

Highlands Highlights



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Special Points of Interest

- Dec 2 - Parents' Night Out
- Dec 3 - Farmview Christmas Market
- Dec 4 - Sunday School
Worship, Children's Church & Handbells
Family Fellowship & Children's Nativity Program
- Dec 6 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Dec 11 - Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
Congregational Meeting
Choir Cantata & Church Dinner
Deadline for Toy Drive drop-off & Poinsettia orders
- Dec 12 - Soup Nite
- Dec 13 - Ladies' Bible Study
Senior Meal Deliveries
- Dec 15 - Fresh Produce Box & Pantry
Item Distribution - help needed
- Dec 18 - Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
Senior Meal Delivery Planning Meeting
No Evening Events
- Dec 20 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Svc
- Dec 25 - Christmas Day
No Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
No Evening Events
- Dec 31 - New Year's Eve



Donate a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone this year! Orders are now being taken, and forms are available on the table in the narthex or click [here](#) and include your name, the number of poinsettias you would like and the designations for each (in memory or in honor of). The cost is \$12 each. **Please have your order turned in by December 11th.** Poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Day service.



From the Pastor

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:10 ESV)

I really enjoy the Christmas season. It's one of my favorite times of the year. All the lights and decorations, joy and laughter, gifts given and received, make this holiday one of the most exciting we celebrate.

Have you ever wondered why we, as believers in and followers of Jesus, tend to get so into the Christmas spirit as the holiday approaches and we desire to give gifts to others? Perhaps one of the reasons has to do with the fact that we are created in God's image. When God made us, He communicated to us certain aspects of His character, one of which has to do with our desire to love others, doing so in very practical ways such as giving gifts to them.

Now I know that God's image in us is tarnished by sin, and we don't love like we should. However, just by the very fact we want to love reveals something about God's image in us and the continuing work of His grace that's moving us toward becoming more like Jesus as the Holy Spirit moves us in love to give to others.

In His love, God was moved to action, giving all that was needed to resolve the issue of our sin that separated us from Himself. The Bible tells us that God so loved the world that He gave us His only Son. God didn't hold anything back but gave us His very best, He gave us His all, He gave us Jesus.

Jesus was born in that stable so that we could know the forgiveness of our sins, be restored to fellowship with God, experience the power to live holy lives, and look forward with great anticipation to an eternity in which we'll forever be with the Lord.

Isn't that what Christmas is all about? Isn't that why we celebrate the holiday each year like we do? Isn't that why we spend so much time trying to find that perfect gift for that special someone in our lives?

The reason why we love is because God first loved us, and we give because God first gave to us. God sent Jesus as His perfect gift to redeem us from our sinfulness and because of that work of grace in our lives, we now reflect the reality that He has given us life as we in turn now express genuine love as we give to others.

As you celebrate the Christmas season this year be reminded that you do so only because God has given us His grace and mercy. Give to each other and give generously so that you might reflect the fact that you are a true image bearer of God.

Pastor Mark



Highlands Women's Ministry

CULTIVATE YOUR JOURNEY WITH CHRIST



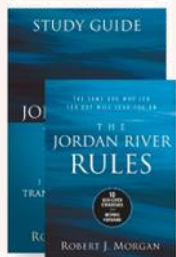
Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen! ~ 2 Peter 3:18

Revisit Farmview Market Saturday, December 3rd



Celebrate an exciting Christmas themed Holiday Market at Farmview on Saturday, December 3rd. This special holiday event is one day only and FREE for the entire family. Shop an assortment of handcrafted gifts, Christmas carols, a special appearance by Santa Claus, and more!

Join us as we experience Farmview Market's Annual Holiday Market. We will gather at Highlands at 8:00 am and travel to Farmview together. We will eat breakfast or lunch in the Farmview cafe. Transportation will be provided and we expect to return around 2:00 pm. Anyone wishing to take advantage of unique gifts and bargains in nearby Madison should drive separately. Please RSVP to Faith Wallace or Vickie Fledderjohann by Thursday, December 1st.



