



The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Realm Connect: Getting Started & Choosing Your Settings

Our transition to Realm is underway! **Realm Connect** is Highland's new engagement platform, making it easier to stay connected with church news, events, groups, ministries, giving information, and opportunities to get involved.



If you haven't already gotten started, step-by-step instructional sheets for creating your account, logging in, and reviewing your profile are available in the Narthex. Separate sheets are available for Windows, Apple, and Android devices. This information, along with a link to log in to Realm Connect, can also be found at <https://www.highlandpc.org/realm>.

Need a little help getting started? Stay in the Sanctuary after worship today for a brief, guided tutorial on logging into Realm Connect and updating your profile and security settings. We'll walk through the basics and answer some questions. Afterward, volunteers will be available in the Narthex to provide additional help.

Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Opportunity

The **Lancaster/Lebanon Habitat for Humanity** started 40 years ago with the help of Highland members, and we have an opportunity to continue that collaboration at the house under construction on Linden Street in Columbia on **Thursday, October 15**.

On that day, we will be painting and working on trim, so volunteers of **ALL SKILL LEVELS** are welcome. The experienced construction staff will train everyone on how to safely and professionally complete their assigned projects, and we will provide any tools or personal protective equipment that you may need that day.

There are also open slots on **Friday, October 16** if that fits your schedule better. Please contact the church office to sign up for this date.

Register to Volunteer

There are 4 half-day shifts (8:00 AM-11:30 AM) and 8 full-day shifts (8:00 AM-3:30 PM) available for volunteers.



Scan the QR code or visit lhfh.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/Highland to register!



Ordination Service for Sarah Hostetter

Join us **next Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 PM** for a special service celebrating Sarah Hostetter and her call to ministry. This will be a joyful afternoon as we gather to support Sarah and celebrate this milestone in her journey of faith and service. Following the service, we'll continue the celebration with dinner in Fellowship Hall! Guests are invited to wear red — an ordination tradition!



Please RSVP to let us know if you will be attending, whether you will be joining us for dinner, and any food allergies or sensitivities we should be aware of.

TLC Fundraiser: Final Update!

What an incredible response! Together, our congregation raised **\$24,970** to support **Transitional Living Center (TLC)** and the furnishing of their newly renovated building. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fundraiser supporting TLC — your generosity exceeded what we could have imagined and will help TLC furnish welcoming, comfortable spaces for individuals and families. It has been a joy to watch the rooms fill up! Each bed, dresser, nightstand, and piece of decor represents something much bigger: a safe and dignified place for someone to call home during an important season of transition.

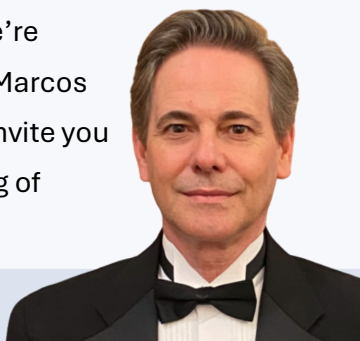
We are deeply grateful for the way Highland responded to this opportunity. Thank you for seeing a need in our community and answering it with such abundant generosity. We cannot wait to see the good TLC will be able to do with these gifts!



Highland Performing Arts Upcoming Concert

Marcos Krieger, Organist

Former Highland Music Director **Marcos Krieger** returns to Highland on **Wednesday, October 14** at **7:00 PM**! Marcos is an accomplished organist and harpsichordist whose repertoire centers on Renaissance and Baroque music from Spain, Italy, and Germany. He has performed solo recitals throughout North and South America and across Europe. We're delighted to welcome Marcos back to Highland and invite you to join us for an evening of beautiful music!



CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 24 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Trunk or Treat

Join us for an afternoon of decorated trunks, happy faces, and plenty of treats for kids from our church and community at our annual Trunk or Treat event!



OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Every Wednesday
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Gym Jam
in the Gymnasium

Every Sunday
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Youth Group
in The Youth Center

Sunday, October 4

Upward Basketball Registration Opens

2026 Advent Devotional: Choose Your Theme!

This year's devotional will focus on the four weeks of Advent:

HOPE, PEACE, JOY, & LOVE

Your Highland family wants to read your thoughts on **hope, peace, joy, and love** this Advent season! We are currently looking for one final devotional on HOPE, two on JOY, and five each on PEACE and LOVE. **Find our table in the Narthex after worship service today to sign up** and share your thoughts on one of these themes!

We're also seeking an original work of art that illustrates one of these themes for the cover of the devotional — please submit your artwork to Amanda Peters at amandapeters@highlandpc.org as soon as possible!



UPWARD BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Save the Date

K-4th Grade

Oct. 4

\$85 per kid

If you register between 10/1 and 10/31, the discounted league fee will be \$85 per player. Registration after 10/31 will be \$120, so please register early!

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School resumes immediately after worship today, from **11:30 AM** to **12:30 PM**. This fall, we will study the New Testament letters of **1, 2, and 3 John**, exploring their message about faith, love, truth, and life together as followers of Christ. All are welcome to join us!

Congratulations, Pastor Bob!

At the Presbytery meeting on Tuesday, September 22, Pastor Bob was recognized in celebration of the 60th anniversary of his ordination. Bob was ordained by the presbytery of Philadelphia on June 26, 1966, at Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church in Huntingdon, PA.

When he was first ordained, someone remarked that, because of his youthful appearance, it might be hard to picture him in a role of authority—as a “father” or elder. Instead, they suggested, he might be more like a “brother.” Throughout his 60 years of ministry, Pastor Bob has truly lived up to that title—serving as a trusted and faithful brother to many through his patient listening, compassion, preaching of the Word of God, and leadership of Christ’s church.

Today, we give heartfelt thanks for Pastor Bob’s decades of faithful service to the Presbyterian Church and for his continued ministry among us.



Your Earth Care Committee Asks: Did You Know?

Invasive Plants In Pennsylvania



Japanese stiltgrass spreading into the forest



Invasive plants are surprisingly common in Pennsylvania. You are probably aware of invasives like Burning Bush and Bradford Pear trees, but did you know that Butterfly Bush, Multiflora Rose, and Japanese/European Barberry Bush are also invasive?

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) has a helpful brochure which describes invasive plants and lists them according to the threat they present in the state. You can download the brochure by going to pa.gov/agencies/dcnr/conservation/wild-plants/invasive-plants, or by scanning the QR code.



The DCNR webpage also offers helpful articles on identifying invasive plants, along with suggestions for native and non-invasive alternatives. The Earth Care Committee has identified several invasive plants around our campus, and will be working to remove them over the coming months!

Worship



This Week's Scripture

Romans 1:18-23,

Romans 8:5-11

"I Want You to Want Me" - God

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

October 4

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 4

4:00 PM Ordination Service for Sarah Hostetter
(Please RSVP: bit.ly/3U3ZPIQ)

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 PM Highland Performing Arts:
Marcos Krieger, Organist

Wednesday, October 21

12:00 PM Working Adult Lunch at Pizzeria LUCA

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

Thursday, October 22

7:00 PM Ladies Night Out at Harvest

Saturday, October 24

1:00 PM Trunk or Treat (with Kindness Grows)

Sunday, November 1

4:00 PM Children & Families: Giving Tree Shopping

Sunday, November 8

10:45 AM Poinsettia Sale Begins

7:00 PM Corsair Veterans Day Concert

Wednesday, November 11

7:00 PM Highland Performing Arts: Silver, Wood, & Ivory

Weekly Study Groups

Bible Babes Book Club

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

Contact: Jan Lyle-Chesnutt, Kori Wise

Men's Breakfast Group

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

Contact: Dick Entz

Monthly Study Groups

Women's Bible Study

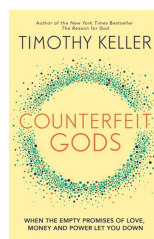
1st Wednesday | 10:00 AM

Spring Run Conference Room at Willow Valley

Contact: Barb Droz

From the Pastor's Shelf

This week, Pastor Allison recommends...



Counterfeit Gods
by Tim Keller

Worship

Sundays at 10:00 AM

Program Staff

Senior Pastor — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Associate Pastor for Missions & Discipleship — Rev. Matt Drumheller

Transitional Associate Pastor for Congregational Care — Sarah Hostetter

Parish Associate — Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Director of Music Ministry — Dr. Jeffrey Martin

IT/Media Coordinator & Organist — Jonathan Lefever

Director of Children & Family Ministries — Vacant



Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Friday

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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