



Sunday, January 4, 2026

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

— Isaiah 60:1-3 (NIV)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

— Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)

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

Greeters: Denny Davish, Amy & Adam Kane, Connie & Dennis Jeff, Cindy Eidam

Ushers: Rita Simmers, Linda Keener, John Herr, Fred Brown, Chrispina Giliberti, Sara Shank, Donna Kinsey

Welcome Center: Linda Edwards and Pat Walters

The chancel flowers are presented by:

Phyllis Thompson — In memory of her parents

Denny Davish — In memory of his grandson, Christopher Byrom

Rita Pickles — In memory of her mother, Ruth Ward, on her birthday

Kay Houghton — In honor of her 60th wedding anniversary

Linda Forrey — In memory of William H. Forrey

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.

Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you.

People: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Leader: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men came from the East, saying: Where is he who is born king of the Jews?

People: For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.

Leader: Let us worship the Living God!

*Hymn #63

As with Gladness Men of Old

Children's Blessing

Sarah Hostetter

Leader: God be with you here.

People: God be with you there.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Gracious and Loving Lord, as the magi brought you gifts, we are reminded of your majesty. You are the savior of the world who embraced human frailty that we might receive salvation. We ask your forgiveness when we fail to recognize your power, glory, and might. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

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: People of God, rejoice, for because of Jesus Christ, we no longer walk in the darkness, but we walk in the light of His grace. Our Lord is present and His forgiveness shines on us. Friends, believe the good news....

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

Isaiah 60:1-3, Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Sermon

"Gifts That Keep On Giving: Unexpected Gifts"

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Ann & Rev. Ken Osborne

Offertory

Child of the Manger, Child of the Cross

C. Courtney

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Rev. Dr. Ann & Rev. Ken Osborne

Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Ann & Rev. Ken Osborne

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.

Words of Institution

Rev. Dr. Ann & Rev. Ken Osborne

Distribution of Elements

It's our custom at Highland to eat the bread upon receiving it, representing your individual relationship with God. However, please hold the cup until all are served, representing our relationship as the body of Christ. (Note: The bread in the center of the tray is gluten-free).

Prayer After Communion

Rev. Dr. Ann & Rev. Ken Osborne

Going in God's Name

*Hymn #66

We Three Kings of Orient Are

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Postlude

*Please stand in body or spirit

Music: Dr. Paul Thorlakson, Director of Music | Organist: Jonathan Lefever



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Prayer List

In Memory

The family of Charlotte Tilley
The family of Beverly Moore

The family of Harold Kinsey
The family of Sue McCarty

In Prayer

Cal Kent
The Hood family
Nancy Bender
Rita Pickles & her family
Jack Carmichael (Pastor Ann's brother)
Dorie Steinman
Virginia Gazdziak
Shirley & Walt Offermann

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)
Vincent & Ginny Michael Candiello
Scott, Lauren, & Janet Kennedy (sister of Joyce Shaffer)
Elizabeth DeVitry (granddaughter of Jack Sapper)

Pastor on Call

January 4 — January 10

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

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.