

the highland HEARTBEAT

August 27, 2023



CONNECTING YOU
WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

Highland Fall Sermon Series ~ The Book of Acts: Resilient Church, Resilient People

Purpose of this series:

1. To explore our roots as a church
2. To encourage the congregation to dream and innovate as the early church did
3. To study the Spirit's role in shaping a resilient church
To build hope and confidence in our work and our church
4. Over-arching questions of the series: What are the characteristics of resilient churches? How can we be a resilient church as we move into our next chapter at Highland?



Resilient churches....

- Week 1 8/27: They trust and have faith that God has a plan even when that plan is not evident. (Acts 1:6-14)
- Week 2 9/3: They discern and move with the Spirit; they dream dreams (Acts 2:1-13)
- Week 3 9/10: They value community and relationships (Acts 4:32-37)
- Week 4 9/17: They boldly and unapologetically tell the story of Jesus (Acts 8:26-40) (Also integrating some scripture from Acts 4- Peter and John refuse to keep quiet about how they healed the man in the name of Jesus; and Acts 5- they still preach in the prisons and refuse to stop)
- Week 5 9/24: They have people who know and use their gifts (Acts 9: 1-20)
- Week 6 10/1: They are nimble, flexible, and open to change (Acts 10: 1-33)
- Week 7 10/8: They maintain their joy and hope even in adversity (Acts 16:16-34)
- Week 8 10/29 Final sermon in Acts series; They are able to step out of their comfort zone (Acts 17: 16-31)

Fall Small Groups ~ Small Groups forming! Sign up today in the Narthex and purchase your book.

Sundays after Church:

Leslie Aikens and a co-facilitator (to be determined) meeting in the Prayer Room ~ Max Lucado

Connie Towers, Barb Droz, Daniel & Emma Denae Droz meeting in room 208 ~ Interpretation & N.T. Wright

Monday evening Connie & Bob Hoelscher at Warwick Woodlands ~ N.T. Wright

Friday afternoons at 1:30 at Willow Valley South ~ Betty Price and a co-facilitator (to be determined) ~ N.T. Wright

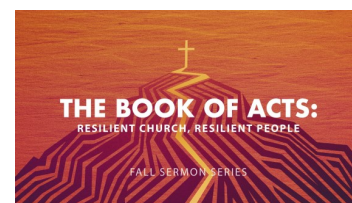
Friday afternoons at 1:30 via Zoom ~ Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne, Joycelyn Pyett & Mary Kay Hymes ~ John Stott

More small groups may be offered based upon sign-ups.

WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:6-14

SERMON: Trusting God when the plan is not evident.



HOW TO VIEW OUR ONLINE SERVICES

- Visit our website for the current week's service at www.highlandpc.org
- Worship services are livestreamed at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings so you can watch it as it happens.
- Visit our Youtube Channel at www.youtube.com/c/highlandpresbyterian for access to all of our past services and events

PREACHING/WORSHIP CALENDAR

9/03 Pastor Allison preaching
9/10 Pastor Allison preaching
9/17 Pastor Allison preaching
9/24 Pastor Allison preaching
10/1 Pastor Allison preaching
10/8 Pastor Allison preaching
10/15 Bill Owen presenting
10/22 Will preaching
10/29 Pastor Allison preaching

PRAYER LIST

In Memory

Family of Zitella (Zit) Buzby
Family of Lewis Hershey
Family of Harriett Weaver

In Prayer

Julie Bender
Jane Boris (sister of Carla Rothacker)
Robert Coup
Bill & Claudia Dyson (Friends of Lee Heisey)
Marilyn Frandsen
Ryan Ginn
Kathy Groves
Linda Guimond
Carl Henkel
Marge Herrmann
Diane Hostetter (Mitchell)
Family of Jack & Marty Hynd

Joan Lewis
Carolyn McGuigan
Beverly Moore
Heather Sievers
Dorie Steinman
The people of Northwest & Southwest Cameroon

PASTOR ON

August 28 ~ September 3

Rev. Allison Beaulieu



Names found on the Heartbeat prayer list will remain on the list for 30 days. If you would like the name to be included after 30 days, please contact the church office to re-add them. To request a name to be added to the Prayer List, kindly first obtain permission from the individual then call the church office to have them added.

Announcements & Updates

Ignite Returns on Sept. 10th! Ignite, which is a time of extended worship with our praise band, starts back up on Sunday, Sept. 10th at 9:30am. Due to high demand, Ignite will be EVERY SUNDAY at 9:30am, except the Sunday after Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are so excited to hear more from our talented praise band and Ignite worship leader, Jeff Martin. Come join us any Sunday for inspiration and praise at IGNITE!



A Recent Visitor to Highland? A get together for recent visitor will be held after the worship service on Sunday, September 24 in the McClintock Chapel. This will offer an opportunity for you to interact with staff members and each other, learn more about the overall scope of Highland's ministry, and get answers to some questions you might have. We look forward to seeing you then. For further information, please see the Welcome Center or contact the church office at (717) 569-2651 or Larry and Anita Ewing.

Church Directory Did you know that there is a church directory that can be accessed two ways? Online on the HighlandPC.org website and on a smartphone using the Church Life app.

For Website Access: New Users If you have never registered on the church website, go to www.Highlandpc.org. Scroll to the bottom left of any page, click on CREATE NEW ACCOUNT and register using your email address and then create a password. Your email address is your USERNAME.

Sign in and check the accuracy of your information and by selecting "I want to view MY COMPLETE PROFILE".

Existing Users If you have logged in before: Go to Highland's website: www.Highlandpc.org. Scroll to the bottom left of any page, click on MEMBER LOGIN and sign in. After signing in, you now have access to the church directory by using the search box on the right side of the page to access the PHOTO DIRECTORY.

For Smartphone Access:

To access the photo directory from your smartphone, you will need to download the Church Life app:

Click on App Store icon on your phone. Search for "ACS Church Life" app and download it. The first time you use the Church Life app it will ask you to enter your email address and password that you have set up on Highland's website. Enter your information and SIGN IN. Once signed in, you can stay signed in. If you need help editing your information or uploading a photo, go to the WELCOME Page on the church website and scroll down to CHURCH DIRECTORY or by contacting Mike Nolt, our website administrator. Blue papers with instructions can be found on the Kiosk or at The Welcome Center.

Rally Day...It's your church...let's get involved. What are your interests? Your talents, your skills? Look for sign up/information sheets with a myriad of opportunities for you to become involved. Some groups really can use more volunteers, some would just like you to be part of their group. Signing up means they will contact you and/or put you on their email list for information about future activities.

Church Calendar It's that time of the year, when our program year starts. Please contact the office with your committee or group information to ensure that it is placed on the calendar/schedule and your room is available for you!

Gym Jam We are excited to start our 11th year of Gym Jam this fall! We are looking for a few volunteers Wednesdays from 9:15-10:45 to help set up the gym, greet guests, engage with the families and help with snacks. The season runs from September 13th to March 27th. Gym Jam is an open gym space for kids 0-5 and their parent/guardian. We set up a bounce house, slide, scooters, bikes, tunnels, etc. If interested, please contact the church office or Mindy Witmer directly.

Back to School Blessing

As we head back into our classrooms, may you go forth fully convinced of our love and your capacity. May you be the head and not the tail, leading others—and yourself—on a path of flourishing. May your roots go down deep into God's soil so you will bear the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. May you remember your people, where you come from, and find your place of belonging, May you become even more fully who you were always meant to be this year. We delight in you, darling. We pray that you would sow seeds of life and hope wherever you find yourself, cultivating a harvest of shalom. May you be prepared for every good work that lies ahead of you. May your mind be clear and engaged, your memory sharp, your wisdom beyond your years. May you ask for what you need without fear or shame. May you be safe, beloved child, protected from anything that seeks to steal, kill, or destroy in any measure. When you are afraid, may you feel our love wrapped around you and take heart. When disappointments or disasters come—and they will—may you find the depths of the resilience we already see in you and rise, rise, rise again. May you do what is right and good and kind and just, no matter what everyone else might do. Don't submerge your true self into the dreams, plans, behaviors, or agendas of others. Bring your full beloved self to these days, knowing you are created in the image of God. We pray that you would be a blessing to your teachers and the school staff, and we pray that they, in turn, would see and affirm you in the fullness God has created. We pray for good friendships that will sharpen and delight you. We pray you would have eyes to see the lonely ones. May you have many opportunities to practice being both brave and kind. Beloved child of God, we send you out in the power and peace of Love itself, prepared and anointed, knowing you walk upon steady ground. In the name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, one God and Mother of us all. Amen.



by Sarah Bessey

Invitation to the Confirmation Cohort Highland's 9th and 10th grade students are invited to participate in the next confirmation cohort! Older youth who were not previously confirmed as Highland members may also join. Confirmation encourages students to remember the promises that were made in their baptism, reflect on what God is doing in their lives, and express what it means for them to be disciples of Jesus. At the conclusion of the class, students may write a statement of faith and become members of Highland. This is a time of reflection and affirmation for Highland's young people, as they are invited to participate even more fully in the fellowship of God's church. Meeting times for the cohort are TBA, because we hope to find dates and times that will work for all participants over the course of this school year. Teachers will include Pastor Allison, Pastor Ann, and Will Massey. Please contact Will Massey by Friday, September 1 if your student would like to be invited to join the confirmation cohort! After that date you will be invited to an introductory meeting.



Support Youth Ministry: Volunteers and Meals Youth Group kicks off on August 27, and once again we will need two types of contributions:

- Youth Group volunteers (adults with Child Protection Clearances who also attend orientation)
- Sunday Dinners

You can start signing up today for Sunday Youth Gatherings from now through December. Contributing in either way makes a big difference for our youth as they build relationships and explore their faith in a non-judgmental environment. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4faea72cabfb6-youth1#/>