Jordan River Rules

Please join us at 10:00 am on December 13th as we review the final two chapters of our Bible study, Jordan River Rules. Lunch will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Our November Magical Mystery Destination Tour was a resounding success!

As usual we met at Highlands and then traveled together to Winder, GA. After a delicious brunch at Le Gabrielle Crepes and Waffles, we didn't let the rain stop us from strolling through antique shops and bookstores. Please join us for our next one!





Dec 4 Lyn Alimena
Dec 11 Corie Kuykendall
Dec 18 Holly Kulp
Dec 25 Bonnie Hornby



Choir Cantata & CHRISTMAS DINNER

D E C E M B E R 1 1 A T 4 : 3 0

RSVP TO THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR DINNER

The Congregational Care ministry team invites you to a Christmas dinner following the Choir Cantata on December 11th. Dinner will be catered by Eagle's Landing Café and Grill, so **reservations are required by December 7th to ensure we have plenty for all** - email the church and list your name along with how many adult meals and how many child meals are needed. Tickets are \$10/person with a maximum of \$25/member-families (\$10/person for non-members). Children 5 and under are free. The menu includes Beef Medallions (with rice) or Chicken Cordon Bleu (with garlic mashed potatoes), grilled vegetables, tropical salad and peach cobbler. Invite your family and neighbors to the cantata and plan to stay afterwards for dinner.



YOUNG FAMILIES

MINISTRY

Handbells on Dec 4



**PIZZA PARTY
DINNER**

**GAMES, CRAFTS,
MUSIC, & MORE**

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

FREE

DEC 2

5:30 - 8:00 PM

REGISTER ONLINE

WWW.HIGHLANDSARP.ORG/PNO

Children's Nativity Program
December 4 at 4:30



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR SAVIOR'S BIRTH



CUPCAKES IN CHILDREN'S CHURCH DEC. 25

CHILDREN'S CHURCH





Hello!

November has been a fun month for the Youth Group! We have begun our communicants class study and are enjoying the discussions together. We will continue meeting during Sunday School at 9am in the Youth Room. I am excited that we will be able to meet together to learn from God's Word and build strong foundations in Christ. We hope your middle and high school youth will be able to join us. This month we were delighted to serve at the Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast! Thank you to all who were able to help and to those who donated to the Youth Group fund!

Blessings,
Pastor Chris







Communicants Class

November 13 - December 18
9am in the Youth Room



NO DECEMBER MEETINGS
for Deacons or Session



Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 7PM



PLEASE ATTEND!

Highlands' annual Congregational Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, December 11th, immediately following the worship service, is for Highlands' members to vote on the new year's budget and to elect officers. Please plan to stay for these two important issues.

Copies of the 2023 Proposed Budget will be on the table in the narthex on Sunday, December 4th for you to pick up and review prior to the meeting on December 11th. If you have any questions, please call Lee Hunt, HPC Treasurer (678-580-8410), Deron Smith, Finance Team Chair (843-584-2848) or Betsy Whitson, HPC Bookkeeper (404-790-8936).

The election for new officers includes the following:

- Omar Edmondson - Elder, Class of 2026
- Bill Alimena, Elliott Bayne, Stan Darmochwal, and Vickie Fledderjohann - Deacons
- Lee Hunt - HPC Corporation Treasurer
- Bob Statham - Vice-Moderator (to conduct congregational meetings)



No Family Fellowship

December 18
December 25
January 1



Sunday School

SUNDAYS AT 9 AM



No Sunday School

December 25
January 1

Decorating for Advent



TOY DRIVE

The Community Outreach ministry team has decided this year to participate in a new outreach. Pride for Parents is a community-based toy drive that benefits families in the historic South Atlanta neighborhood.



The plan is quite easy – Highlands collects toys which are delivered to the Pride for Parents toy drive in South Atlanta in time for their toy sale. Items are priced at garage sale prices and parents are able to purchase specific toys for their children. If they are unable to pay even these low prices, parents are allowed to work in the store in exchange for



vouchers which they use to buy items for their children.

