

the highland HEARTBEAT

November 5, 2023



CONNECTING YOU
WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

All Saints Day



The early Christians marked the anniversary of a martyr's death as the day of "birth" into sainthood. By the middle of the first millennium there were so many martyrs that it became difficult to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown. In the Reformed Tradition things began to change. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the whole people of God.

Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. It is a day set aside to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We pray that we may also be counted among the faithful in God's eternal realm. On this Sunday the Memorial Garden Committee has provided white roses located in the narthex in honor of those who departed within this past year. We invite the families of those who died this year to stop at the round table and take a white rose in remembrance. As always, the Memorial Garden (accessed from a door located next to the library) is open to the congregation. You are most welcome to enjoy the peace and tranquility of this beautiful setting.



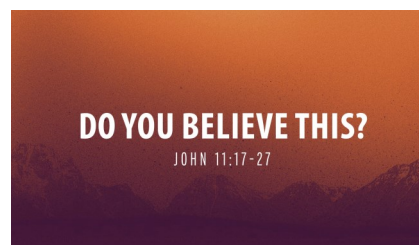
Thanksgiving offering during November. One program to receive \$35,000 from this fund raiser is Okra Abbey New Worshipping Community Solar Power for Resilience. Okra Abbey is a new worshipping community in the Pigeon Town neighborhood of New Orleans, a low-income area that is often overlooked as many neighbors struggle with housing and food insecurity, addiction and mental health issues. This unconventional community has a garden for a sanctuary and gathers around meal tables rather than pews. Utilizing the garden space and the ability to grow vegetables, Okra Abbey extends the welcome of Jesus to those who might otherwise not be interested or feel welcomed into a church. With the 2023 Thank Offering grant, Okra Abbey will become a solar powered space, resilient in the face of extreme storms and a hub for disaster response. With reliable solar energy, they will reach out to neighbors daily by offering electrical outlets and a charging station. The vegetables grown at Okra Abbey are a starting point for conversation, and with the Thank Offering grant, Okra Abbey will be consistent hosts for community growth and faith discovery. Please support this program with the Thanksgiving envelope in your giving envelopes or in the pew racks.



WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: John 11:17-21

SERMON: "Do you believe this?"



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

11/12 Pastor Allison preaching
11/19 Pastor Allison preaching
11/26 Will Massey preaching
12/3 Pastor Allison preaching
12/10 Pastor Allison preaching
12/17 Pastor Allison preaching
Christmas Eve Service Schedule
10 am Traditional Worship
4:30 pm Family Christmas Service ~ 8 pm Candlelight Service

PRAYER LIST

In Memory

Family of Frances Kaufmann

In Prayer

Julie Bender

Jane Boris (sister of Carla Rothacker)

Matt Bransby

Robert Coup

Bill & Claudia Dyson (Friends of Lee Heisey)

Ryan Ginn

Averril Good

Linda Guimond

Carl Henkel

Marge Herrmann

Diane Hostetter (Mitchell)

Joan Lewis

Carolyn McGuigan

Beverly Moore

Ingeborg Ross & Family

Hank Savard

Heather Sievers

The people of Israel & Gaza

PASTOR ON CALL

November 6 ~ November 12

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

2023 Highland Christmas Giving Tree During the 2023 Christmas Season Highland Presbyterian Church is providing Christmas gifts for clients in fifteen agencies and local organizations. One of the organizations which we will be again supporting is Red Rose Manor, an assisted living facility located near Thaddeus Stevens College in Lancaster City. It is a small facility with clients including both retired and middle aged individuals who are in need of help with daily living. Our gifts are an uplift at Christmas by providing not only a show of support but in many cases items which they need and may not otherwise be able to obtain. Please show your support by taking one or a few tags from the Giving Trees in the Narthex.



Security Information Session TODAY at 11:15 AM We are constantly inviting and welcoming new volunteers to support our activities. This opportunity is for both new and veteran volunteers as we strive to better serve our fellow Highland members and visitors. We will meet in Fellowship Hall. Grab your coffee and join us! Please plan to attend. Topics of interest will include: The Power of Hello ~ Observation techniques ~ Radio usage/communication ~ Situational awareness ~ Emergency response ~Evacuation posts

Veteran's Day Concert For the first time since 2019 Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra will have our Special Guests, America's Sweethearts who come all the way from New York City, performing with us for our Veterans Day Wounded Warrior benefit concert! We will be playing classic big band music from all era's to Honor our Veterans. Admission is free, a voluntary offering will be taken for Wounded Warrior Project. See you there ~ **November 12** from **7- 8:30 pm in the Sanctuary.**



Senior Ministry Christmas Gathering ~ Thursday December 7 from 11 am ~ 1 pm

Save the date! Registration will begin in the Narthex starting on November 12 for the JOY CHRISTMAS PARTY. The party will start promptly at 11am on Thursday, December 7th with carol singing, special music by Bill Rhoads, a Christmas. devotional with Pastor Allison, and fun with Pastor Ann. Lunch will be provided by our own Linda Brackbill, and her hospitality team. Registration is required for the party so that we will have sufficient food for everyone. Donation baskets will be provided to cover the expenses of the meal.



From Your Stewardship Committee: Please Check Your Mailbox This fall's Stewardship Campaign materials were mailed on October 26, and should have arrived in your mailbox by now. If you have not received the brochure, letter from Pastor Allison, and pledge card, please call the church office for a replacement mailing. Please consider prayerfully your financial support for Highland for the coming year. Pledge cards can be returned to the church office at any time, and will be formally dedicated in worship on **November 19.**

Presbyterian Women's Book Group Join Us! The PW Book Group will meet on Wednesday, November 15 at 1:00 in Room 208 to discuss the book **HORSE** by Geraldine Brooks. Visitors and/or new members are welcome. Hope to see you then! Please contact the church office with any questions.

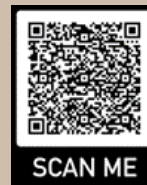
Christmas Memorial Poinsettias are for sale in the Narthex. It is hard to believe it is that time of the year. Christmas is around the corner! One of the Deacons' many ministries provides the opportunity to order Poinsettias to donate for delivery to someone homebound, grieving, or who is ill. You may also order a Poinsettia in memory of, a loved one or for your personal enjoyment. When you purchase Memorial plants in memory of or honor of a loved one, their names will be printed in the bulletin. Poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 17th and Christmas Eve. If you indicate on the order form that you wish to take your home, please, pick it up after the 8 pm Christmas Eve Service. Stop by the Deacon table in the Narthex before or after Sunday services, starting today thru December 3 to place your order! Plants are \$9 each.



Mission & Outreach Corner

Ecological Gardening for Fall In the linked article, Lancaster Conservancy offers their wisdom on ecological gardening this Fall. By implementing these tips you can support habitat for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife. Scan the code using the camera app on your phone to read more! Their advice includes:

- • Leave the Leaves
- • Expand your garden with native plants
- • Leave stalks, stems and seed heads in your garden.



"Peter and Paul" the true biblical story that dramatically brings to the life the birth of the Christian Church. **Come watch ~ Showing time is 1:30-5:00pm this Saturday, November 11th in Highland's McClintock Chapel.** The movie ties all of the fall sermons and studies on Acts together and is sure to strengthen your understanding and faith. Snacks are available in the Narthex. There is no signup, just mark your calendars and plan to come this coming Saturday. You will see the struggle of the early church and how both Peter and Paul are empowered with boldness and resilience inspired by the power of the Holy Spirit. Don't miss it!

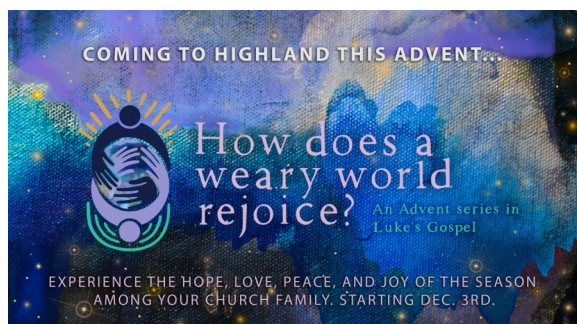
College Care Packages - Attention parents of Highland college students, we will be collecting care package items to send to the kids before fall semester finals and we need their address. Please email me at mindywitmer@gmail.com before Nov. 21. College care package items to send to our college members can include popcorn, pretzels, twizzlers, gum, smarties, granola bars, hot chocolate packets, etc. (we send about 30 boxes). **If you would like to contribute, please drop off donations at the church office by Nov. 21.** We will be packing them on Monday, November 27th at 6:30 email Mindy Witmer or contact the church office if you would like to help.

Be part of the Christmas Pageant being planned We're planning to have a Christmas pageant for our family service on Sunday, December 24th at 4:30 pm. **We need actors, narrators, Black Light performers, ushers, children's hand bells, and behind the scenes helpers to make this a success. Children, youth, and adults are all encouraged to join us in the preparations. We need LOTS of people for various roles, so please SIGN UP TODAY!** Contact Jennifer Weitzel at jenniferweitzel@highlandpc.org OR Will Massey at willmassey@highlandpc.org for more information Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/hpc2023xmas430>



Volunteers needed to serve bagged dinners at First Reformed Church on **November 14th from 5-6 pm.** Families welcome! Please contact Lisa Murray or the church office if interested.

Christmas Tea Attention **ALL** the women at Highland! Save **Thursday, December 14** at noon for the annual Christmas tea sponsored by the Presbyterian women. All ages are encour-



"How does a weary world rejoice?" Experience the hope, love, peace, and JOY of the season among your church family. **Starting Dec. 3rd.**