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**HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Sharing Christ's Love and Growing Disciples*

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**July 28, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**

# THE LORD'S DAY

## *Order of Worship*

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*July 28, 2024*

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

### **Prelude**

### **Ringling of Church Bell**

**Choral Introit**    “Morning Has Broken”

### **The Church in Action**

#### **Life in the Church**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

The light of Christ burns for the immeasurable love that exists within everyone: loving kindness, compassion, joy, and even-mindedness.

**Call to Worship** (Responsively) – *from Psalm 145:10-18*

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

(\* - Please stand as you are able)

**and all your faithful shall bless you.**

The Lord upholds all who are falling,

**and raises up all who are bowed down.**

You open your hand,

**satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

The Lord is just and kind,

**the Lord is near to all who call on God.**

**\*Hymn**      “God of Grace and God of Glory”      Hymnal #307

### **\*Invitation to Confession**

We have been called to love our God with all our heart, mind, strength and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but our lives are constricted and self-consumed. We have failed to love God, neighbor and ourselves as we should. Let us make the good confession before God and others.

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

**Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other “gods” — the false gods of prosperity and materialism, of racial and ethnic privileging, of gender exclusivity, and of nationalistic imperialism. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might learn to love as you**

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**love and to live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel – God's radical forgiving, transforming and justice-seeking love will not let us go, and is ever bringing resurrection and new life. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God's mercy to restore our right standing as God's own. **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.

**Old Testament Reading**

Proverbs 1: 1-7

P. 584

**Special Music**      "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

Men's Ensemble

**Time with Young Disciples and Noisy Offering**

**\*Hymn**      "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"      Hymnal #174

**Epistle Reading**

Hebrews 13: 1-3, 16, 20-21

P. 227

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## Epistle Reading

Romans 12: 9-19

P. 162

**Message**    Twelve Steps to Compassion Series:

“Concern for Everybody and Knowledge”

**Affirmation of Faith** –from *The Charter of Compassion, 2009*

**We urgently need to make compassion a clear, luminous and dynamic force in our polarized world. Rooted in a principled determination to transcend selfishness, compassion can break down political, dogmatic, ideological and religious boundaries. Born of our deep interdependence, compassion is essential to human relationships and to a fulfilled humanity. It is the path to enlightenment, and indispensable to the creation of a just economy and a peaceful global community.**

## Invitation to the Offering

Our series hymn “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” proclaims, “*All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*” With humble gratitude, let us give of our lives to the Lord.

## Offertory

### \*Doxology

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## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

O God, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth.  
**Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

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

**\*Hymn**      "O for a World"      Hymnal #372

## **Parting Greeting**

-- Thursday, 6:00 PM **Pub Theology** at Falling Branch Brewery.

-- We continue the **summer preaching series on Compassion** based on the book by Karen Armstrong, Twelves Steps to a Compassionate Life. Invite friends and do not miss too many Sundays. We will learn two steps each Sunday.

## **Benediction**

**Choral Response**      "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"

## **Postlude**

Thank You -to Jenny Lijoi for serving as our Worship assistants this morning. Also thank you to the Men's Group for their wonderful singing, to Nancy Jones as our Organist, and Ian Fallon as our Pianist.

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Please e-mail Carolyn Patrinicola 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 Carolyn Patrinicola is [cwpat64@gmail.com](mailto:cwpat64@gmail.com).

**Pastoral Study Hours:** Tuesday through Thursday, 9:30 AM to Noon, 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  
Highland Church!*



# Prayer List

+Denotes New Addition

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## **THANKSGIVING FOR:**

Traveling mercies for Alexa Scarff and the Hoppin' Hawks Jump Rope Team going to NC  
Safe travels for Amy Hill going back to TX  
July/August birthday

## **INTERCESSIONS FOR:**

+Steve Bevard (Dave Derickson)  
+Jane Brown (Sam Tharpe, Jr.)  
+Family of Sue Johnson (Sarah DeBaugh)  
+Joey Knox (Wanda Amos)  
+Cindy Seibel (Claudia)  
+Linda Zirkle (Patrinicolas)  
Maria Marchant (Margie Barndt)  
Debbie Vierling (Kathy Watson)  
Julie-Anna Flaherty (baby due early Aug.)

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

+Andrew Mitchell (Claudia)  
Molly & Sisters (Rose)  
Margaret (Elaine & Sandy)  
Susan Thompson (David Thompson)  
Michael Yarrington (Amos family)  
Bobbi Jo Ayres (Debbie Ayres)  
Dana Meute (Meutes)  
Dave DeRan (Craig)  
Jeannie Rainey (Donna Noble)  
Andy Gallagher (Mary Beverly)  
Deb Degan (Martha D.)  
Paul (Ian)  
Gail Hartman (Lucy Hollens)  
Connie Rutherford (Doss)  
Anne Giordano (Nancy M.)  
Joe and Bobbi Lynne Skidmore (Craig)  
Frank Thayer & Janet Gilley (Dolly)  
Sam Jones (Sarah DeBaugh)  
Heidi and Stu Richardson  
Ruth Noble (mother-in-law of Donna Noble)  
Dorothy Shahan (Julie-Anna Flaherty)  
Sharan Deinlein (Mary Thompson)

Jewel Sams (Doss)  
Patrick Volker (Claudia)  
Aunt Nancy & Uncle Felix (Wilson)  
Leroy Gross (Jean Bullen)  
Roger Woods (Norma T.)  
Art Noble (Donna Noble)  
Ed Weiland (Pete McCallum)  
Scarlett Dodge

## **MINISTRIES AND MISSIONS:**

Presbytery of Baltimore - W. Virginia Adv.  
Susquehanna Parish - Bethel Presbyterian  
Church-All Leadership, HPC Legacy Bldg. Team  
Local - All Outreach Ministries  
Missions-Ihanktonwan Mission

## **OUR MILITARY:**

U.S. military growing needs worldwide  
Ryan Richardson, Navy Reserves  
Peter Barndt, AD, USN  
Cathy Durand Cantu, Coast Guard – AD, Alaska

## **COMMUNITY, NATION & WORLD:**

+Secret Service issues-Congress addressing  
+ Election '24 matters  
+Severe China floods-3dams at risk/lives & infrastructure  
Justice for all in the United States  
U.S. weather extremes  
U.S. & Israel/Palestine issues  
Our manse – readiness for renting/renter decisions