What would you buy? Whatever you purchase for your children or grandchildren, buy an extra one for the toy drive. If you need ideas, you can visit

FCS' links to [Target](#) and [Amazon](#) (be sure to log in to your Amazon Smile account!). Toys range in price from \$6 for card games up to \$40 for child-sized basketballs, games, or scooters. If you choose to donate cash, someone can shop for you.

Here are pictures of past year's Christmas shop – shelves filled with donated toys and games and books for little hands to discover. Toys have already started coming in – we'd like your help for these families to provide for their own by **donating between now and December 11th**. Drop your gifts in the box located in the narthex.



Toy Drive



Accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys through



Sunday, December 11

Hi All,

Another month gone and only one month more of our Soup Nite ministry. On our first Soup Nite in November, I was out of town, but I heard that it went incredibly well. Jane had lots of help and made lots of hamburger soup for our guests. There was also cornbread to go along with it. It was the best tasting hamburger soup ever. We were down in our numbers and only served 149 meals. Can't believe I am saying this. LOL. That is a LOT of meals! However, there was much left over that will be given to our seniors as a meal. In the long run, we saved time and planned ahead! On our second Soup Nite in November, we served our classic, chicken tortilla soup with chips! It was awesome and smelled delicious. There was a glitch in the communication with the CoOp and there were not any flyers to pass out, so again we didn't get the number of guests that we prepared food for, serving only 148! Still, that is a pretty big number. However, more time is saved for preparation of senior meals. The best part of the evening was that Xavier came through the line on this Monday, so it was a great night. After so long, we had not seen him once since his Papa, Mr. Winfrey, passed away, so it was with great joy to reconnect. They are all doing well and we promised to stay connected. Another blessing of the night was that one of our guests uses our verses to tape all over her house and even in her car! It is Joshua 1:9. All is not done in vain as this is confirmation that God has blessed our guests by our ministry.

Senior meals were delivered two weeks out of the month. Warren has graciously offered to deliver meals over to the CoOp for us. Over the holiday months, the CoOp doubles up on routes since they are closed for a week during Thanksgiving and Christmas. So to make

sure every senior gets food, they pick a week to double deliveries to give to each person. It all works out and we will do this for December. There will be a meeting after church on December 18th to go over plans and ideas for our Senior Meal Delivery. Please come with loads of ideas and I'll share more about the Seasoned with Love program over at the CoOp that we participate in.

Our next meal is on December 12th, and we are serving a ham and hash brown casserole with chocolate pie. Our volunteers will make the individual pies and bring them in to serve our guests. See Jane for a recipe if you are willing to make a couple. On December 15th, we will have our last Fresh Produce Box and Pantry Item Distribution. We can use a couple people to help distribute on this day. It's from 11am – 1pm. Please see Jane or Carrie if you can help. After this, we look forward to celebrating Christmas with loved ones and family. We can look back at the great memories created in Soup Nite. We will also look ahead to the new journey of Senior Meal deliveries! Thank you to all for your prayers, your service and commitment over the past 10 years. God is always good.

In Christ,

Carrie



BLOOD DRIVE

Save the date! Jan 3

AMERICAN RED CROSS



Prayer Items

- Vickie Fledderjohann continues her rehab for her broken ankle.
- MaryBradley Bayne will have a total shoulder replacement sometime in February, as outpatient surgery. Since she had cortisone shots, which can lead to infection if surgery is done too soon, she is having to endure until then with no functional bones in her right shoulder.
- Adam Rohacs, Bill Wright's coworker, and his wife found out that she has a cancerous mass in her abdomen, which had been previously misdiagnosed and discovered during surgery. They need to try to shrink the tumor before they can try removal again. Time is of the essence. Please pray for the Rohacs family as they face this difficult challenge.
- Norma Elam as she recovers from hip replacement.
- Church members who are experiencing financial hardships.
- Emma Caughman is home temporarily while seeking treatment for some health issues. Please pray that the right specialists are found to help get answers and treatment quickly.
- Zack Caughman has COVID, which has delayed his starting physical therapy for his recent accident. Prayers requested that he makes a full recovery and for a new, less stressful and less dangerous job.
- Ken Fordham has COVID. Please pray for a quick recovery, as this is not needed on top of his other health concerns.

