



Sunday, November 23, 2025

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! Says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

— Jeremiah 23:1-6 (NRSVUE)

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

— Luke 23:33-34 (NRSVUE)

Highland: A Place to be Seen, Known, & Loved

Greeters: Amy Roe, Joyce & Peter DeBarger, Betty & Bob Rishel, Coralie Werking & Stan Jacobs

Ushers: Rita Simmers, Gary & Sandy Cross, John Herr, Chrispina Giliberti, Joan Alexander, Nancy Holtzapple

Welcome Center: Kim Buzzard and Peggy Ehrhart

The chancel flowers are presented by:

Donna Kinsey — In memory of her husband, Neil

John & Mary Lou Hershey — In memory of their parents

Phil & Kay Gehman — In memory of Rev. Wayne & Beth Gehman

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

People: God looks favorably upon the people and redeems them.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

People: God speaks through the mouths of the prophets from of old.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

People: God blesses creation and calls us to worship.

All: Let us worship the Lord our God.

*Hymn #155

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Children's Blessing

Sarah Hostetter

Children: God be with you here.

Congregation: God be with you there.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we neglect to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives.

We are slow to bow before him, and hesitant to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by your justice and your love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us up from our willful ignorance. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption. People of God, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Gloria Patri* 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 23:33-34

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Sermon

"A Crown of Thorns"

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Offertory

Crown Him

Dan Forrest

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Matt Drumheller

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Going in God's Name

*Hymn

In Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Five

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Benediction Response

Postlude

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Music: Dr. Paul Thorlakson, Director of Music
Organist: Jonathan Lefever
A/V: Ken Osborne and Josh Witmer



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Prayer List

In Memory

The family of Charlotte Tilley

The family of Beverly Moore

The family of Herwig & Heidi Schutzler

The family of Harold Kinsey

The family of Sue McCarty

In Prayer

Cal Kent

Virginia Gazdziak

Beckie Drover

Shirley & Walt Offermann

Vincent & Ginny Michael Candiello

Scott, Lauren, & Janet Kennedy
(sister of Joyce Shaffer)

Molly Blevins (sister of Jennifer Winter)

Paul Mondock (friend of Jennifer Winter)

Karen Hannon (friend of Jennifer Winter)

Doris Ramsdell (sister of Lee Heisey)

Elizabeth DeVitry (granddaughter of Jack Sapper)

Pastor on Call

November 24 - November 30

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

If you or a family member are in the hospital and would like a visit from a pastor or hospital visitor, please contact the church office.

View Our Online Services

Worship services are livestreamed at 10 am on Sunday mornings. To view our online services, visit us at www.youtube.com/HighlandPresbyterian, or:

- Go to www.youtube.com and search **Highland Presbyterian Church**.
- Click the photo of Highland that appears at the top of the search results.
- On this page, you will find all of our weekly services by date.

Please be advised that services are recorded and you may be incidentally captured on video as part of the recording of the service. The back of the right side of the sanctuary as you enter is out of the range of the camera.

Giving

To give, you can:

- Mail your contributions to the church office.
- Go to www.highlandpc.org and select the "Give Now" button in the upper right-hand corner. The website will walk you through how to give using your credit or debit card.
- Scan the QR code and it will take you to the online giving page of our website.



If you have general questions, please contact the church office at 717-569-2651.

- A description of the stained chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.
- **FM sound devices are available.** Please ask an usher for your own personal receiver.
- **Cellphones** should be silenced during the worship service.

In the event of an emergency, please refer to the card in the pew racks for evacuation and re-assembly information.