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## **HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Sharing Christ's Love and Growing Disciples*

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**November 9, 2025**  
**10:00 AM**

***Order of Worship***

*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

*November 9, 2025*

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

**A Word of Encouragement**

“Watch for big problems. They disguise big opportunities.”

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

**Prelude**

**Ringling of Church Bell**

**Life in the Church**

**The Church in Action**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle – *based on Deuteronomy 6:5***

The flame on the Christ candle reminds us of God's love shown in Jesus and how it is our life-long priority to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our souls and with all our might.

**Call to Worship (Responsively) - *from Psalm 98***

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**We will break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Sing praises to the Lord;

**Make a joyful noise with trumpet and the sound of the horn.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

**The floods clap their hands and the hills sing out together;**

Let us join in the joyful song of creation.

**\* Hymn**      Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”      Hymnal #234

**\*Call to Confession**

Though we are prone to wander, the spirit of God abides among us.

Trusting in God’s persistent love and mercy, let us confess our sin.

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

**Gracious God, we confess that we are too easily influenced peddlers of despair and alarm, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us, we pray. Help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence as we face the challenges of our lives. Restore our vision and give us courage to live in your truth. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of God’s Forgiveness**

God’s ways are just, and God’s kindness is constant. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Beloved, God draws near to us with compassion and forgives our sins.

**Thanks be to God; we are a forgiven people. Amen.**

**\*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**

Job 19: 23-27a

P. 468

**Anthem    “Happy Land”**

Hatton and Harlan

Chancel Choir

**Time with Young Followers of Jesus and Noisy Offering**

**\* Hymn    “There Is a Redeemer”**

Hymnal #443

**Epistle Reading**

II Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

P. 206

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 20: 27-38

P. 84

This is the gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Message    “Resurrection Freedom”**

**Invitation to the Offering** – *Luke 7:44-48; Romans 5:5*

As the grace of Jesus Christ has been poured out for us, let us pour out our lives for others, offering our gifts and ourselves to God.

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

O God may the resources that are gathered here be a blessing to the world you so love. Guard our paths and do not let our feet slip; keep us as the apple of your eye. Give us wisdom and humility as we seek to be faithful stewards of all your good gifts. **Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

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

**Hymn**      ““Thine Is the Glory”

Hymnal #238

**Parting Greeting**

--Today, 5:00 PM **Dinner and A Movie** at Christ Our King Presbyterian Church. The documentary film is about Mary's transgender experience and is called “Mary: Her Journey from Pain to Purpose.” Mary will be present with those attending and will respond to questions.

--Tuesday, 6:30 PM **Deacons** meeting.

--Wednesday, 1:00 PM **Worship Commission** meeting; 7:30 PM **Choir Rehearsal**.

--Friday, 7:00 PM **Teens** are meeting for “Game Night” in Netting Hall.

--**Stewardship Dedication Sunday** is November 23! Worship followed by a brunch in Netting Hall.

## **Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**                      “Dona Nobis Pacem”

## **Postlude**

Thank you – to Garrett Scarff and Edgar Narciso 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!

The rose on the organ is in honor of Harper Adelaide Foreman, daughter of Tyler and Mindy Foreman.

## **Highland Happenings**

### **Upcoming events**

- Sunday, November 23                      Stewardship Brunch
- Saturday, December 6                      Tractor Parade
- Sundays, Nov. 30 & Dec. 7                      Collect Gifts for Christmas Family

### **Mason Dixon Christmas Family**

Every year Highland Deacons “adopt” a family from the Mason Dixon Food Bank. This year we have adopted a single mom with 3 kids. Please look for tags on the Christmas trees in the narthex on Sunday, November 23.

### **Tractor Parade**

December 6. Volunteers will be needed. More to come.

### **Mason Dixon Food Bank**

Hamburger Helper and Chef Boyardee Pasta (any kind), and personal care items are appreciated. Please help us help our neighbors in this time of need. Please place your donations in the basket in the narthex.

### **Pastoral Study Hours**

Monday through Wednesday, 10 am to 12:30 pm, with exceptions. It is always best to make an appointment.

# Prayer List

+Denotes New Addition

## **THANKSGIVING FOR:**

Harper Adelaide Foreman, daughter of Tyler & Mindy Foreman, arrived safely on Thursday

## **INTERCESSIONS FOR:**

+Carole DeRan (Craig DeRan)  
+Chuck Boyle (Dave Thompson)  
+Cyndi Caravello (Nancy Carver)  
Lincoln University community (Pastor Ray)  
Jamaica recovery from Hurricane Melissa  
Daryl (Mary Beverly Gallagher)  
Connie Ford Richardson (Jim Galbreath)  
Vivian Wolfsheimer (Stacey Scarff)  
Eley Welkner (Claudia Scarborough)  
Care and support for those with mental illness (Pastor Ray)

## **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 Gallagher)  
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 – Christ Our King PC  
All Leadership, HPC Legacy Bldg. Team  
Local – Baltimore Station

## **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: Oceania:  
American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu