

the highland HEARTBEAT

September 3, 2023



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WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

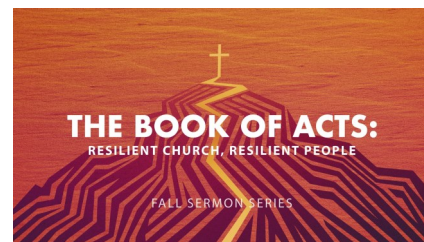
Looking back on these moments with gratitude, thanking God
and looking forward to the remainder of the year!



WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-21

SERMON: Inviting the Spirit into our lives & into the church



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

9/10 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 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 CALL

September 4 ~ September 10

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne



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

Purpose of our Acts sermon 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
4. To build hope and confidence in our work and our church



Resilient churches....

- 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)
- 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)

GPS Update - We are one week away from starting our Congregational Conversations on **Sunday, September 10th at Noon!** This will be a fun and engaging time to discuss your past with Highland. After the church service, lunch will be provided in the Fellowship Hall. Bill Owens from the Center for Healthy Churches will lead the main discussion. One of Highland's GPS team members or facilitators (listed below) will be at each table to provide discussion points. This is a time to share about your journey of how you were led to Highland Presbyterian Church. We are all excited to learn and listen to these stories! It is not too late to sign up and attend. It is our goal to have as many people from the congregation as possible. We look forward to seeing everyone next week! As registration for our Congregational Conversations has progressed, we realized we would need additional facilitators to manage the meetings. We have recently added the following people to be facilitators: Kristen Bransby, Dick Entz, Grant Schonour, Beverly Campbell, Leslie Fiorenza, Nita Sue & Cal Kent, Kathy & Daniel Missildine, Sally Doane, Doug Good, Barb Droz, Howard McIntyre and Linda Matthews.



Ignite Returns on Sept. 10th! On this date the service will take place in Sanctuary all others will be held in Fellowship Hall. Ignite 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 every Sunday for inspiration and praise at IGNITE!

A Recent Visitor to Highland? A get together for recent visitors 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 Larry or Anita Ewing at the Welcome Center or contact the church office at (7171) 569-2651.

HiLites ~ All are welcome! Please come to an after-dinner friendship time with friends, **Saturday, September 23rd**, at the home of Peggy & Dean Ehrhart, please arrive between 6:30 and 7 pm (before sunset) Coffee and Apple Cider will be provided. Optional bring a chair and a favorite small snack to share. Please note that this event will be cancelled if rain. For more details or to sign-up contact Peggy & Dean Ehrhart or call the church office 717-569-2651.

Senior Breakfast at Oregon Dairy Join the group on the first Thursday of each month at 9 am. in the dining room of Oregon Dairy. Please call the church office with any questions.



Children & Youth Activities

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 TODAY 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#/>

Children during Sunday Morning Worship beginning September 10th

Ignite ~ 9:30 am Children are invited to enter freely into the Ignite worship space on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am from September ~ May.



Nursery during 10:00 am Worship Service Children ages 0 to 3 are invited to the nursery from 9:45 am until 10 minutes after the end of the service under the care of our SafeChurch volunteers.

Sunday School for Children during 10 am Worship Service Children ages 4 through 4th grade are invited to remain with their grown-ups in the sanctuary until they are dismissed for Sunday School during the service. SafeChurch volunteers will escort children to their classrooms for a Bible lesson, activity, and fellowship. (Children should be registered for Sunday School before going into the sanctuary). Activity bags are available in the classrooms to be picked up before and returned after the service for children who prefer to remain with their grown-ups during the entire service. All children should be picked up within 10 minutes after the end of the service.

Children in grades 5 and above are welcome to sit together during the worship service, remain with their grown-up, or assist in the children's classrooms during the service. Signs-ups are required.

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 to find out what is required to volunteer.

