

The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, May 10, 2026

a blessing for mother's day by Kate Bowler

O God of love, it is such a joy to bless our moms — those who have carried us in their bodies, and in their hearts, and in their minds, and all those who have mothered us in some form or fashion.

We thank them and honor them all, those we can hug today, and those who are now gone or distant from us.

We ask Your blessing too on those for whom mothering is complicated, difficult, heartbreaking, or incomplete.

Bless and heal and restore and rebuild all generations, forwards and backwards in time.

God, with all the genius of Your creative power, rain down Your blessing upon the mothering we give, and that which we have received.

Be to us the nurturing embrace we need to lead us to eternal life.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



Highland Performing Arts

Cat's Pajamas: An Old-School Jazz Band

Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 PM

Cat's Pajamas are an old-school jazz band inspired by the sounds of New Orleans and Chicago, with touches of Blues and Dixieland. They put a vintage spin on modern artists like Wham!, Guns N' Roses, and Justin Timberlake, delivering a set that's both familiar and refreshingly different.



To learn more about the concert or view the livestream at the time of the event, scan the QR code!

Intergenerational Befriending Program

Highland Presbyterian Church is partnering with **The Long Community** and **Kindness Grows** for an intergenerational befriending program!

Rock-A-Thon

To kick-off this effort, a 24-hour rock-a-thon to act against ageism will be held **next Saturday, May 16**. All are welcome to join us from **11:00 AM to 4:00 PM** for hourly events and fellowship in the **Gym**.

If you'd like to participate in the rock-a-thon, please sign up in the Narthex to join a team (and don't worry — only youth will rock through the night!)

Befriending Program

If your youth/family is interested in being paired with an adult at The Long Community as part of the befriending program, please contact Kristen Bransby or the church office.



Pancake Breakfast: Support Our Middle Schoolers!

Join us after worship **next Sunday** for a pancake breakfast in **Fellowship Hall!**

This event will help support our **11 middle school youth** heading to Massanetta Springs Camp & Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA this summer. This year's theme, inspired by Romans 14:19, is "Peace-ing Together Peace by Piece," exploring how God calls us to be peacemakers together, each bringing our own "piece" to build peace in the world. Come enjoy breakfast, support our youth, and be part of sending them out to grow in faith and share God's peace.



We also need volunteers to help cook, serve, and clean up. If you'd like to help, please sign up using the QR code!

Graduation Sunday

Next Sunday, we will celebrate our graduating seniors during worship.

This is a meaningful moment in the life of our church as we honor and bless those who are stepping into a new chapter. If you have a graduating senior in



If you know a graduating senior, please scan the QR code and let us know about them!

your family (from high school or college), please send us their name, school they are graduating from, and their plans after graduation. We want to make sure each senior is recognized and celebrated!

During the service, we will also share in a special blanket blessing, a tangible reminder that our seniors are seen, known, and loved and will be wrapped in the love and prayers of this community as they go forward. Please let us know if your family is able to be present on May 17, so we can plan accordingly.



Riptide Car Wash Fundraiser

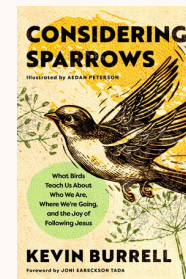
Support Our Intergenerational Mission Trip



Riptide Car Wash tickets are available to purchase in the Narthex to support our **Intergenerational Mission Trip**. Half of the proceeds from the tickets will go directly to supporting the cost of the trip for our participants. Two styles of car wash are available: **Hightide** for **\$20** and **Lowtide** for **\$12**. You can purchase tickets with cash or credit card. For more information, stop by the table in the Narthex before and after worship **each Sunday in May** — thank you for your support!

From the Pastor's Shelf

This week, Pastor Allison recommends the book...



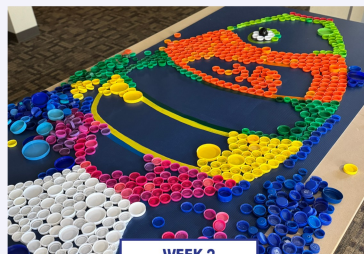
Considering Sparrows
by Kevin Burrell

Earth Care Bottle Caps Project

Our community recycling project to create a fish out of extra bottle caps is really starting to take shape! The project will be available **outside of Fellowship Hall** for the next few weeks. Please stop by and add a bottle cap, it's very easy to do and no art experience is required!



