



## Sunday, December 28, 2025

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

— Psalm 46 (NIV)

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

**Greeters:** Mary Ellen Cantrell, Cherie Cataldi & Cathy Hoshauer, Shelby & Jack Snyder, Pat & Dale Kershner

**Ushers:** Randy & Anita Heller, John Herr, Mike Eyster, Linda Kay Pressley, Phil Smith

**Welcome Center:** Barb Droz and Pat Walters

### **The chancel flowers are presented by:**

Fran Stefany & her daughters, Laura & Marisa — In memory of Ron Stefany's 80th birthday

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

Chimes

Prelude

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

**Leader:** This is the day the Lord has made.

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

Call to Worship

**Leader:** Christ is born!

**People:** **Alleluia!**

**Leader:** Jesus is among us!

**People:** **Alleluia!**

**Leader:** Shout with joy, give thanks, and sing!

**People:** **Christ is born, the newborn King!**

\*Carol #22

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Silent Prayer of Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Great and glorious God, through Jesus Christ our Savior you have shown us that the blessed age of grace has appeared and the hoped-for time of salvation has come. Yet we cling to the glories of the present age—worldly passions and pursuits. Redeem us from evil and cleanse us from sin, through Christ, who gave himself for us, so that we might be your people, holy and whole, Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison #572

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

Assurance of Pardon

**Leader:** People of God, believe in the good news:

**People:** **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*Passing of the Peace

**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

Psalm 46

Christmas Devotion

"Merciful Snow"  
by Michael L. Lindvall

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

Carol Sing

*Please choose carols in the blue hymnal between pages 21-61.*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**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**

\*Carol #29

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response

Postlude

\*Please stand in body or spirit

Music: Dr. Paul Thorlakson, Director of Music

Organist: Jonathan Lefever

A/V: Gus Beaulieu



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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

Nancy Bender

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 29 - January 4

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](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.*