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HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Love God, Love Our Neighbors, Share God's Hope

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Rev. Raymond R. Meute, Jr., Pastor

Rev. Dr. William J. Netting, Pastor Emeritus

December 21, 2025

10:00 AM

Order of Worship
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025

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

A Word of Encouragement

"The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad."

Isaiah 35:1

Prelude— Joy to the World, Jacob Fallon, piano

Welcome

Life in the Church

The Church in Action

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent Wreath Liturgy – The Scarff Family

Away in a Manger (Congressional Song)

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down
his sweet head.

The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus
asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever and
love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to
live with thee there.

Reception of New Members

Unexpected Glory,

written and directed by Stacey Scarff, accompanist: Nancy Jones

Cast: (in alphabetical order)

Charlie Buehler – donkey
Paul Forrest Crowl – inn keeper
Ben DeRan - himself
Savannah DeRan - herself
Jake Fallon – wise man
Braylen Gray - himself
Tyler Gray - himself
Corbin Hardy – Joseph
Daisy Hardy - angel
Truett Hardy – sheep
Dylan Narciso – wise man
Maya Narciso – Mary
Alice Richardson – angel
Fiona Richardson - angel
Alexa Scarff - herself
Garrett Scarff – wise man
Sarah Summerfield – herself
Scott Summerfield – himself
Hazel Thompson – shepherd
Savannah Thompson – shepherd
Rosemary Thompson – sheep

Scene 1: Getting Ready!

Scene 2: Angels

Angels We Have Heard on High (Congressional Song)

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plain

And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strain
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Scene 3: Mary and Joseph

‘What Child Is This?’ Alexa Scarff, viola

Scene 4: The Wise Men

‘We Three Kings’ Garrett Scarff, voice

Scene 5: No Room at the Inn

O Little Town of Bethlehem (Congressional Song)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie,
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Scene 6: Shepherds

‘Glory’ by Matt Maher Savannah Thompson, voice

Scene 7: Manger Scene

‘Silent Night’, cast

‘We Wish You a Merry Christmas’, cast

Invitation to the Offering

With gratitude for God’s faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all
that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY: The First Noel, Corbin Hardy, saxophone

Prayer of Dedication

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate and whose Lordship we praise. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Congressional Song)

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Parting Greeting

--Wednesday, 7:30 PM **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship** in the sanctuary.

--Pastor Ray Meute is on **vacation** 12/26-12/31. If you need pastoral support, please call Elder Pete McCallum and he will reach out to our elders.

--Next Sunday, The Rev. **Mike Schutz** will be preaching the message.

Benediction and Brunch

Per Capita Assessment for every member is \$45 for 2026. 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

Highland Church!



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**2025 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING
MEMORY OF:**

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Hazel & Rosemary Thompson
Ray & Nancy Meute

IN MEMORY OF:

Howard & Edith Oliver (Parents)
Gladson & Sarah B. Ayres (Parents)
Roger & Margaret H. Barton (Parents)
William & Jean Galbreath (Friends)
William Derickson (Husband & Father)
Ella S., Enfield (Mother)
Richard Enfield, Sr. (Father)
James R. & Janie W. Galbreath (Parents)
Jeanne W. Galbreath (Wife)
John C. Galbreath (Son)
Jerry C. Hall (Father)
Loved Ones
Loved Ones
Walter & Suzie Jones (Parents)
Paul & Anna Scott (Parents)
Loved Ones
William & Hannah Richardson (Parents)
Lou and Louise White (Parents)
Parents
Bartley T. Wilson (Cousin)
Loved Ones
Wilson S. & Marcia K. Jones (Husband & Daughter)

IN HONOR OF:

Michele Fallon &
Karen Heinlein
Oksanna Fallon
Grandchildren
Carole DeRan
Betsy Crowl

Mallory, Gideon, Jocelyn, Delila
Anderson & Harper (Grandchildren)

Prayer List

+Denotes New Addition

THANKSGIVING FOR:

+Highland Children and Youth

INTERCESSIONS FOR:

+Richard and Harriett Holloway (Wilson Tharpe)

+Michael Martin (Susan Summerfield)

+Wilson Tharpe (Claudia Scarborough)

Displaced people – 500 in Harford County

Doris Griffith (Claudia Scarborough)

Ted Wiley (Wanda Amos)

John Philip Wilson (Lucy Hollens)

Donald Jones (Elaine Derickson)

Art Noble (Donna Noble)

Carole DeRan (Craig DeRan)

Care and support for those with mental illness
(Pastor Ray)

LONG-TERM PRAYERS NEEDED:

Helene Mackey (Pastor Ray)

Bill Netting (Dave Thompson)

Jeanie Rainey (Donna Noble)

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)

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 – North Harford County Children’s Center

OUR MILITARY:

Peter Barndt, USN

Cathy Durand Cantu, USCG

Ryan Richardson, USNR

COMMUNITY, NATION & WORLD:

Children, elderly, and disabled people without
S.N.A.P. support

Justice and the rule of law

Mass shooting attacks Brown Univ. & Australia

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: Hong
Kong, Macau, Taiwan and the Mainland of China