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October 27, 2024

10:00 AM

THE LORD'S DAY
Outdoor Worship in the Grove

Homecoming and Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2024

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

Prelude

“We Gather Together”
Chancel Choir

Adrianus Valerius

Ringling of Church Bell

Life in the Church

The Church in Action

Lighting of the Christ Candle

On this Homecoming Sunday we light the Christ candle. As it shines, bells ring; voices sing; faces smile; tears are dried; hope springs, because the Lord reigns! Praise God!

Call to Worship (Responsively)

May we come before God with all who we are: tired or energetic, joyful or sad, hungry or satisfied, seeking or knowing, or somewhere in the in-between of all that we feel at this moment. No matter what, let us acknowledge and exclaim:

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We will worship God together.

(* - Please stand as you are able)

***Hymn** “Make a Joyful Noise to God!”

Hymnal #54

***Invitation to Confession**

As we worship the living God, we remember all those who have walked this life of faith before us. They remind us not only of our triumphs, but also of our failures to be the people God has called and created us to be. With confidence that God is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, let us confess our sins:

***Prayer of Confession (Unison) – a Prayer by Martin Luther**

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

(* - Please stand as you are able)

***Assurance of God's Forgiveness** – *prayer by John Calvin*

Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds.

Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***Congregational Response** “Gloria Patri” Hymnal #581

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51: 1-8

P. 681

Handbell Anthems

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” Arr. Krug

“Rejoice in God's Saints” Hanover, arr. Krug

Joyful Noise Bell Choir

Directed by Ms. Maggie Beatty

Epistle Readings

Hebrews 12: 1-2

P. 226

Time with Young Disciples and Noisy Offering

Moment for Stewardship

Kim Goode and Marlene Class, Threads of Hope Clothing Ministry

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

(- Please stand as you are able)*

Gospel Reading

John 16: 1-24

P. 110

This is the gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Message Practice Joy in All Times (Pt. 1): **“Joy is Assured”**

Invitation to the Offering

Out of gratitude for all that God has provided for us and with hope for a future that continues to unfold toward God’s promised end, we bring our gifts for God’s work among us in this time and place.

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication** – *a prayer by Martin Luther*

O Lord, come to me and use my bread, silver and gold. How very well they are spent if I spend them in your service. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn** “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” Hymnal #837

(* - Please stand as you are able)

Parting Greeting

-- **The 'Joyful Noise' Bell Choir Reunion...** Today, under the direction of Maggie Beatty, members of the Joyful Noise bell choir have reunited to play during Highland's homecoming service.

During the 1970s and 80s, Maggie served as the music director at Highland. During this time, she led the bell choir.

The bell choir performed at Highland during church services as well as in the community. At Christmastime, the Joyful Noise played at the Forest Hill bank branch (now PNC Bank), in Whiteford, and at various groups' luncheons and dinners. Out-of-town trips included traveling to the Philadelphia area and to a bell choir convention at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina.

The bells are now again being played by an inter-generational group led by Stacey Scarff, Highland's current music director.

During the Pandemic, the handbells were refurbished. Funds to refurbish the bells were from Memorial Fund gifts given in memory of Jeanne Larsen (mother of Joyful Noise member Amy Larsen Hill) and Barbara K. Richardson (mother of Joyful Noise member Jenny Richardson Lijoi).

Many thanks to Maggie and Stacey for coordinating today's performance, as well as Joyful Noise member Carolyn Angerhofer for setting the stage for the reunion in March.

Today's Joyful Noise ringers are:

Koren Ayres Buehler
Missy Jones Woods
Jenny Richardson Lijoi
Jenni Netting Marden
Susan Jones Summerfield
Mary Beverly Wilson Gallagher

--Tuesday, 1:00 PM **Worship Commission** meeting on Zoom.

--Wednesday, 7:30 PM **Choir Rehearsal** in sanctuary.

