



# The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, February 1, 2026

## Highland Performing Arts Upcoming Concert



**Wednesday, February 4 at 7:00 PM**

### Keyboard Extravaganza Honoring Dr. Paul Thorlakson

Dr. Paul Thorlakson, Director of Music Ministry at Highland, joins Jonathan Lefever and other performers to celebrate the art of keyboarding. Highland's Steinway D concert grand piano and Wicks organ take center stage as the sanctuary comes alive with sound! Fellow artists from the Highland family, along with special guests, will perform in honor of Dr. Thorlakson as he prepares to move to Florida to pursue a new calling as Director of Music.



To view the concert online, scan the QR code!

## A Fond Farewell & Best Wishes

As announced in Paul Thorlakson's email on January 8, he is leaving Highland Presbyterian Church to begin an exciting new opportunity at Shell Point Village Church. While we will certainly miss him, we are deeply grateful for his years of faithful service and are delighted for Paul as he embarks on this next chapter.



In recognition of Paul's dedication and the many ways he has enriched the life of our church, Session has approved a purse (a collection of monetary gifts) as a gesture of appreciation. Those who wish to contribute may make a check payable to Highland Presbyterian Church and include **"Paul Purse"** in the memo line.

Please submit donations by **Wednesday, February 4**. Thank you for helping us share our gratitude and send Paul off with our prayers and warmest best wishes.

## New Members Classes

Are you considering membership at Highland Presbyterian Church? We invite you to attend one of our upcoming new members classes to learn more about what it means to become part of the Highland community. Childcare will be provided during both classes. New members will be welcomed into the congregation on **Sunday, February 22**, so mark your calendar and save these important dates!

### Upcoming Classes

**Saturday, February 7**

8:30 - 10:30 AM

**Thursday, February 12**

6:30 - 8:30 PM

To register, contact Larry and Anita Ewing (717-824-3318) or the church office.



## Save the Date!

A Service of Installation for Pastor Matt will be held at Highland on **Sunday, February 22 at 3:00 PM**, with a snow date of Sunday, March 1.

## Curious Conversations Update

We have decided to postpone January's Curious Conversation to the previously-scheduled March date. On **March 15**, we will host the conversation we planned to have on January 18. Please keep your eyes open for upcoming information, including a registration link!



Join us for **Ash Wednesday** as we begin the season of Lent together!

We will gather for a worship service at **7:00 PM** on **Wednesday, February 18**.

For those unable to attend the evening service, ashes will be available for drop-in imposition from **12:00 to 1:00 PM** in the chapel the same day. All are welcome as we pause, reflect, and turn our hearts toward God.

## First Reformed Community Meal

Highland continues its partnership with the **Lancaster Community Meal Program** and **First Reformed Church** to provide a meal for our unhoused neighbors in downtown Lancaster. Our next meal preparation and serving opportunity will take place on **February 10**, and we would love for you to be part of it!

This ministry is a meaningful, hands-on way to live out our calling to alleviate food insecurity and to care for others. Volunteers are needed both to help prepare the meal ahead of time and to serve guests. No special skills are required — just a willingness to show up, lend a hand, and share in a spirit of hospitality.

If you're interested in helping, please contact Pastor Matt to sign up or to learn more about how you can be involved. We hope you'll join us as we care for our neighbors.



## Weekly Study Groups

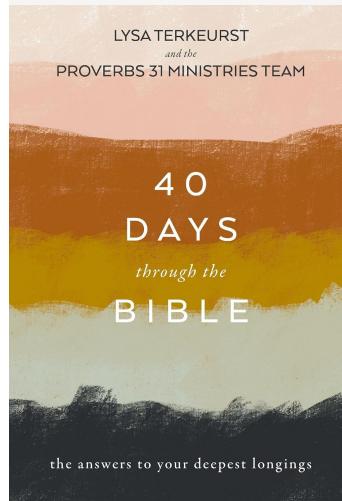
### Adult Sunday School

**Sundays** Until Easter, we'll journey  
**11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** through the Gospel of Matthew,  
**Room 204** exploring its sweeping narrative and paying special attention to one of its central themes: the Kingdom of Heaven.

### Women's Bible Study

**Thursdays** Through March 13, we'll study the book of Revelation by Jen Wilkin.  
**7:00 PM - 8:30 PM** The cost of the workbook is \$25, which includes video access.  
**Room 208** Interested? Contact Barb Droz or the church office.

