

# Highland United Methodist Church

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March 11, 2018

4th Sunday of Lent

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

*(Three Candles are Lit)*

Leader: Our sins snuff out the light we can shine to others.

**All: Search me, O God, and know my heart, test me and know my thoughts.**  
*(Psalm 139:23)*

Leader: Clean away the despair and discouragement of life. Scrub our apathy, our "couldn't care less," "whatever will be," "well that doesn't affect me," "let somebody else deal with that..." *(Silence for personal prayer.)*

*(Extinguish one candle.)*

**All: We are not dust in the wind; we are dust "sighing" for God's purpose and power; we are dust "gasping" in wonder and awe how God can create us for God's pride and joy.** *(Silence for personal prayer.)*

Leader: Let us sing "Change My Heart, O God."

All Sing:

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.** *(Change My Heart, O God in The Faith We Sing 2152)*

Choral Introit

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship, wondering: "What is the purpose of life?"

**People: (Sigh) "The Spirit helps us...prays with sighs too deep for words."**

Leader: We come to experience a God who created the earth and all that is in it.

**People: (Gasp) Creation takes our breath away. We sing together for joy.**

Leader: We come to be with each other, learn how to love and be loved by Christ.

**People: (Gasp) Who is this Jesus? He takes our breath away with his love for us, helping us to love him, ourselves and each other.**

\*Opening Hymn: *And Are We Yet Alive*

UMH # 553

Opening Prayer

God is here. We are here.

**God, what do you want to tell me today?** *(Silent Prayer)* We are listening.

**Jesus, who do you want us to see?** *(Silent Prayer)* We are looking.

**Holy Spirit, what do you want us to do?** *(Silent Prayer)* We are ready. **Amen.**

Special Music

Old Testament Lessons: *Ecclesiastes 1:12-14, Genesis 13:16 and Psalm 65*

Gospel Lesson: *John 13:1-7, 12-17, 34-55*

Sermon

Rev. Amy E. Pannell

\*Responsive Hymn: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

UMH # 420

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

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 and Offertory

\*The Doxology (Praise God from whom all blessings flow...)

UMH # 95

\*Closing Hymn: *How Can We Name a Love*

UMH # 111

\*Benediction

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\*\*\* indicates congregation standing, if able.

**GREETERS**

February—Lynn Bayley  
March—Pat Webb

**ACOLYTES**

March 11—Graham Weaver  
March 18—Jared Jamison

**USHERS**

March 11 –Youth  
March 18—Women

**NURSERY**

March 11—Cindy Jamison  
March 18—Donna Guilliams

**Today!** (9 am) Doughnuts and Devotions! Come for fun, learning, and great fellowship!  
(After Worship) Council Meeting—All Welcome!  
(Noon) Potato Bar at Piedmont Presbyterian Church. Eat in or Take out.  
All the Fixins! Fix it Like You Like It! Potatoes donated by the GREAT 611 Steak Company! Donations will be accepted to support Piedmont’s Youth Ministry!

**Monday** (9 am) Come Make Eggs with Some Amazing People! Fellowship Hall  
(7 pm) Choir! Come sing, fellowship, laugh, and love!

**Chocolate Covered Easter Eggs!**

Order now! \$6 an egg. Peanut Butter Center, Cocunut Center, Vanilla Center! Turn in by March 18 and Pick Up March 25. Questions or want to help with the fun? Call Helen Akers at 540-483-2932 or Norma Jean at 540-483-4341.

**Prayer Requests**

*March 4*—B.L. Furrow, Peggy Smithers (Joyce Guilliams’ mom), Sue Bernard’s niece Crystal Goad, Ronnie and Sue Bernard, Kelly Moran, Joyce Sledd, Richard Myers and family

*February 25*—Richard Myers and family, Jimmy Holt and family, Ronnie and Sue Bernard, Kelly Moran, Joyce Sledd and family, Eva Woolridge, Carolyn Drew and Darlene Drew, B.L. Furrow, Family of Jimmy Sink, Pat Webb, Peggy Smithers (Joyce Guilliams’ mom)

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:  
2/25/18 56 Present for Worship and \$1,288 received in gifts  
3/04/18 50 Present for Worship and \$1,870 received in gifts