(- Please stand as you are able)*

Benediction

Choral Benediction “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Recognition of those who have been part of the Highland Presbyterian Church family for 50 or more years.

Wanda Amos	Donald Jones
Rachel Ayres	Nancy R. Jones
Richard Barrett	Sandra Jones
Ruth Ann Barrett	Eleanor Knell
Debbie Bowers	Robert Knell
David Crowl	Nancy Long
Sarah DeBaugh	Helene Mackey
Carole DeRan	Sharon Miller
Catherine DeRan	Lorri Norris
Craig DeRan	Cindy Poteet
David Derickson	James C. Richardson
Elaine Derickson	Darlene Solis
William Derickson	Carolyn Standiford
Rick Enfield	Genevieve Street
Sherry Fullerton	Susan Summerfield
Donald Galbreath	G. Wilson Tharpe
John Galbreath, Sr.	Samuel Q. Tharpe, Jr.
Stewart Galbreath	Donna Wilson
Willaim A. Galbreath	Raymond Wilson
James W. Galbreath	Holly Woodward
Mary Beverly Gallagher	
Beth Halsey	
Marlene Herculson	
Amy Hill	
Lucy Hollens	
Carolyn Jones	
David Jones	
Henry Jones	

(- Please stand as you are able)*

Thank You ~ to Jenny Lijoi as well as Corbin, Daisy, and Truett Hardy for serving as our Worship assistants this morning. Also, thank you to Nancy Jones, Organist and Ian Fallon, Pianist for the wonderful music today~all of our Worship is to the Glory of God!

(* - *Please stand as you are able*)

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.

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.

<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

THANKSGIVING FOR:

Vast aid by FEMA for Helene & Milton needs
October birthdays and great weather

INTERCESSIONS FOR:

+Janet Evans (Wilson Tharpe)
+Steve Asplen (Pete McCallum)
+Carolyn Patrinicola (Pastor Ray)
Wilson Heaps family (Pastor Ray)
Welkner family (Eley Welkner)
Grace Christman
Keith Gray (Ian Fallon)
Goode family (Claudia Scarborough)
Jean Bullen

LONG -TERM PRAYERS NEEDED:

David Thompson
Jeannie Rainey (Donna Noble)
Tommy Amrein (Eley Welkner)
Mike Mills (Wilson)
Molly & Sisters (Rose)
Margaret (Elaine & Sandy)
Susan Thompson (David Thompson)
Michael Yarrington (Amos family)
Bobbi Jo Ayres (Debbie Ayres)
Dave DeRan (Craig DeRan)
Andy Gallagher (Mary Beverly Gallagher)
Deb Degan (Martha Durand)
Paul (Ian Fallon)
Gail Hartman (Lucy Hollens)
Joe and Bobbi Lynne Skidmore (Craig DeRan)
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)
Leroy Gross (Jean Bullen)
Roger Woods (Norma T.)
Art Noble (Donna Noble)
Linda Zirkle (Patrinicolas)

MINISTRIES AND MISSIONS:

Hurricane Helene recovery, prayers & our aid so needed
All people & their loved ones suffering from addictions & outcomes
BDLC (Claudia)
Presbytery of Baltimore - W. Virginia Adv.
Susquehanna Parish – Chestnut Grove
Presbyterian
Church-All Leadership, HPC Legacy Bldg. Team
Local - All Outreach Ministries
Missions-Threads of Hope

OUR MILITARY:

All being affected by mid-east & Ukraine uncertainty, plus worldwide needs
Ryan Richardson, Navy Reserves
Peter Barndt, AD, USN
Cathy Durand Cantu, Coast Guard – AD, Alaska

COMMUNITY, NATION & WORLD:

+TRUTH to guide all re: news & elections
+Hurricane Milton aftermath & recovery
+Hurricane Helene's vast human & infrastructure needs
+Israel/Lebanon/Iran & mid-east war & U.S. care re: aid
+Thanksgiving for end to port workers strike
+U.S. government for nation, not party