

The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Join us on February 18 for Ash Wednesday, as we begin the season of Lent together!

Drop-In Imposition

12:00 to 1:00 PM | Chapel

For those unable to attend our later services, ashes will be available for drop-in imposition. Spend some time in prayer and reflection with a guided meditation.

Family Service

5:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Join us for **A Sacred Start: Beginning the Lenten Journey Together**, a family-friendly gathering designed with children and families in mind, but welcoming to the whole congregation.



If you plan to attend this gathering, please register using the QR code!

Traditional Service

7:00 PM | Sanctuary

We will gather for a traditional worship service in the evening, where 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 **Tuesday, 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.

New Members Class

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

Upcoming Class

Thursday, February 12
6:30 - 8:30 PM

To register, contact Larry and Anita Ewing or the church office.



Curious Conversations Update

We have postponed 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!

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 March 1.

Treasures in Our Midst “Light on the Hill” Quilted Banner

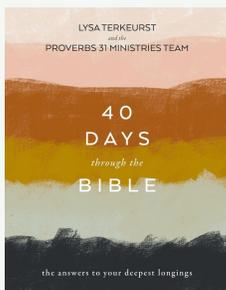
The Highland Art Quilt has long stood as a representation of the “Light on the Hill.” This visually stunning piece centers on the original church, nestled on a hill and set against the majestic backdrop of Pennsylvania’s mountains. A flowing river weaves through the scene, symbolizing the movement of the Holy Spirit within each individual. As the river travels from the church and outward into the community, it transforms into a vibrant waterfall adorned with beads, illustrating the Holy Spirit’s abundant presence. Just as the river flows into the wider world, so too do the church’s members carry their faith beyond the church’s walls.

The quilt’s landscape is crafted from an array of unique fabrics, especially in the greens and blues of the hills and water. Striking shades of orange, coral, and magenta highlight the sunrise, evoking hope and renewal with each new day. The detailed quilting enhances each piece, creating texture and depth throughout the artwork.

Displayed in the McClintock Chapel, this banner was created to commemorate Highland’s 50th anniversary in 2008. The reverse side of the quilt bears the signatures of numerous church members, serving as a lasting reminder of the joy and unity experienced during that milestone celebration. The quilt was designed and crafted by Mary Kay Hymes and Phyllis Thompson. Made entirely of 100% cotton—some of which was hand-dyed—the piece is further embellished with intricate beadwork and embroidery, and it is machine quilted.



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.



Ladies Night Out: New Date

To better accommodate our weekly study groups, Ladies Night Out will now take place on the **fourth Thursday** of each month. We hope to see you at **Harvest Grill** on **Thursday, February 26!**

Weekly Study Groups

Adult Sunday School

Sundays

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Room 204

Until Easter, we'll journey through the Gospel of Matthew, exploring its sweeping narrative and paying special attention to one of its central themes: the Kingdom of Heaven.

Women's Bible Study

Thursdays

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Room 208

Through March 13, we'll study the book of Revelation by Jen Wilkin. The cost of the workbook is \$25, which includes video access. Interested? Contact Barb Droz 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

Appalachian Geology

Thursday, February 19 at 6:00 PM

Butterfly Persistence in the Face of Human Influence

Thursday, March 5 at 6:00 PM

About Troop 99

Scouting America Troop 99 was originally founded in November 1952 by the Bloomingdale Residents Association. In 1961, after meeting alongside Highland's founding members at Lancaster Poultry for some time, Troop 99 found a home in Lancaster County's first air-conditioned church, right here at Highland! Today, more than 50 youth are part of Troop 99.

Along the way, Jim Wenger from our congregation served as Scoutmaster for more than 42 years. His energy and love of the outdoors propelled Troop 99's membership into huge numbers, with over 100 youth at times. Jim is also credited with mentoring 204 Eagle Scouts when he finally stepped down in 2008. Since then, Dave Shirk has served as Scoutmaster, and has propelled us to 339 Eagles and a solid program for the youth in our community. Both Dave Shirk and Highland Trustee Matt Allen, have been in Troop 99 since they were boys, where both earned their Eagle Scout. They, and more than 40 other adult volunteers, are honored to continue making Troop 99 the success it is today.

Troop 99 embraced a great deal of change starting in 2020. Among them, a global pandemic, rebranding after the national organization bankruptcy and the addition of young women to the program. All were significant challenges, which our national organization, local council and Troop faced in different ways. Scouting ultimately prevailed, stronger than ever, and needed in our community more than ever.

Whether sailing in the Bahamas, backpacking in Sangre de Cristo Mountains of New Mexico, winter camping in upstate NY, Canoeing on the Delaware River, hiking closer to home or doing service work for the community, Troop 99 has provided the youth in our congregation and community a place to explore, learn and become thoughtful citizens. Troop 99 instills the values of the scout oath and law, while teaching them to be good stewards God's creation. These values are more critical than ever in today's divisive times and are fully compatible with Highland's values.

Troop 99 serves all young people, ages 11 to 17. We fully support our younger counterparts in the Cub Scout Program too! Highland families and friends with children in grades K-4 can explore Pack 102, 184 and 93, all nearby. Cub Scouting is vital to Troop 99 for maintaining solid membership.

The Scouts, Parents and Leaders of Troop 99 extend their sincerest thanks to Highland for their 65 year partnership in this extended youth ministry to our community.

Worship



This Week's Scripture

Matthew 14:13-21
"Highland in Action:
Food in Abundance"
Rev. Matt Drumheller

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

February 15
Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 12

6:30 PM New Members Class

Wednesday, February 18

12:00 PM Working Adult Lunch

12:00 PM Drop-In Imposition of Ashes

5:30 PM A Sacred Start: Beginning the Lenten Journey Together (Family Service)

7:00 PM Traditional Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, February 22

3:00 PM Pastor Matt's Installation

Wednesday, February 25

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

Thursday, February 26

7:00 PM Ladies Night Out at Harvest

Save the Date!

Meeting of the Corporation

Sunday, March 1

Immediately after worship

Worship Times

Ignite Worship | 9:30 AM

Traditional Worship | 10:00 AM

Program Staff

Senior Pastor — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

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Associate Pastor for Missions & Discipleship — Rev. Matt Drumheller

Parish Associate — Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

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Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Friday

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