

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.*

July 23, 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: Speedily let your mercies overtake us!

**People: Put praises in the mouth of the downcast and broken spirit and give
us peace.**

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within
me?

People: Hope in God, for I shall again praise God, my help and my God.

(3 Maccabees 2:20, Psalm 42:11, 43:5)

*Opening Hymn

Hymn Sing --- Congregation

Opening Prayer

**Our Hope, help our lives flow on in endless song above earth's lamentations.
We hear the sweet, far off hymn that promises a new creation. Through all the
trouble and strife, you are singing, God and heaven. No storm can shake our
inmost calm, while we are clinging to you, our refuge. Christ you are the Lord of
heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? Amen.**

(from the lyrics to "How Can I Keep from Singing?")

Special Music

Old Testament Scripture Lesson Psalm 137:1-6

New Testament Scripture Lesson Matthew 7:23-25

Sermon "Singing in Sorrow" Rev. Amy E Pannell

*Responsive Hymn "The Wise Man Built His House" (see insert)

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...)

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* Closing Hymn

“My Hope Is Built”

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* Benediction

* Postlude

“*” indicates congregation standing, if able

GREETERS

July – Donna Guilliams

NURSERY

July 23 – Donna Guilliams

July 30 – Crystal Weaver

ACOLYTES

July 23 – Emma McPherson

July 3 - Levi Haskins

USHERS

July 23 – The Youth

July 30 – The Men

CHURCH LIFE

July 27 – The **PPR Committee** will meet at 7:00 p.m. In the fellowship hall. The purpose of this meeting is to learn about and vote on the Pastor’s Compensation for 2018. This is done annually as part of the process for preparing the 2018 budget. The PPR committee will then send the facts and figures on to the Finance Committee for approving/disapproving and then the Council has a final vote. If you have questions or concerns, please see any of the PPR servants or Amy. The Pastor Parish Relations Committee are people who help cultivate, correct, and care for the relationship between the pastor and parish (congregation): Earl Akers, Caroline Guilliams, Alton Hall, Chuck Hall, Sarah Haskins, Vicki Hodges, Eric Krauss, Lay Leaders Audrey Daniels and Mitch Webb. In relationships we listen and share. Please share if there is a concern or need. The stronger and healthier the relationship between the pastor and parish is, the better we do for Jesus and his making disciples!

Sunday, July 30 – Scholarship Presentations during Morning Worship

Sunday, August 6 – Worship and Music Committee Meeting Following Morning Worship

Sunday, August 18 – After Morning Worship, the men will be going to **The Homeplace** for lunch. They would love for any “males” to join them. See Terry Jamison for info.

The Annual Conference DVD’s have arrived! Be on the look-out for a gathering to chat and chew some about some of the happenings of this year’s Virginia Annual Conference!

ReDedication

Did you know that in August 1898 Highland United Methodist Church was dedicated?! The building had been completed and paid in full--no debt! At the dedication 119 years ago, the pastor preached on *Isaiah 66:1*. In August 2017, we will have a worship series that listens for God's good news and guidance through *Isaiah 66:1-2* about dedicating and rededicating our lives and life together.

September 10 – Our Next Administrative Council Meeting following Morning Worship

Who will be a smiling blessing to our Fire Department? Thank you to everyone for taking a devotional book and praying for our first responders. Thanks to Kelly Moran and Dot Webb, the bags are ready! Who would like to take the bags and be a voice and face of Highland's people? Contact Amy if you would like to go. (You do not have to stay for the meeting just come for the first few minutes.)

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:

7/9/17	75 Present for Worship and \$1,573.25 received in gifts
7/16/17	62 Present for Worship and \$1,415.00 received in gifts

Prayer Requests

July 9 – Eric Akers, Mary Wade Akers, The Family of Claude Chitwood, Cheryl Guilliams Bailey, Bob Gaubatz, Barbara Guilliams, Barry and Karen Haskins, Holly Mutter Family, The Family of Anita Overstreet, Shannon Ward Family, Gerald Bowman’s son who was killed in an auto accident Sunday Night

July 2 - Mary Wade Akers, Stephen Arthur, the Family of Lee Greer, Barbara Guilliams, Cheryl Guilliams Bailey, Mike Dudley, Eva Woolridge's family, the Yopp Family, Luke Yopp

June 25 – Mary Wade Akers, Steve Arthur, Ron Burroughs, Pam Messenger, Joyce Sledd--unspoken request

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