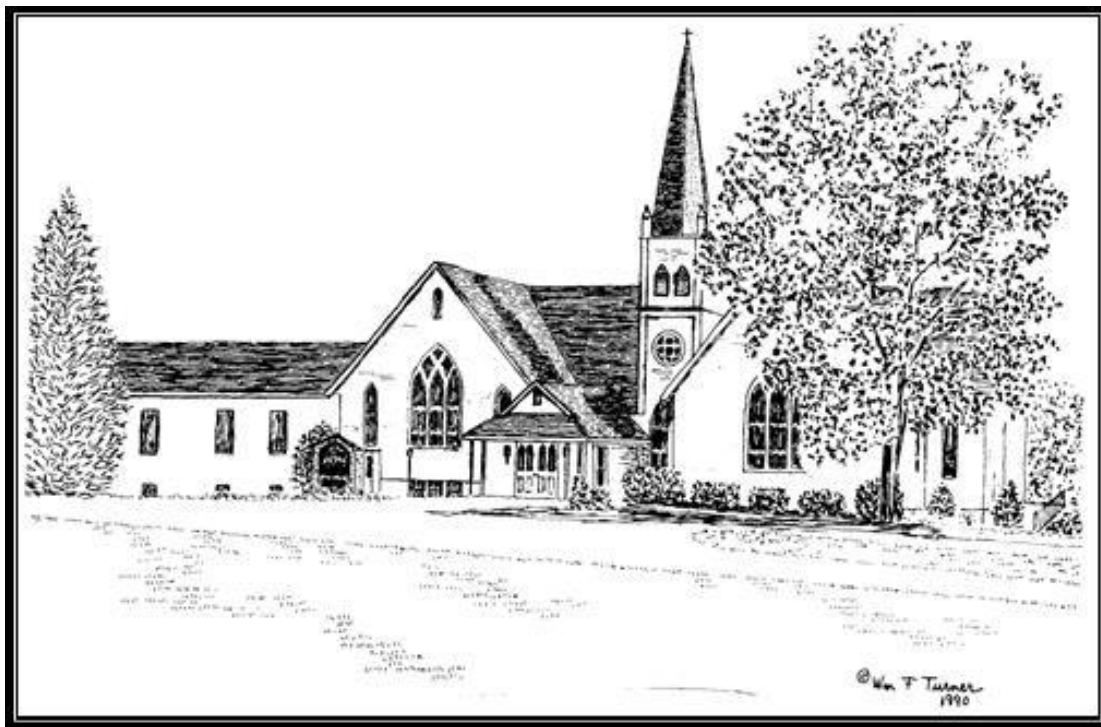




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Rev. Melissa McDade, Guest Minister
Rev. Dr. William J. Netting, Pastor Emeritus

October 25, 2026

10:00 AM

Order of Worship

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

A Word of Encouragement

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“Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Prelude

Ringling of Church Bell

Life in the Church

The Church in Action

Lighting of the Christ Candle – *based on Genesis 1:3*

Whoever says, “I am in the light,” while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister abides in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling.

***Call to Worship (Responsively)**

Once upon a time, a wise man offered a challenge:

What is the greatest commandment?

Our calendars share a vision of greatness: bills to pay, phone calls to return, appointments to keep.

Love the Lord your God.

The cameras of memories share what commands us: children to bathe, partners to help, parents calling and grandchildren hopeful

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

Still the Spirit lures us to new priorities, opens spaces to experience wonder, strangers becoming friends, devotion to that which transcends.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself.

*** Hymn** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Hymnal #611

***Invitation to Confession**

We have been entrusted with the message of the gospel, but all too often act as if the memos from sin and death have more influence in our lives. Let us confess our sins, so we might know God's great love for us.

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

As you know, God our healer, we stand on the edge of your promises and hopes yet cannot seem to let ourselves cross over into the life you intend for us. We seek praise from our families yet are unable to tell

them how much we love them; we care more about our needs and desires, than for the struggles of our neighbors; we think more about the trash we read and see than focusing on the Spirit of wisdom.

