

# The Highland Heartbeat

Highland, a Place to be Seen, Known, and Loved

September 7, 2025

## Save the Date

October 18<sup>th</sup>  
and  
October 19<sup>th</sup>

Carson Lecture Series

Diana Butler Bass



## JOY FALL GATHERING and LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:45am – 1:30pm  
in Fellowship Hall

Sign up Sundays 9/7 & 9/14 in the Narthex. All Post-Career members (folks who can manage their own time) will join together to view a wonderful true life story of a couple who discovered God's presence in their lives and coined the phrase "God Winks." With lunch and sharing we will connect with others about our personal God Winks as we meet new people, share and learn our stories and have lots of fun and fellowship. Sign up in the Narthex today to save your spot.



If you are in the stage of life where you can plan your own time and lifestyle, you are part of the "Post Career" generation! Highland has many individuals of all ages who are part of this life stage! The JOY Fellowship Group is designed just for you. We gather together for Food, Fun and Fellowship quarterly, to grow together with joy, faith and connection to each other.

## Save THE Date

SEPT. 18, 2025 | 10:45 AM - 1:30 PM

### Godwink A Christmas MIRACLE OF LOVE

LOVE NEVER HAPPENS BY CHANCE

Sign up in the Narthex

JOY FALL LUNCHEON

SHARING GODWINKS

This year's Advent Booklet theme is **Seen, Known and Loved**. We invite you to reflect on a time when you felt truly seen, known or loved—whether it was here at Highland, with family or friends, in childhood, at school or work, or even through a chance encounter, share your stories in our 2025 Advent Booklet. You can sign up at the table in the Narthex, where instructions and guidelines are available, or scan the QR code to sign up online. The deadline for submissions is October 1, so be sure to sign up soon.



## Get Social with Highland!

 **YouTube** @HighlandPresbyterian

 facebook.com/highlandpreslancaster

 @highlandpc

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

Are you considering membership at Highland Presbyterian Church? Attend our next new members class on either **Saturday morning, September 13 (8:30 - 10:30 a.m.)**, or **Thursday evening, September 18 (6:30 - 8:30 p.m.)**. Child care will be provided when needed. New members then will be welcomed into the congregation on **Sunday morning, September 28**. Mark your calendar to save these dates. In the meantime, please become actively involved in our church life. To register, contact Larry and Anita Ewing or the church office at 717-569-2651.

# RALLY DAY

## USE YOUR GIFTS IN NEW WAYS!

### Sign Up in the Narthex

This morning, explore ways to connect, serve, and grow. Visit the Narthex tables to discover groups, ministries, and volunteer opportunities where your time and talents can make a difference.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF —TODAY

We're excited to begin a new year of Sunday School (Nursery–6th grade) and Youth Group this morning! After the Back to School Blessing in worship, kids will meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary, and parents can connect with teachers at pick-up after the service. Youth Group will also gather from 4–6 p.m. Don't forget to register!

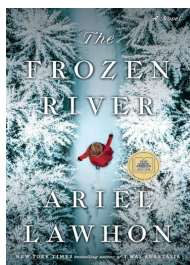
### CHANCEL CHOIR:

Fall is a great time to join the Chancel Choir! If you enjoy singing and want to be part of a welcoming group that lifts hearts and voices in worship, we'd love to have you. Choir is meaningful, fun, and you're guaranteed to leave rehearsals on a "high note." To join, contact Music Director Paul Thorlakson (or speak with him after worship).



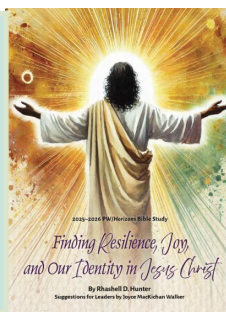
### BOOK CLUB AT HIGHLAND

Join us on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in Room 208. This month's book, *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon, will be discussed on September 24. All are welcome! For more information, call the Church Office.



### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Beginning September 10, a new monthly study, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*, will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at Willow Valley's Lakes Campus. All women are invited to attend. For details, contact Barb Droz or Marion Drain.



### CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Highland has partnered with Church World Service (CWS) to resettle families, like Sahar's, from Afghanistan. CWS reports that thousands of approved refugees remain stranded, awaiting safety. Because of a congressional recess, this is an important time to advocate for refugees. Your voice can help secure funding for food, housing, and resettlement support, ensuring families in crisis find welcome and hope in the United States. For information and guides go to: <https://cwsglobal.org> or ask Pastor Matt.



## Kickoff Today!

### Children and Youth Sunday School Kick-off

Nursery-Pre-k-Rm Nursery  
Can be dropped off before the start of worship  
Kindergarten-3rd-Rm 102  
find teachers after Children's blessing  
4th - 6th Grade-Rm 104  
find teachers after Children's blessing

**All at 10am**



**September 7th**

### Youth Group Kick-off

Youth Room-Door 15  
(near the gym entrance)  
4-6pm

**Every Sunday**

## FOOD HUB PEANUT BUTTER COLLECTION



**SEPTEMBER 14 - 28**

Lancaster Food Hub is one of our partners that alleviates food insecurity.

During the month of September we will support them by collecting jars of peanut butter.

Please bring your donations to the designated table in the Narthex. Let's see if we can collect 200 jars of peanut butter!



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning Sunday, September 14, we will offer a fall adult Sunday School class open to all who are interested. The class will meet most Sundays after worship, ending around 12:30 pm, and will continue until the season of Advent. Sessions will include both teaching and conversation, led by a variety of leaders, some from our congregation and some from our pastoral staff. Details about the location and topics will be shared soon. Come join us as we explore faith together!

## Adult Sunday School Classes



## Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 25, 3–5 p.m.

Highland's annual Trunk or Treat is coming soon! Join us for an afternoon of decorated trunks, happy faces, and plenty of treats for kids from our church and community. We're looking for volunteers to decorate trunks and hand out candy, small toys, or coloring books. No elaborate setup needed—just bring creativity, treats, and a smile. Simple games like ring toss are a fun bonus!

Sign up using the QR code or at the narthex table starting this morning. Whether you decorate, donate candy, or cheer on the fun, your presence makes the event special.

Let's make this year's Trunk or Treat full of laughter, friendship, and lots of candy as we connect with our neighbors!

## Chili + Games = The Perfect Fall Night! Sunday—October 5

Join us for an all-church Chili & Game Night on Sunday, October 5 from 4:30–6:30pm in the fellowship hall! Warm up with a bowl of delicious chili, then dive into board games, puzzles, kids' games, and plenty of laughter. There will be an assortment of board games, and card games, and many avid gamers ready to teach you a new game. Bring your appetite, bring a friend, and bring your game face—it's going to be a night of food, fun, and fellowship you won't want to miss!



## PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

## TEXAS FUNDRAISER

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the congregation, Highland collected \$7,900 for relief efforts after Texas' recent flooding led by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Thank you so much to those who contributed to help care for those experiencing need around our country.

Email scams targeting church members are increasing. If you receive an email message that looks like it's from a Highland pastor or staff member asking you to click a link, download an attachment, send money, or buy gift cards, be cautious, it may be spoofing. Check the sender's email (official Highland accounts end with @highlandpc.org). When in doubt, confirm by calling the church office before responding.



## WORSHIP | September 7, 2025

**This Week's Scripture:** Deuteronomy 30:19-20, Romans 8:28-30  
"The Bible Doesn't Say That Everything Happens for a Reason"  
~ Rev. Allison Beaulieu

**Upcoming Preaching Schedule**  
September 14 ~ Rev. Allison Beaulieu



### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday | 9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
Friday | 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

### Contact Information

Phone | 717-569-2651  
[www.HighlandPC.org](http://www.HighlandPC.org)  
500 E. Roseville Road

### Worship Times

Traditional Worship | 10AM

### Program Staff

Senior Pastor—Rev. Allison Beaulieu  
Pastor for Congregational Care—Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne  
Associate Pastor for Missions & Discipleship—Rev. Matt Drumheller  
Parish Associate—Rev. Dr. Bob Burns  
Parish Associate—Rev. Ken Osborne  
Music Director—Dr. Paul Thorlakson  
Organist—Jonathan Lefever  
Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries—Sarah Hostetter

## PRAYER LIST

**PASTOR ON CALL ~ Rev. Matt Drumheller ~ September 8—14**

### In Memory

The family of Faye Gemmill  
The family of Kenneth Weaver, Sr.  
The family of Doris Bair

### In Prayer

David Dagen  
Luther Heiser      Martha Matt  
Shirley Offermann      John Gooding  
Doris Ramsdell (sister of Lee Heisey)  
The Ray family (in the death of Trixi's mom, Betsy)  
Elizabeth deVitry (granddaughter of Jack Sapper)  
Vincent and Ginny Michael Candiello

**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.**



## VIEWING OF ONLINE SERVICES

Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

- In the YouTube search bar, type "Highland Presbyterian Church"
- You should see a picture of Highland at the top of the search results; click it.
- Here, you will find all of our weekly services by date.
- Worship services are livestreamed at 10 am on Sunday mornings.

## GIVING

- Mail your contributions to the church office.
- Go to our **[www.highlandpc.org](http://www.highlandpc.org)** and select the "Give Now" button in the upper right-hand corner.
- It 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 on our website. If you have general questions, please contact the church office at 717-569-2651.

