Bouquet”

Organ and Piano Duet: Nancy Jones and Ian Fallon

Time with Young Followers of Jesus and Noisy Offering

***Hymn** “Come to Me, O Weary Traveler” Hymnal #183

Gospel Reading

Luke 8: 26-39 P. 68

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Message “Swine and Salvation” Elder Marcus Webster

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) – *The Apostle’s Creed* (Hymnal p. 35)

Invitation to the Offering

The greater blessing is in giving, as Jesus our Lord once said.
Proceeding in the wisdom and joy of our Lord, we offer our lives to
the Lord.

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, every good and perfect gift comes from You.
We bring these offerings as a sign of our gratitude, a reflection
of our trust, and a commitment to Your work in the world.

Bless these gifts and multiply their impact. Use them to bring hope,
healing, and the good news of Jesus Christ to those near and far. May
our giving be joyful, and our lives be generous, as we follow the way
of Your love. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn "God of Our Life"

Hymnal #686

The Week Ahead:

--We offer a warm Highland welcome to our Guest Preacher
today, **Mr. Marcus D. Webster III**. Marcus is a proud son of
Aberdeen, MD and graduate of Allegheny College in
Meadville, PA. He has previously served as a Ruling Elder at
Grove Presbyterian Church.

--Ihanktonwan Learning Camp team is in Marty, SD this week. Please pray for them daily. They return on Saturday, August 1.

Benediction

Postlude

Thank you – to Tyler Gray and Stacey Scarff for serving as our Worship assistants this morning. Also, thank you to Nancy Jones, Organist; Ian Fallon, Pianist; Stacey Scarff, Director of 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 Chef Boyardee canned pasta, Manwich, or catsup, and any other food item or personal care item. Please continue to help our neighbors in this time of need. Please place your donation in the basket in the narthex. Last week, Highland delivered 24.5 lbs. of food donations!

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.

****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:

Mr. Marcus D. Webster, II

INTERCESSIONS FOR:

+Jim Ayres (Pastor Ray)

+Wilson and Merryman families in death of
Cheryl Merryman Ambrose (Susan Summerfield)

+Darren Weiland (McCallums)

Hollens-Hardy-Wilson Families (Death of John
Philip Wilson)

Mary Lou Joudrey (Adrienne DeRan)

Teresa Simmons (Wilson Tharpe)

Ryan Richardson Family travels (congregation)

Alan Tetrault (Marilyn Thompson)

LONG-TERM PRAYERS NEEDED:

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)

Tommy Amrein (Eley Welkner)

Mike Mills (Wilson)

Molly & Sisters (Rose)

Michael Yarrington (Amos family)

Paul (Ian Fallon)

Gail Hartman (Lucy Hollens)

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 – FCCAU Homeless Shelter

OUR MILITARY:

Cathy Durand Cantu, USCG

Ryan Richardson, USNR

Brady Lim and Aaron Macy, USAF

COMMUNITY, NATION & WORLD:

Flooding and wildfire aid in US and Canada

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 actions

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: Burundi,

Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda