

Highland United Methodist Church

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*We are an open community of Christians sharing Christ's love and helping each other
to develop and strengthen their relationship with God.*

April 2, 2017

Prelude

The Ministry of the Acolytes

Welcoming our Guests,

Sharing Ministry Opportunities and Celebrating Special Days

Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prepare For Worship: Ringing of the church bell

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: To those who are searching, Jesus says, "Come and see."

People: To those who need forgiveness, John encourages, "Come and hear."

Leader: To those who are doubting, Philip says, "Come and see."

People: To those who are fighting, Jesus says, "Come and listen."

Leader: To those who are ashamed and outcast, the woman at the well exclaims,
"Come and see."

People: To those who are angry, Jesus pleads, "Listen to me."

Leader: To those who are grieving and crying, Mary and Martha plead,
"Come and see."

*Opening Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH pg.454

Opening Prayer

**Gracious and merciful God, you want us to receive and put into practice your
love and life; this is when you will know we have heard and seen You. Let this
sanctuary be a space and time waking us up to your presence, call, and power
so that when we leave here sharing your love. Amen.**

Special Music

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 12:1-7

New Testament Scripture Luke 9:1-6

Sermon "Letting the Cat Out of the Bag" Rev. Amy E. Pannell

Responsive Hymn "Freely, Freely" UMH pg. 389

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (At this time you are invited to share how we can pray with
you and for you or someone you care about this week)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

- The Offering; Prayer and Offertory
 *The Doxology (Praise God from whom all blessings flow...) UMH pg. 95
 The Celebration of Communion (See Insert)
 Opening Our Lives to Grace: Confession and Pardon
 The Great Thanksgiving
All are welcome! This is Christ's table, come just as you are. When you come, reach out your hands, and a piece of bread will be given to you. Dip the bread into the cup. You may be served at your seat. The elements of grace are bread and sugar free, grape flavored water.
 * Closing Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" UMH pg. 593
 * Benediction
 * Postlude

“**” indicates congregation standing, if able

GREETERS

April – Shelby Nemeth

ACOLYTES

April 2 – Jared Jamison
 April 9 – Hannah McPherson

NURSERY

April 2 – Donna Guilliams
 April 9 – Cindy Jamison

USHERS

April 2 – The Youth
 April 9 – The Men

CHURCH LIFE

Today, Sunday, April 2 – 2:00 p.m. – More Than a Carpenter a Musical for Easter
 Highland UMC and Piedmont Presbyterian Choirs will present this moving Easter Cantata at Piedmont. All are welcome! Please join us. There will be a time of fellowship and snacks following the presentation.

The **Adult Choir** will **NOT meet** again until **April 24, 2017**

CHOCOLATE COVERED EASTER EGGS!! Order forms are in the hallway, so order yours today! We welcome all helpers this week! See Helen Akers for more info.

April 15, Saturday (6:00 a.m.) Beginning at Highland UMC Meet at Highland UMC—in the sanctuary for a short devotional at 6:00 a.m. Then, we will begin our prayer journey with God all the way to the cross at the Callaway Cemetery, where we will lay down our crosses and burdens and have a meaningful communion. A fellowship breakfast will follow at the Callaway Fire Department. Also, if you would like to participate in this spiritual journey but are unsure about doing the actual walk, there will be a ride for you. Thank you for participating and encouraging others to be there. Questions: Call Keith and Jennifer Brubaker at 483-5579 or Terry and Cindy Jamison at 420-9782.

Saturday, April 15 – Easter Egg Hunt – 10:30 am. Come out to search for eggs, make a craft and enjoy a snack. You only need to bring your basket for collecting the eggs. See Crystal Weaver for more info.

Sunday, April 16 – 6:30 am. **Community Sunrise Service.** Service will be held at the Callaway Community Cemetery. In case of rain, we will meet at Piedmont Presbyterian Church. Rev. Jessica Slusses, Pastor of Bethany Church of the Brethren will be preaching and Piedmont Presbyterian Church will provide the music. Please come out for this very special service.

Saturday, April 22 – **5:30 p.m.** The Youth would like to invite you to their “**Love You to the Moon and Back**” **space-themed dinner** here at Highland’s Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the hallway for you to sign up and choose your meal’s meat (steak, chicken or salmon). There will be a planet-themed cheese ball buffet table, dinner with your choice of meat and, of course, don’t forget to save room for the overflowing lava cake, followed by a game of Bingo! There will be a donation basket available for contributions. If you have any question, please see Eric Krauss.

Sunday, April 23 – Disciple I. Lesson 30.

Vacation Bible School: Plan and Pray! June 4-8, 2017

Flowers on the organ today are shared by Lynn Bayly for the Glory of God!

As members of this congregation, we will faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers (see the prayer list), our presence, our gifts, our service (see announcements) and our witness (all you do and who you are.)” We are thankful that you have blessed Highland United Methodist Church with your presence and your gifts:

3/26/17	78 Present for Worship and \$1,701.00 received in gifts
3/19/17	65 Present for Worship and \$ 626.00 received in gifts

Prayer Requests

March 26 - Dot Webb, Barbara Guilliams, B.L. Furrow, Randy Underwood, Family of Timmy Wray, Jeremy Weaver, Chris Craighead, Dawn Hall, Cheryl Bailey

March 19 – Newton Guilliams, B.L. Furrow, Barbara Guilliams, The Family of Aubrey Hicks, Dawn Hall, Dot Webb, Tom Godsey, Charles Hunt, Cheryl Bailey, Carl Akers, Tony Green

March 12 – Carrie Fisher, John and Dana Akers, Cheryl Guilliams Bailey, Dave Campbell, B.L. Furrow, Barbara Guilliams, Connie Hayes, Melissa O’Dell, Dot Webb, The Family of Farren Webb, Debra Webster

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