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**HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Sharing Christ's Love and Growing Disciples*

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**July 27, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

***Order of Worship***  
*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*  
***July 27, 2025***

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

A Word of Encouragement  
*“When I fall, God will help me get up again.”*

The Upper Room

**Prelude**

**Ring of Church Bell**

**Life in the Church**

**The Church in Action**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Today we light the Christ candle with the Dakota Mission Team in mind. May their week be of great mutual benefit to the children in Marty, South Dakota and to the people of our Presbytery of Baltimore.

**\* Call to Worship** (Responsively) – *from Psalms 9 and 33*

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

**I will tell of your wonderful deeds.**

I will be glad and exult in you;

**I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

**Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.**

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

**\*Hymn**      “Seek Ye First”

Hymnal      #175

**\*Invitation to Confession**

The psalmist King David wrote, “Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,’ and you forgave the guilt of my sin.”

Let us confess our sin before God and one another, assured of God’s mercy in Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

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

**Merciful God, we pray the Lord’s Prayer each week, even daily, but we do not always walk the walk. We pray that your kingdom will come and your will be done, but we are reluctant to do the work of justice and mercy that characterize your kingdom. We ask for our daily bread and then hoard as much as we can. We ask you to forgive us as we have forgiven others, but we are quick to anger and slow to forgive. Loving God, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Help us to seek your will for our lives and walk in the way of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## \*Assurance of God's Forgiveness – *Galatians 5:13*

For freedom Christ has set us free. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another.

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. 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 138

P. 577

**Special Music**      “The Publican”      Beardsley Van de Water

Soloist: Ryan Richardson

## Time with Young Disciples and Noisy Offering

**\*Hymn**      “In My Life”      Hymnal    #468

## Old Testament Reading

## Genesis 18: 20-32

P. 14

## Gospel Reading

## Luke 11: 1-13

P.72

This is the Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Message**     “When You Pray”

**Affirmation of Faith** (Unison) – *from The Confession of 1967*

**In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us, the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. We believe that the risen Christ is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all we say about God, ourselves, and the world.**

**Invitation to the Offering** – *II Corinthians 8:5*

The apostle Paul commended the churches of Macedonia with these words for their generosity, “They gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us.” As a sign of our dedication to God, let us present our gifts with abundant joy for all God has done for us.

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. With glad and generous hearts, we give back what rightfully belongs to you. With open hearts and willing hands, may we joyfully use your gifts to share the good news of Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift to this world. **Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn**      “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”      Hymnal #546

### Parting Greeting

- Tuesday, 6:30 PM **Session** meeting at end of SS wing.
- **Pastor Ray is on vacation** Thursday, July 31 – Saturday, August 9. If you have need of spiritual support, please call Clerk of Session Pete McCallum (443-987-4612) and he will alert our Elders.
- Saturday, **Ihanktonwan Mission Team** returns from Learning Camp in Marty, SD.
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### Benediction

**The Flowers today** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of W. Paul Halsey, Jr. by his daughters Sherry Fullerton, Beth Halsey, and Lorri Norris.

Thank you –Tyler Gray and Pete McCallum 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!

**Mason Dixon Food Pantry** needs oatmeal and canned Spam this week.

***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:**

+God's attention to our prayers

### **INTERCESSIONS FOR:**

+Jim Galbreath (Pastor Ray)  
+Bill Netting (Dave Thompson)  
+Sheila Brooks (Adrienne DeRan)  
+Co-workers of Mark Yankowski (Eley Welkner)  
Barbara Beall (Stu Richardson)  
Family of Linda Heth (Dave Thompson)  
Family of Blanche Gallow (Sam Tharpe)  
Lucy Merriman (Anne Heuisler)  
Jacob and Marie Hanks (Mary Lou Taylor)  
Joy Merryman (Nancy Jones)  
John Philip Wilson (Lucy Hollens)  
Kim and Jason Wilson (Claudia Scarborough)

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

+John Philip Wilson (Lucy Hollens)  
+Jenny Smith (Kim Goode)  
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)

### **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 – 4-H 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: Burundi,  
Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda