

the highland HEARTBEAT

November 26, 2023



CONNECTING YOU
WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

Advent Sermon Series



Advent devotionals that follow our church-wide series, "How Does a Weary World Rejoice?" are available online at <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/136123036/> or in print by calling the church office. Perhaps this is a time where you reconnect with your Summer prayer triad (or form a new one) to engage with the richness of Christ's story alive in you. This devotional is designed to help you practice joy in a weary world. Each lesson includes art, reflections, poetry, and hymns. May each week offer you rhythms for rejoicing through acknowledging your weariness, finding joy in connection,

allowing yourself to be amazed, singing stories of hope, making room, rooting yourself in ritual, and remembering your belovedness.

For a full listing of Advent activities including our Christmas Eve services, Christmas Cantata, Kid's Night Out, Caroling, Christmas Tea, and more, see our special Advent page on the church website www.highlandpc.org/advent2023. Scan this QR code (by simply hovering your open camera app on the image, and then clicking the link that appears at the top of your smartphone screen to access it quickly).



QUILTERS SALE BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY Pot Holders, microwave bowls, wall hangings, table runners, baby quilts are just a few of the items that the Highland Quilters will be selling next Sunday before and after the 10:00 a.m. service.



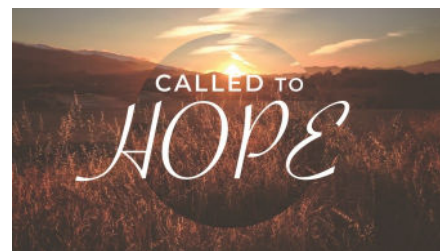
All proceeds from the sale will be donated to nonprofits whose focus is on supporting women and children. Already this year the Quilters have donated money to CASA, Milagro House, Teen Hope at the Samaritan Center, and Power Packs. Your purchases will enable them to donate to other worthy organizations AND you will be buying wonderful handmade Christmas gifts for others and/or yourself. Come a couple minutes early to check out the items in the Narthex.



WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:15-23

SERMON: Called to Hope



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

"How does a weary world rejoice?" Starting December 3 Pastor Allison preaching

Experience the hope, love, peace and JOY of the season amount your church family.

12/10 Pastor Allison preaching

12/17 Pastor Allison preaching

Christmas Eve Service Schedule

9:20 am Ignite

10 am Traditional Worship

4:30 pm Family Christmas Service

8 pm Candlelight Service



PRAYER LIST

In Memory

Family of Frances Kaufmann

Family of M. Joan Barney

Family of Miriam Hiestand

In Prayer

Julie Bender

Robert Coup

Pete Faber

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 27 ~ December 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

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

Save the date! Registration will begin in the Narthex starting **TODAY** for the JOY CHRISTMAS PARTY. The party will start promptly at 11am on Thursday, December 7th with carol singing, a Christmas devotional with Pastor Allison, and fun with Pastor Ann. Lunch will be provided by our own 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.



Christmas Tea Thursday, December 14 at noon. Held here at Highland. Sign-ups start November 26. Cost is \$5.00 per person. This annual event is sponsored by the Presbyterian Woman. All ages are encouraged to attend.



Christmas Memorial Poinsettias are for sale in the Narthex. Poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 17th and Christmas Eve. If you indicate on the order form that you wish to take yours 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, now thru December 3 to place your order! Plants are \$9 each.

From Your Stewardship Committee: Many thanks for pledges received to date. As of November 19, Highland has received about 190 pledges for your financial support during 2024. This represents about 68% of the individuals and families who submitted pledges for 2023, and so there are many others who we hope will respond. Pledge cards can be mailed to the church office at any time during the next few weeks. Anyone who has not received, or who has misplaced, the stewardship materials mailed in October should feel free to call the church office for replacements.

Stewardship Update From the Finance and Stewardship Committee: here is our financial position through October:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Revenues:	\$924,776	\$1,151,867
Total Expenses:	\$1,053,469	\$1,137,144
Revenues vs. Expenses:	\$(128,693)	

Dorothy Rose Smith Concert Series presents the stunning "Gloria" for Choir and Brass by John Rutter. And, in keeping with our Advent theme, the choir and soloists will perform the beloved Christmas hymn, "O Holy Night" along with other cherished music of the season.



HiLites Christmas Party is Saturday, December 9. Are you an empty nester? This event is a great time to give us a try. We will gather at John and Sandy Wolfe's at 6:00 for hearty appetizers and then to Andrew and Dana Mead's for dessert and ornament exchange game. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information or to sign up contact Ginny Kleppinger or Judy Eyster.

Mission & Outreach Corner

Friday is December 1! It is the day to start adding the items on the *Reverse Advent Calendar* to your grocery list. Each day in December purchase one food item listed on the Reverse Calendar. Bring the food items each Sunday and put them in the collection boxes in the Narthex and in the office area or you can fill a box and bring it in on Christmas Eve. All foods collected will be taken to the Lancaster Food Hub. The Lancaster Food Hub provides food, clothing, emergency shelter and outreach services to those deeply affected by poverty as well as the working poor. This Friday add a box of cereal to your shopping cart. A handout which outlines the calendar can be found on the Kiosk next to the Heartbeats and on the round table in the Narthex. Any questions, please see Juanita Fowler.



Support Youth Ministry: Volunteers and Meals We are in need of 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#/>



The Deacons and the Brass Bands have planned Christmas Caroling on 12/19 at Landis Homes, in the High Foundation Auditorium. We are scheduled to arrive and begin caroling around 6:45 for 30 to 40 minutes total. It is open to church members who wish to join and get in the Christmas Spirit. We thank Jerry Rothacker for arranging the Brass Group.

Auscultation Brass if you are in need of some additional Christmas Cheer, the Auscultation Brass is giving two Christmas Concerts this year. Sunday December 3, 3 PM at Glossbrenner United Methodist Church, 713 Church St, Mount Joy and Tuesday December 12 at 7 PM at Saint John Neumann Church, 601 E Delp Rd, Lancaster 17601.

Service of Rest and Renewal This service is for all of us who need to hit the pause button during the hustle and bustle of the season. Bring your fatigue and weariness, and allow yourself a quiet space to reflect and draw near to God. We hope this service can be a gift to you, providing a space of calm, quiet and healing through music, scripture and prayer.

Children's Ministry Helpers on Sunday Mornings, Sign up to make a difference with children and their spiritual formation. Now scheduling for January through May 2023. <https://tinyurl.com/HPCJanMay2024>.

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 for more information Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/>

