

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 5, 2017

All Saints Day

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: Today, we reclaim from the world the word "saint."

People: We reject the world's definition and re-learn the meaning from the Bible.

Leader: The world says a saint is perfect.

People: The Bible says a saint is imperfect, sinning, but open to God's help, God's love.

Leader: We are saints, you and me. Turn to your neighbor and call them a saint.

People: May the cloud of witnesses--the saints whose love shines to us--encourage and cheer us on.

Leader: Now this is worth celebrating: God's love at work in our lives. Watch out world!

*Opening Hymn

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

UMH pg. 712

Opening Prayer

Amazing God, when all we see is sin, you see your child worth helping. When all we feel is lacking and unable, you fill us with your Spirit. When all we hear is heartbreaking news, you tell us again your good news. Thank you. Amen.

Great Cloud of Witnesses with special music by Travis Prillaman

Light of Saints *If there is a special saint you are remembering today, please come forward and light a candle. Share with us their name. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand and we can light a candle for you.*

Scripture Lesson

1 John 3:1-3

Sermon

"Won't You Dance with Me?"

Rev. Amy E. Pannell

*Responsive Hymn

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

UMH pg.581

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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The Celebration of Communion

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 non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten Free wafers are also available.

* Closing Hymn

"Lord of the Dance"

UMH pg. 261

* Benediction

* Postlude

"*" indicates congregation standing, if able

GREETERS

Graham and Crystal Weaver

NURSERY

November 5 – Donna Guilliams

November 12 – Sarah Haskins

ACOLYTES

November 5 – Davis Moran

November 12 – Garrett Weaver

USHERS

November 5 – The Youth

November 12 – The Men

CHURCH LIFE

Thank you Highland for the beautiful, thoughtful, caring, and gracious gifts for Pastor's Appreciation month. The Bible says I am a pastor when people are equipped and empowered in their ministries (Ephesians 4:12). I pray this will be so--that I serve so you can serve, love so you love, visit so you will visit. Thank you for the gift you give me every day--to be part of your lives, to see Christ at work in them and through them. Christ's love through you is Jesus making me a disciple for the transformation of the world. You help me be a better child of God for God. I thank you for your continued prayers and "yes we are working together" as we seek to hear God's guidance and leading for the present and future. I have already and will disappoint you, I am human, I sin, but if we trust and worship God, we will keep experiencing grace that writes a story of how Amazing God is. Thanks be to God.

Today! After worship the youth are invited in the fellowship hall for our new WHY program. WHY be part of a church? This morning we get to chat and chew with Sheldon and Barbara Mankes. November is a special month for the Mankes family: Sheldon turned 80 on the 4th, Barbara celebrates a birthday on 23rd, and they celebrate their wedding anniversary on the 9th. Thank you Sheldon and Barbara for sharing the gift of your lives and your love for each other and God with us. While the youth are getting to know the Mankes, the adults will be chewing and chatting in the Good Samaritan Sunday School room. This week they are asked: What life experiences make you who you are? How do your life experiences help you have compassion and welcome for others?

Today! (3 pm to 5 pm) Danville District Conference will be held at Stokesland Community Center (212 Murphy Circle, Danville, VA). This year we will be learning about different outreach ministries: Danville Cares, Danville AKC, Books for Babies, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Police, and Henry Fork Center. If you would like to go, see Pastor Amy.

Monday, November 6 – The **Choir will meet at 7:00 p.m.** We are beginning to work on Christmas music, so please come and be with us

Veteran's Day: November 11 Highland always recognizes veterans on a Sunday near Veteran's Day (which is November 11th). This year, we would like to send thank you notes and possibly a small care package (depending on regulations) as a small mission project to people that are presently in the military. If you would like Highland to send a thank you note/small care package to someone you know presently in the military, please give Jennifer their addresses on or before Sunday, November 5. Their names will be lifted up in prayer on Sunday, November 12. We will also recognize the veterans in our congregation who has served in the past or who is presently serving. If you are a veteran that has a picture in a uniform or would like to share your name and the branch of military in which you served, we would love to share it on our morning slides prior to our worship service. It is always fun to see these pictures as we honor you! Thank you, and we appreciate you!

Sunday, November 12 – The Administrative Council will meet following morning Worship

Tuesday, November 14 – The Annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held beginning at 11:30 a.m. Music will be by Alan Messenger and friends. Come and join us for a great meal and fun and fellowship.

Saturday, November 18 – Relay for Life Fundraiser at Henry Community Center. Hot dog dinners available and crafts. If you would like to sell your crafts, tables are available for rent. So plan to come out and do your Christmas Shopping and it's all for a good cause. See Helen Akers for more information. 483-2932.

Sunday, November 19 - Charge Conference is an event that takes place once a year. This year ours will be held at Gogginsville UMC on Sunday afternoon, **November 19, 1:00 p.m.**

Sunday, November 19 – Community Thanksgiving Service at Piedmont Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m. Highland Choir will be bringing the special music for this Service.

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:

10/29/17	65 Present for Worship and \$1,406.22 received in gifts
10/22/17	66 Present for Worship and \$745.08 received in gifts

Prayer Requests

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.

October 22 – The Family of Oakey Bowman, Butch Moran, Billy Wayne Dudley, The Family of Morris Stephenson, the Family of Eddie Scott

October 15 – Nelson Spicer, B.L. Furrow, Dee Blankenship, Jerry Mattox, Carol Ruff, Karen Haskins, Ronnie Bernard, Vivian St. Clair, Ricky Stump, Julie and Mark Bollings in the loss of their pet

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