## Bible Babes Book Club



Beginning on **Tuesday, February 17**, the Bible Babes book club will meet weekly in the **Charter Room** from **6:30 to 8:00 PM** to discuss *40 Days Through the Bible* by Lysa TerKeurst. For more information, please contact Jan Lyle-Chesnutt, Kori Wise, or the church office.

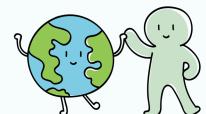
## Earth Care Partner Events

Nature Hour is a lecture series presented by **Lancaster Conservancy**, taking place on Thursdays throughout the winter. The one-hour virtual lectures, which include a Q&A with the expert presenter, cover a wide range of conservation, environmental, and nature-related topics impacting our community, region, and world to an audience of all ages of learners.

### Upcoming Lectures

**The How's and Why's of Managing Natural Lands**  
Thursday, February 5 at 6:00 PM

**Appalachian Geology**  
Thursday, February 19 at 6:00 PM



## Chancel Flowers

Each Sunday, the Deacons of the church provide a bouquet of flowers in the sanctuary for all to enjoy as we worship. After the service, the Deacons divide the flowers, put them into vases, and deliver them to hospitals, nursing homes, and private residences for the enjoyment of our members who are unable to attend our church services.

The cost of the flowers and vases continues to rise, and we really need your help. For a \$25 donation, you can honor a special someone or event in your life on a Sunday of your choice.

### To honor an individual or event:

- Go to the sign-up board in the narthex and put your name on the chart.
- Fill out a paper form and return it to the church, either by mail or by placing the form in the Church Administrator's mailbox located behind the reception desk, with your \$25 donation.

*Your name and the honoree's name (or event) will be printed in the bulletin on your chosen Sunday. Your help and support will allow the Deacons to continue this important mission!*

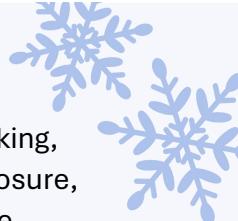


## Winter Weather Closure Policy

Highland Presbyterian Church will continue to monitor [Manheim Township School District \(MTSD\)](#), but weather decisions will be made based on *actual* conditions and safety, not strictly school status. If Manheim Township School District issues a delay, or if Highland determines road/parking conditions warrant a delay, Highland will operate on a [2-hour delay](#).

### Full Closure

A full closure happens when roads, parking, or walkways are unsafe. During a full closure, the office and all in person programs are [canceled](#), with essential staff allowed on site (if safe to do so). [Announcements](#) will be made via the church website, email, social media, WGAL, and phone message. Outside groups will be notified directly.



## Highland Happenings

### Highland Gathering at Willow Valley

On Thursday, January 22, Highland's pastoral team visited with members living at the Willow Valley Communities. They gathered in Manor's spacious lobby with 20 Highland members from the Lancaster communities, and at Spring Run with 15 members from the Willow Street location. Pastor Allison shared a brief update on the church's strategic goals for 2026, followed by short remarks from Sarah Hostetter, Pastor Ann, Pastor Ken, and Pastor Bob about the ministries they support. Thank you to everyone from Willow Valley who helped make this meet-and-greet a success!



# Worship



## This Week's Scripture

Matthew 4:18-23  
"The Gift of Being Called"  
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

## Upcoming Preaching Schedule

**February 8**  
Rev. Matt Drumheller

### Gifts That Keep On Giving

#### Sermon Series: January 4 - February 1

This sermon series follows the lectionary passages from the Gospel of Matthew for the first five Sundays of the new year (with the exception of January 18, when we will step outside the lectionary in order to remain in Matthew).

The birth of Jesus is indeed a gift to all humanity. Unlike most gifts that are given and received once, however, the gift of our Savior continues to bless us over time. While Jesus' birth was a single, historical event, the grace and love we welcome through it are ongoing, shaping our hearts, guiding our thoughts, and directing our actions.

Jesus' arrival is meant to transform us not only on one holy night, but in the ordinary rhythms of daily life. During these first five weeks of the new year, we will reflect on how the gift of Jesus continues to bless us, form us, and lovingly challenge us to grow as disciples.

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#### 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  
Ignite Worship Leader — Dr. Jeffrey Martin  
IT/Media Coordinator & 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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