Forgive us, Everlasting God. Renew our lives with your grace; restore our hopes with your vision of tomorrow; refresh our spirits with your joy which comes to us new in each moment in the gift of your Child, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

This moment, this morning, this day, and in all the days to come,
God's compassion and hope fill our lives. What joyous good news!
Hear the Good News: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and
set free to love others! 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 90: 1-6,13-17 p. 547

Anthem “Let Us Love One Another” Arnold B. Sherman

Chancel Choir

Time with Young Followers of Jesus and Noisy Offering

***Hymn** “Though I May Speak” Hymnal #693

Message “You Shall Love”

Rev. Melissa McDade

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) – *The Apostle’s Creed- p. 35 in the hymnal*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. Our offerings today are just one way we show that love to others. Let us give with our heart, soul, and mind.

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

As we offer our gifts to you, we are reminded of your call to step out into the world and make a difference. Give us courage

and wisdom as we engage with the world around us, sharing your love and truth with others. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** “We Are One in the Spirit” Hymnal #300

The Week Ahead:

--Today: We welcome to our pulpit Reverend Melissa McDade!

--Looking ahead to Sunday, November 1: We will welcome Dr. Gene Gordon to our pulpit.

--Sunday, November 1: Congregational Meeting following the service.

Benediction

Choral Benediction “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Postlude

Thank you – Tyler Gray and Susan Summerfield for serving as our Worship assistants this morning. Also, thank you to Nancy Jones, Organist; Ian Fallon, Pianist; Stacey Scarff, Director of Music– all of our Worship is to the Glory of God!

Highland Happenings

Mason Dixon

Tom & Lucy Hollens delivered 30 lbs. of food and supplies to Mason Dixon this week. This week Mason Dixon requests health care items (not covered by SNAP benefits) such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, etc. Mason Dixon is very appreciative of Highland's support!

Threads of Hope

The staff at Threads of Hope invite Highland Church members to drop in on any Tuesday or Thursday, between 1:00 and 3:00 pm, to help them sort clothing.

Undergarments for Homeless Students

Harford County Public Schools are now collecting new undergarments to give to students experiencing homelessness as the cold weather sets in. Needed are briefs, boxers, panties, bras, sports bras, undershirts, thermal underwear, and socks, in pre-K to adult sizes. Donations may be left in the narthex, and the Deacons will deliver them to the HCPS office.

Pastoral Needs

Please contact Pete McCallum, 443-987-4612, if you have a need for pastoral services, and he will put you in contact with the appropriate resources.

Prayer List

+Denotes New Addition

THANKSGIVING FOR:

God's Grace

INTERCESSIONS FOR:

+Families/Victims of Bend, Oregon (Craig DeRan)

Dotty Macy (Wanda Amos)

Uncle Felix (Wanda Amos)

Rebecca Bowser (Kathy Bowser)

Alan Krushan (Melissa McDade)

Sam Hall (Melissa McDade)

Max Diegel (Stacey Scarff)

Family of Heidi Richardson (The Congregation)

Family of Jim Ayres (The Congregation)

Anne Heuisler (Adrienne De Ran)

Roxanne DeRan (Adrienne DeRan)

Sudi White (Sarah DeBaugh)

Alvin Joudrey (Adrienne DeRan)

Clay Miller (Dave Thompson)

Narciso Family (Edgar Narciso)

Ed Starleper (Sondra Starleper)

Autumn Gallagher (Mary Beverly Gallagher)

Family of John P. Wilson (Stan Wilson)

Debbie Bowers (Claudia Scarborough)

David Rose (Dave Thompson)

Fred Poe and Family (Adrienne DeRan)

Trish Skidmore (Adrienne DeRan)

Julia & Clara Mesh (Elaine Derickson)

LONG-TERM PRAYERS NEEDED:

Nancy Heines (Claudia Scarborough)

Wilson Tharpe (Sam Tharpe)

Art Noble (Donna Noble)

Carole DeRan (Craig DeRan)

Helene Mackey (The Congregation)

Bill Netting (Dave Thompson)

Jeanie Rainey (Donna Noble)

Jenny Smith (Kim Goode)

Jean Bullen (The Congregation)

Jim Lawrence (Debbie Mezzatesta)

Mike Mills (Wilson Tharpe)

Michael Yarrington (Amos family)

Paul (Ian Fallon)

Gail Hartman (Lucy Hollens)

Stu Richardson (The Congregation)

Ruth Noble (mother-in-law of Donna Noble)

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 Missions

OUR MILITARY:

Cathy Durand Cantu, USCG

Ryan Richardson, USNR

Brady Lim and Aaron Macy, USAF

COMMUNITY, NATION & WORLD:

Extreme weather throughout the world, pray for relief

Flooding and wildfire aid in US and Canada

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 struggling with anxiety