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Rev. Dr. William J. Netting, Pastor Emeritus

October 12, 2025
10:00 AM

Order of Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

A Word of Encouragement

“Judge your success by the degree that you’re enjoying peace, health, and love.”

Life's Little Instruction Book, by H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Prelude

Ringling of Church Bell

Life in the Church

The Church in Action

Lighting of the Christ Candle – *adapted from “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”*

Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me. The Christ candle burns with the message “Come home, come home, you who are weary come home. Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling, “Come home.”

Call to Worship (Responsively) – *Psalm 66*

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!
Sing to the glory of God's name.
All of creation worships, singing praise to God.
Sing to the glory of God's name.
Let us give glory to God.

*** Hymn** “Make a Joyful Noise to God” Hymnal #54

***Call to Confession** – *based on II Timothy*

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Assured of God's grace, let us confess our sin together:

***Prayer of Confession** (Unison) – *based on Luke 17*

Holy God, when we are in need, we cry out for your mercy and healing. Yet, we confess that too often, we rely on our own strength. We take the blessings to which we feel entitled and continue on our way, rather than returning to you in worship and praise. Jesus, have mercy on us! It is easy to take for granted the ease of life we so often experience, while failing to question why others are pushed to the margins and excluded. It is tempting to take pride in our health and strength rather than confronting ableism in all its forms. Jesus, have mercy on us! Help us to grow in compassion for all people. Redirect our paths so that we return to you, offering our praise and gratitude, now and always. Amen.

***Assurance of God's Forgiveness**– *based on II Timothy*

The saying is sure: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. We are clothed with the righteousness of Christ. Our sin is 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 111

P. 562

Anthem “Bless this House”

Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

Time with Young Followers of Jesus and Noisy Offering

*** Hymn** “Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters” Hymnal #490

Old Testament Reading

II Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c

P. 336

Gospel Reading

Luke 17: 11-19

P. 80

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

Message Praise and Thanks”

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) – – *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Invitation to the Offering

Every good gift comes from God. We are invited to respond in gratitude, giving freely and generously, just as we have received.

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy and generous God, use the gifts we bring for healing and reconciliation in the world, to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** “Live into Hope”

Hymnal #772

Parting Greeting

--Today, **Homecoming** Sunday honoring our “Over 80’s Church Family.” Worship at 10:00 AM followed by a luncheon in Netting Hall.

--Thursday, 8:30 AM **Mason-Dixon Community Service Centers, Inc. Board of Directors** meeting at HPC.

Benediction

Choral Benediction “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Postlude

Thank you –To Corbin, Daisy, and Truett Hardy, and Stacey Scarff 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!

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: Monday through Wednesday, 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:

+Our over 80's seasoned saints

INTERCESSIONS FOR:

+John Durand (Pastor Ray)

+Family of Solomon Banjo (Ryan Richardson)

+Steve Bevard

Family of Blake Elliott (Alexa Scarff)

Zach Griffin (Alexa Scarff)

Koren Buehler (Pastor Ray)

Family of Nicole Gartside (Ian Fallon)

LONG -TERM PRAYERS NEEDED:

Bill Netting (Dave Thompson)

Jeanie Rainey (Donna Noble)

John Philip Wilson (Lucy Hollens)

Jenny Smith (Kim Goode)

Jean Bullen (Pastor Ray)

Debbie and Family (Kathy Watson)

Jim Lawrence (Debbie Mezzatesta)

Valerie Keck (Mary Beverly Gallager)

Grace Christman

Tommy Amrein (Eley Welkner)

Mike Mills (Wilson)

Molly & Sisters (Rose)

Margaret (Elaine & Sandy)

Michael Yarrington (Amos family)

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

All people & their loved ones suffering from addictions and outcomes

Presbytery of Baltimore

Susquehanna Parish – Churchville PC

All Leadership, HPC Legacy Bldg. Team

Local – Threads of Hope

OUR MILITARY:

Peter Barndt, USN

Cathy Durand Cantu, USCG

Ryan Richardson, USNR

COMMUNITY, NATION & WORLD:

Justice and the rule of law

Government shutdown

Shooting victims

Families suffering from loss of federal and medical assistance

Worldwide needs

Economic uncertainty

Truth to guide all world, national & local events

Peace & restraint in Middle East conflicts

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: Costa

Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama