



The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, November 9, 2025



Veterans Day *in the Memorial Garden*

The American flag is flying in Highland's Memorial Garden to honor family and friends who served or are currently serving in the United States military. You are invited to enter the garden from the outside door near the church library in the narthex. The winding path, vegetation, memorial bricks, and inviting benches offer a place of contemplation. It is a place of peace.

Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra

At **7:00 PM today**, the **Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra** will play their Veterans Day Concert and Benefit for the **Tunnels to Towers Foundation**. In April 2025, Tunnels to Towers broke ground and began constructing a 60-unit apartment building and 20 "comfort homes" for homeless veterans in Harrisburg. The concert will feature music from all eras of the big band genre. There will be a voluntary offering at intermission, with the proceeds benefiting the Tunnels to Towers Foundation. Join the Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra for an evening of great music for a great cause — we hope to see you there!



Congregational Meeting

Please join us right after worship **next Sunday, November 16** for a brief congregational meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on Pastor Matt Drumheller as our next installed Associate Pastor for Mission and Discipleship.

From the Stewardship Committee:

What Is Your Treasure?

Recent sermons at Highland have asked us to focus on how unimportant our material possessions can be, and how important our gratitude for God-given blessings should be. If Highland is a blessing for you, prayerfully consider the value that this church has for you, and let your pledge for financial support during 2026 reflect that value.

Pledge cards can be returned at any time, and will be dedicated in worship **next Sunday, November 16** — *no pledge is too small.*



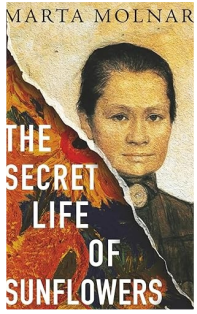
Giving Tree

This year, the Highland Giving Tree will be collecting gifts for the **Resurrection Chapel Church** — a Hispanic Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, which operates out of Bethany Presbyterian Church on North West End Avenue. **Pastor Maria Mada** conducts services in Spanish for her congregation, which includes several low-income families in Lancaster City. Their list includes toys, books, and clothing for families who need assistance with Christmas gifts for their children. Please select a tag for these children and return your gift on Ingathering Sunday.

Gifts will be collected at **any time in the church office**, or on **Sunday, November 30** during Ingathering Sunday.



Highland Book Group



The book group will meet on **Wednesday, November 19** to discuss *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Marta Molnar.

The book group meets in **Room 208** at **1:00 PM** — all are welcome!

College Care Packages

Attention parents of Highland college students:

We are collecting care package items to send to kids before fall semester finals, and we need their address! College care package items typically include popcorn, pretzels, Twizzlers, gum, smarties, granola bars, etc.

- If you'd like to have a care package sent to a college student in your life, email events@highlandpc.org before **November 21!**
- We typically send out around 30 packages. If you would like to contribute, please drop off donations at the church office by **November 21** with the attention **College Care Packages**.
- We will pack them on **Sunday, November 23rd** after worship — all who'd like to help are invited!



Fundraisers

Supporting Neighbors Facing Food Insecurity

With the ongoing government shutdown, many families have lost their SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. About one in eight U.S. residents rely on this program to help put food on the table, and its disruption could leave millions struggling to afford groceries.

Highland is responding by collecting funds to purchase Giant grocery gift cards for our mission partner, the **Transitional Living Center (TLC)**. TLC will distribute them to their clients and others in the community in need. This effort not only helps local families buy food but also generates additional income for Highland's ongoing hunger relief ministries.

*Please mark your donation **SNAP Fund** to ensure it goes directly to this fund.*

Hurricane Melissa

Hurricane Melissa has devastated the Caribbean, becoming the strongest storm to hit the region in modern history. Communities are facing widespread destruction. Homes, hospitals, and schools have been severely compromised. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** is partnering with local, community-led organizations to provide both immediate relief and long-term recovery. Your gifts will support PDA's hurricane response and help our neighbors rebuild their lives.

*Please mark your donation **Hurricane Melissa** to ensure it goes directly to this fund.*

We'll receive donations for these efforts until *next Sunday, November 16.*

Middle & High School Refreshing Mountain Fall Retreat

Get ready for a weekend of adventure, fun, and faith! Our Middle and High School Fall Retreat will take place **Saturday, November 22 through Sunday, November 23** — and you won't want to miss it!

- Depart from the church at 9:00 AM on Saturday and head to Refreshing Mountain, where we'll spend the day enjoying outdoor activities, lunch, and an unforgettable zipline and high ropes course experience under the Christmas lights!
- After a full day of adventure, we'll return to the church around 7:00 PM for pizza, a movie, and a lock-in.
- We'll wrap up our time together by attending worship at 10:00 AM on Sunday morning as a group.



Youth are welcome to join us for the full retreat, or just the Refreshing Mountain or lock-in portion. Please let us know specifically which part you will attend when registering.



Full Weekend
\$50 / participant
Overnight Only
\$10 / participant

Please sign-up using the paper sheet in the narthex, or the QR code above!

Christmas Poinsettias

Christmas poinsettias symbolize hope and purity. One of the Deacons' many ministries is to provide you with the opportunity to order beautiful poinsettias. Poinsettias cost **\$10 each**, and can be:

- Delivered to someone who is homebound, grieving, or ill;
- Dedicated in memory or honor of loved ones, and their names will be printed on an insert in the bulletin; or
- For your own personal enjoyment!

Poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary on **Sunday, December 21** and **Christmas Eve**. *Questions? Please contact Trixi Ray.*

To purchase poinsettias, stop by the Deacon table in the narthex before or after Sunday services on the following dates:

November 9, 16, 23, 30 and December 7

Thank You, Highland Families!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our **Giving Tree Christmas Shopping Spree**! Your generosity and joyful spirit helped bless families in Lancaster who may not otherwise receive gifts this season. It was beautiful to see our children, youth, and adults serving and shopping together with such care and compassion.

A special thank you to Mod Pizza and Target for their generous support and warm hospitality. We are grateful for our community partners who help us spread hope and love in meaningful ways. Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community!



On the Way to the Manger: A Family Advent-ure

Sunday, December 7

After worship in Fellowship Hall

Join us for a family-friendly Advent kickoff as we begin the journey toward Christmas together! We'll share lunch, build Advent wreaths, and explore the themes of **hope**, **peace**, **joy**, and **love** through hands-on storytelling and activities for all ages.

Come wonder, create, and prepare your heart for Jesus — everyone is welcome on this journey to the manger.



Save the Date!

JOY (Just Older Youth)

Christmas Party with
Bill Rhoads & Lunch

Join us on **Thursday, December 4**
from **10:30 AM** to **1:00 PM**! Sign-ups
will begin in the narthex **next**
Sunday, November 16.

Women's Christmas Tea

For the first time, the annual Women's Christmas Tea event is being held on a **Saturday** — we hope to see you there on **December 20!**

Recycle the Unrecyclable

Did you know that **1 billion** toothbrushes are thrown out in the US every year? That's **50 million pounds** of garbage! **TerraCycle** wants to change that with their unique solutions to waste recycling and reuse. We are all stewards of God's Earth, and recycling is a simple way to make a huge difference!

Accepted Items

- Toothbrushes & empty toothpaste tubes
- Other empty packaging
- Arm & Hammer or OxiClean pouches
- All brands of air and home care trigger heads and bottles

Collection Bins

Collection bins are in the office and in the narthex by Fellowship Hall doors.

Learn More



Scan the QR code to learn more about the recycling process!

Worship



This Week's Scripture

Psalms 145:13b-21, Matthew 6:19-21
"Living an Open-Handed Life"

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 13

7:00 - 9:00 PM Ladies Night Out at Board & Brush

Sunday, November 16

10:00 AM Dedication Sunday

Wednesday, November 19

12:00 PM Working Adult Lunch at Pancake Farm

1:00 PM Highland Book Group

6:00 - 8:00 PM Men's Trivia Night at Stoner Grille

Saturday, November 22

9:00 AM Middle & High School Refreshing Mountain Fall Retreat

Sunday, November 30

10:00 AM Ingathering Sunday — Bring your Giving Tree gifts!

Worship Times

Ignite Worship | 9:30 AM

Traditional Worship | 10:00 AM

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



Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Friday

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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