#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

#### **WORSHIP WITH SINGING\***

Ain't No Rock, Peaceful Easy Feeling (Amazing Grace), Shout to the Lord, Father I Adore You Worship Team: Chris Pinelo, Kaitlin Guenther, Rick Marquardt Sally Osborn, Amy Golden, Oliver Golden, Keith Whitehead

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#### **MINISTRY OF GIVING**

#### **OFFERING MUSIC**

God Bless this MessJillian JaquelinePraise You In This StormMark Hall & Bernie HermsSCRIPTURE LESSONJohn 16:33MESSAGE"The Audacity to Hope"Rev. John W. Bowling

#### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

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#### **WORSHIP WITH SINGING\***

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms, Shout to the Lord (Reprise)

#### **BENEDICTION\***

\*Please stand as you are able.



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Meg Ballard, Bob & Fran McKenney, Karen Perce

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#### PRELUDE

O Praise Ye The Lord

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HYMN #380\* There's Within My Heart a Melody

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#### **MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **MINISTRY OF GIVING**

OFFERTORY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Dale Wood

#### **DOXOLOGY\***

POSTLUDE

Charles Callahan

Rev. John W. Bowling

CHORAL ANTHEM	Let the Earth Resound with Praise!	Joseph M. Martin
SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 16:33	
Message	"The Audacity to Hope"	Rev. John W. Bowling
HYMN #133*	Leaning on the Everlasting Arms	
<b>BENEDICTION</b> *		
CHORAL AMEN*		

How Firm A Foundation

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

#### Children's Director, Hilary Dungan-children@highlandmethodist.com

**Children's Sunday School** meets every week in room 207 during both 9:30 and 11 o'clock services. Nursery is available for children, infant through 3 years old, in room 102.



Children 4 years old through 5th grade will meet in room 207 for learning and fun through ART! <u>We</u>
 <u>have a heART for God on Wednesday nights!</u> The nursery will be available for infants and toddlers through 3 years of age. Join the fun for our last class on Wednesday at 6:30!

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Monday Morning Prayer Is Back <u>Monday Morning Prayer</u> tomorrow 7:20-7:40 Gather in the Youth Room - enter the door off the small parking lot. Contact Amy Golden at 859-992-9450. Join us for donuts and prayer time. Just show up. All are welcome!

Aidan—surgery on 11/27

Mac H—continued healing

Christina—radiation recovery

• Pingwah Tang—Sonya Tang

Girdwood's father, healing and

decisions on path for best care

Lana V— back surgery recovery

• Lynn E—recovery from brain injury

Rick E — hospitalized with infection

Nancy M—healing

### PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Mary P—(Lanee Philippe's sister-inlaw) brain tumor surgery last Friday
- Lee H—shingles
- 3 month old with COVID
- Marlene P—MRI results
- Barb W—infection, travel
- Caroline—3yr old diagnosed with diabetes
- Vera-stress and care of parents
- Baby Vivian—born prematurely



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# **Highland United Methodist Church**

Sunday, November 26, 2023 11:00am Last Sunday after Pentecost Christ the King Sunday



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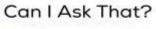






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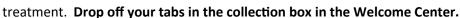
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