

The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Due to the Presidents Day holiday, the office will be closed on Monday, February 16.

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.

Easter Tulips: On Sale Next Sunday!

Did you know in Christianity, tulips symbolize passion, belief, and love? White tulips represent forgiveness, while purple tulips represent royalty. Sound familiar to anyone? One of the Deacons' many ministries is to provide you with the opportunity to order beautiful tulips. Tulips cost **\$8**, and can be:

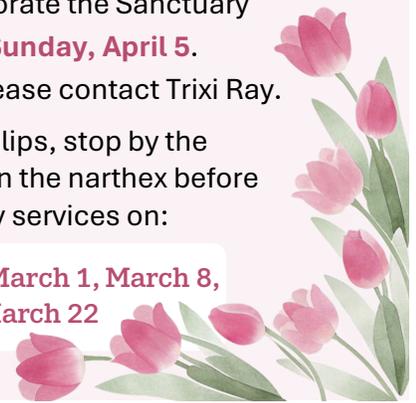
- Delivered to someone who is homebound, grieving, or ill;
- Dedicated in memory or honor of loved ones, and their names will be printed on an insert in the bulletin; or
- For your own personal enjoyment!

Tulips will decorate the Sanctuary for **Easter** on **Sunday, April 5**.

Questions? Please contact Trixi Ray.

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

February 22, March 1, March 8, March 15, & March 22



Providing Comfort with Church World Service Blankets

As followers of Jesus, we are called to love our neighbors — especially in their time of need. A simple blanket becomes a holy offering: warmth on a cold night, peace after disaster, and a reminder that no one is forgotten by God. **\$10 provides a CWS Blanket to someone in need**. In 2025, over **17,000** blankets were shared.

In late January, a powerful winter storm swept across large portions of the United States and left many individuals at risk. Just in time, more than 1,000 CWS Blankets arrived in South Carolina hours before the storm hit. Local agencies were able to quickly pick up and pre-position blankets so they could respond immediately.



Please consider giving to this important program. Envelopes are located in the pews.

Supporting Our Partners

On February 8, the **Highland Local Outreach Committee** hosted representatives from a few of our local partner agencies during worship. The "Highland in Action" worship service focused on our efforts to follow the guidance of God's Spirit by alleviating food insecurity in our community and around the world. If you are interested in being involved in this important work, please contact Pastor Matt.



Volunteers Needed: Reception Support

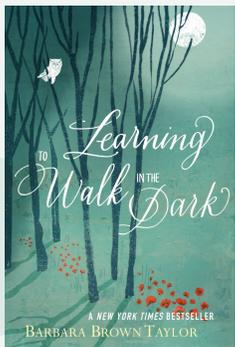
We are so thankful for the many ways our church family supports the life of the church, and we'd like to share another opportunity to help. We are looking for a few volunteers to provide reception support on Mondays and Fridays between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. This opportunity involves answering phone calls, welcoming guests, and helping with light administrative or clerical tasks as needed. Our hope is to create a rotating schedule so each volunteer would serve just **2 to 4 hours per month**. If this sounds like something you'd enjoy, please call the church office. We truly appreciate your help!

Save the Date!

A Service of Installation for Pastor Matt will be held at Highland **next Sunday, February 22 at 3:00 PM.**

Virtual Lenten Small Group: Coming Soon

Join us on Friday afternoons in March from **1:30 to 3:00 PM** for a Lenten small group on **Zoom**. We will experience Lent in a new way, reading and discussing Barbara Brown Taylor's New York Times bestseller, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*.



More information will be coming soon!

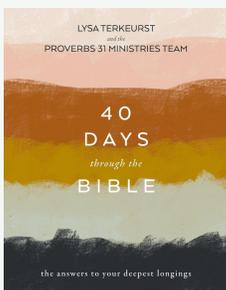
Fridays in March
March 6, March 13,
March 20, & March 27
1:30 to 3:00 PM

Do you plan to shop for groceries in 2026?

If you do, we suggest that you purchase a gift card at the **Market Share stand** in the narthex on Sunday morning! Gift cards are available for Giant, Weis, Stauffer's, and Oregon Dairy in \$25 and \$50 denominations, and can be purchased using cash or check. In 2025, the sale of cards increased by more than **\$11,000**, and the church donated **\$3,000** to the Lancaster County Food Hub as a result of your purchases. Thank you to everyone who participated in 2025!

Will you be a part of a greater increase in 2026 so that more funding can be provided to help the growing number of those facing food insecurity in Lancaster County? A \$50 gift card from one of the participating grocery stores will buy you \$50 worth of groceries, while helping stamp out hunger. It's a win/win, and we hope you'll consider participating so Highland can make an even greater impact on our local community this year!

Bible Babes Book Club



Beginning **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 welcome women of all ages to join us at **Harvest Seasonal Grill** on **Thursday, February 26!**



WELCOME TO
UPWARD BASKETBALL
2026 HIGHLAND LEAGUE

SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAYS. WE NEED:
ANNOUNCERS, SCOREKEEPERS, AND GREETERS



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

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.

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.



Worship



This Week's Scripture

1 John 4:7-12; 16-19

"God's Beloved and Special Children"

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

February 22

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Upcoming Sermon Series: February 22 - March 22

Encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of John

This sermon series will explore powerful encounters between Jesus and ordinary people in the Gospel of John — men and women whose lives were radically transformed after coming into His presence. From the margins of society to the center of religious life, each person meets Christ and is never the same again. This Lent, we are invited to open our hearts to Jesus, believing that real and lasting change is still possible. When we encounter the living Christ, we are forever changed. How will the Lord change you this Lenten season?

Upcoming Events

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 Service of Installation for Pastor Matt

Wednesday, February 25

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

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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