



## **Sunday, December 21, 2025**

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me — holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

— Luke 1:46-55 (NIV)

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

**Greeters:** Emily & Nic Krebs, Kristen & Matthew Bransby, Sharon & Tom Kennedy, Dotty Leaman

**Ushers:** John & Gail Robinson, Nancy Holtzapple, Joyce Shaffer, Jennifer Funck, Sara Shank, Joan Alexander

**Welcome Center:** Shelby Snyder and Kim Buzzard

### **Gathering in God's Name**

Chimes

Prelude

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Minute for Mission

Summer Trips

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

Walker Family

**O God of steadfast love, you came to us in a manger, not with force but in vulnerability. You call us to love as you love... boldly, sacrificially, without condition. Teach us to embody your love in word and deed, until the world knows we belong to you.**

\*Hymn #28

*Good.Christian.Friends?Rejoice*

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

**O Lord, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard the good news of the coming of Christ, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. 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 sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. 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	Luke 1:46-55	Rev. Matt Drumheller
Sermon	"The Voices of Advent: The Voice of Mary"	Rev. Matt Drumheller

### **Responding to God's Word**

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication	Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne
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Offertory	<i>Magnificat.</i>	J. Rutter
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***Magnificat.anima.mea.Dominum·  
Et.exultavit.spiritus.meus.in.Deo.salutari.meo***

**Magnificat my spirit praises God the Lord;  
My soul — in gladness ever exalting — rejoices in the Lord, my savior**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer	Sarah Hostetter
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**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 #600	<i>Song of Mary.</i>
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*Charge and Benediction	Rev. Matt Drumheller
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*Benediction Response	<i>O.Come?O.Come?Emmanuel</i>
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**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Postlude

\*Please stand in body or spirit

Music: Dr. Paul Thorlakson, Director of Music

Organist: Jonathan Lefever

A/V: Gus Beaulieu & Ken Osborne



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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

Dorie Steinman

Virginia Gazdziak

Shirley & Walt Offermann

Vincent & Ginny Michael Candiello

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

Rita Pickles & her family

Jack Carmichael (Pastor Ann's brother)

Joe & Jan Chesnutt (for Jan's mom, Joyce Lyle)

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

December 22 - December 27

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

*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](http://www.youtube.com/HighlandPresbyterian), or:

- Go to [www.youtube.com](http://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](http://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;*