

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.*

November 19, 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

L: Come! Share the joy of the Lord!

P: Delight in God's goodness!

L: Praise God who gives each person a special gift to be nurtured and shared.

P: Lord, we thank you for these gifts!

L: Come, let us worship God who entrusts us with so much.

P: Lord, make us worthy of your love and trust in us. AMEN

*Opening Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty "

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Opening Prayer

**Lord, be with us this day as we gather to celebrate your love for us. Challenge
and prepare us to be your disciples in this aching and hurting world, for we ask it
in Jesus' name. AMEN**

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon

"A Power Greater than Fear: Gratitude"

Rev. Amy E. Pannell

*Responsive Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

UMH pg.92

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...)

* Closing Hymn "Amazing Grace"

* Benediction

* Postlude

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*“**” indicates congregation standing, if able*

GREETERS

Graham and Crystal Weaver

ACOLYTES

November 19 – Sam Krauss

November 26 – Logan Custer

NURSERY

November 19 – Crystal Weaver

November 26 – Sherri Krauss

USHERS

November 19 – The Women

November 26 – The Youth

CHURCH LIFE

Today, Sunday, November 19 - Charge Conference is at 1:00 p.m. at Gogginsville UMC. We will be meeting with other congregations in our area so we know how Jesus has knit us together--we are not in ministry alone.

Tonight! Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00 p.m at Piedmont Presbyterian Church. Highland will be offering two beautiful special songs. The new pastor of Antioch--Rev. Andy Duffey will be offering the good news. Plus, we will get to fellowship in Piedmont's newly renovated fellowship hall. Everyone is asked to bring an item of food and/or make a cash donation. Food items will be donated to Heavenly Manna. Cash donations will be given to the Callaway Elementary School Pack A Sack Program.

Monday, November 20 – The **UMW will meet at 7:00 p.m.** We will meet on the main floor as there is pie making going on in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, November 22 – Pick up your pies!! See Cindy or Sherri or Crystal for info.

Wednesday, November 29 - Our District will host a Finance Training on Wednesday, November 29th, beginning at 7 pm, at Stanleytown UMC (24 Maplewood Ave, Stanleytown). David Dommissie, Conference Treasurer and Statistician will facilitate the training. All are invited, particularly those involved in local church finances--treasurers, finance committee members, trustees, S/PPRC members, finance secretaries, etc.

Saturday, December 2 – We will be decorating the church for Christmas. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. Please come and help if you can.

What Does Jesus Want for Christmas? YOU

The four Sundays before Christmas is called the season of Advent. The word "Advent" means "coming." During the season of Advent we remember that Jesus has promised to return—he is coming! How are we excited and preparing? We look and listen to those who first waited and prepared for Jesus' coming. This year the first Sunday in Advent is December 3. This year we will be praying and pondering how we are a gift to God and others. There is no need to buy presents. Just as Jesus came as Emmanuel, God with us, he wants us to be with him and others. Come, prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of Christmas.

Amy will be taking some of her vacation time this week. She will be in Waynesboro Monday morning through Saturday (11/20-11/25). As always Amy cares; you can reach her at her cell phone (804) 694-9759 or her parents' (540) 942-3477.

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:

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| 11/12/17 | 51 Present for Worship and \$1,408.16 received in gifts |
| 11/4/17 | 67 Present for Worship and \$3,868.83 received in gifts |

Youth Parents: Upcoming events:

Nov 19th: Meet after church to start pie prep; Sherri & Eric will supply hotdogs and chips, bring a side/dessert if you would like

Nov 20th: Meet at the church at 6pm to make pies

Nov 21st: Meet at the church at 6pm to make pies

Nov 22nd: **Need volunteer** to be at church in afternoon **if** needed for people to pick up pies

Dec 16th: Youth Day of Service: Meet at BoJangles in Rocky Mount at 7:30am for breakfast, then head out for a day of service. (Salvation Army, Henry Fork Service Center, etc.)

Followed by movie at Eagle Cinema "The Star"

Also, if you have apple peelers, rolling pins and mats we will need them for the apple pies. Please make sure your name is somewhere on them.

Prayer Requests

November 11 – Jimmy Guilliams, Marie Sigmon-Mike's wife, Faye Bollings-Mark's mom, Brooke Spicer, Mike Neal, Travelers

November 4 – Kenny & Jean Bernard, Ronnie Bernard, Andrew Snead, B.L. Furrow, Judy Brubaker, Tammy & Terry Underwood in the passing of their father, Joy that Lynn's daughter will be moving back to USA

October 29 – Fred and Barbara Guilliams, Sarah Haskins, Ronnie and Sue Bernard & family, Skye, Nova, Tiffany, Brandon, Pam and Randy, Veterans who are serving and those who have served.

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