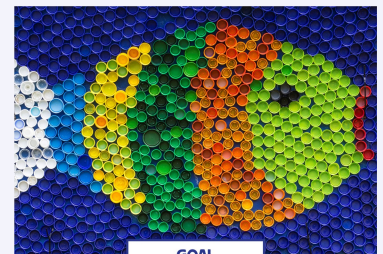
WEEK 1



WEEK 2



WEEK 3



GOAL

Curious Conversation: Justice vs. Injustice?

What does it mean to treat people fairly — and what happens when we don't? What role does our faith play in our actions? What does Scripture tell us? We'll discuss these ideas and more at our next Curious Conversation, which will be held on **Sunday, May 17** from **2:30 to 4:00 PM**. The topic of justice versus injustice is one of the oldest and most important questions in philosophy, politics, religion, and everyday life, and we hope you'll join us for this important conversation.

Event Details

To give those in the eastern part of our Presbytery an opportunity to attend, we will meet at **Central Presbyterian Church** (100 W Uwchlan Avenue, Downingtown, PA 19335).

An orientation session will be held at **2:00 PM** for new attendees or those who wish to be refreshed on the process. Please let us know when you register if you plan to come to the orientation session.

The event is free, but **registration is required**. Please use the QR code or contact the church office to register.



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 need your help to continue this important mission. By making a donation of **at least \$25**, 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 fill out the chart with your information.

Submitting Your Donation

Check or Cash

- Fill out a paper form (provided on the easel) and place your form and donation of **at least \$25** in the envelope labeled "Chancel Flowers Only"
- Leave the envelope with your donation in the collection plate during service, or return it to the church office

Online

- Scan the QR code on the sign-up board and enter a donation amount of **at least \$26**
- Submit your payment through the online portal

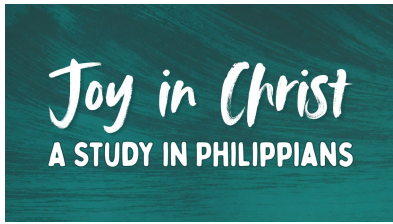
Your name and the honoree's name (or event) will be printed in the bulletin on your chosen Sunday.

A Simple Way to Give: Automatic Monthly ACH Contributions

As part of our ongoing commitment to making stewardship both simple and flexible, we would like to remind the congregation that Highland Presbyterian Church offers automatic monthly giving through **ACH bank transfers**. This option enables you to set up a recurring monthly contribution that is drafted directly from your checking or savings account. There are no processing fees for ACH contributions, ensuring that your full gift goes directly toward supporting the ministry and mission of our church. Getting started is easy — simply complete a brief authorization form to begin your recurring donation. Automatic monthly giving provides a convenient and consistent way to support the life and work of Highland Presbyterian Church throughout the year.

If you are interested in enrolling in ACH giving, please contact Candace Reiner (Church Administrator) at the church office to request an authorization form. Thank you for your faithful generosity and the many ways you support the life and ministry of Highland Presbyterian Church.

Worship



This Week's Scripture

Philippians 4: 10-20
"Joy in Contentment"
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

May 17
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Joy in Christ — A Study in Philippians

What does it mean to have joy when life is hard? Not shallow happiness, but a deep, steady joy that endures in every season. In this sermon series through Philippians, we explore the surprising reality that Paul's most joyful letter was written from prison. Facing uncertainty and suffering, he still overflows with gratitude and rejoicing. His life shows us that true joy is not rooted in circumstances, but in a Person — Jesus Christ. Join us as we learn to embrace a lasting joy that no circumstance can take away. This sermon series includes corresponding small group studies, creating space to reflect, discuss, and apply these truths together.

Small Group Studies

Mondays at 7:00 PM in Moravian Manor
Tuesdays at 12:00 PM in Room 208
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on Zoom
Thursdays at 11:00 AM in The Upper Room
Thursdays at 7:00 PM in Room 208



If you'd like to participate in a small group study, please sign-up using the QR code!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 13

7:00 PM Highland Performing Arts: Cat's Pajamas

Saturday, May 16

11:00 AM Rock-A-Thon with The Long Community

Sunday, May 17

11:00 AM Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
2:30 PM Curious Conversation at Central Presbyterian Church in Downingtown

Wednesday, May 20

12:00 PM Working Adult Lunch at Sai Gòn Café
6:00 PM Men's Trivia Night at Stoner Grille

Weekly Study Groups

Every Tuesday
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Charter Room

Bible Babes Book Club
Contact: Jan Lyle-Chesnutt,
Kori Wise

Every Wednesday
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM
Oregon Dairy

Men's Breakfast Group
Contact: Dick Entz

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
Interim Music Director & Organist — Jonathan Lefever
Ignite Worship Leader — Dr. Jeffrey Martin
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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