Praise Item

- Thankful for being able to celebrate this season, and for the gift of our Savior.

If you have a prayer need, please contact your shepherd or email the office to let the congregation know. Please use the highlandarp@gmail.com address.

FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS GIVEN, AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ON HIS SHOULDERS. AND HE WILL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.

ISAIAH 9:6

Highlands 2022 Operating Budget Update



Nov Gifts & Offerings	\$21,551.52
Nov Expenses	\$18,750.61
YTD Gifts & Offerings	\$201,465.51
YTD Expenses	\$208,718.25

Donate

WHILE YOU SHOP!
- and help save lives -



As many people continue to shop online each year, did you know that there are several ways you can generate cash for Highlands' ministries when you shop? The most popular program, called Amazon Smile, gives 0.5% of the online purchase price to the charity of your choice – Highlands! Simply visit the [Amazon Smile](#) link, type "Highlands Presbyterian Church" in the search bar, select the one in Grayson GA and your next online purchase will generate a donation to the church.

If you shop at Kroger, you can register for their rewards program at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Log into your account with the email address you used to enroll for a Kroger Plus card (If you don't have one, you will need to acquire one first). Again, search for Highlands Presbyterian Church and make that selection. When you shop at Kroger, simply give them your Kroger Plus card and a percentage of your purchase will benefit Highlands' ministries.



Another program is called iGive. This site www.iGive.com is an online shopping mall with thousands of stores which donate a portion of each purchase to your favorite cause. Again, simply log in, search for Highlands Presbyterian Church in Georgia, select and shop! It's that easy.

A similar site is Rakuten at www.rakuten.com. Rakuten works like iGive - create an account, then when you shop at various stores (Walmart, Target, Office Depot, JCPenny), you can generate from 1% up to 10% of your total purchase as cash back for the church.



The Finance and Stewardship team has recommended that any donations generated through these programs benefit two ministries of Highlands – Soup Nite and Missions. The team also wants Highlands's members to know that while we don't endorse these companies, they provide the rewards programs that we are aware of. You might be enrolled in a program that provides similar rewards – if you do, contact the office and we can look into it. **This year, with 10 families participating in these online programs, they have generated more than \$175 in donations to our church.** Imagine what it would be if more of us took advantage of this service! Please consider participating in one or all three of these programs. If you need help enrolling, contact the office at (770) 978-3001 or at highlandarp@gmail.com.

December 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Parents' Night Out 5:30-8pm	3 Farmview Christmas Market 8am - 2pm
4 9am Sunday School 10am Worship, Children's Church & Handbells 4:30pm Family Fellowship & Children's Nativity Program 	5 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Omar Edmondson	6 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Don Reinhardt Senior Meal Deliveries	7	8	9	10 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Kristy Summers
11 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Bobbie Boot 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Congregational Mtg 4:30 Choir Cantata 6pm Church Dinner Deadline for Toy Drive Donations & Poinsettia orders	12 Soup Night	13 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Lyn Alimena 10am Ladies' Bible Study Senior Meal Deliveries	14	15 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Rob Whittle Fresh Produce Box & Pantry Item Distribution for Soup Nites 11am - 1pm	16	17
18 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Senior Meal Delivery Planning Mtg	19	20 Senior Meal Deliveries	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 7pm Candlelight Service 
25 Christmas Day No Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church No evening events 	26	27 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Daniel McCoy	28	29 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Alex McGill	30	31 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Earl Thomas New Year's Eve

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Associate Pastor: Chris McCoy
Music Director: Bonnie Hornby
Secretary: Betsy Whitson

Elders: 2022 Lee Hunt
2022 Don Reinhardt
2023 Charles Roberts
2023 Jim Whitson
2024 Bob Statham
2025 Rob Kuykendall

Deacons:

Class of 2022 Class of 2023

Omar Edmondson Fru Chifen
Phillip Wallace Deron Smith
Betsy Whitson

Class of 2024

Edward Spiller
Gene Wade

Worship Times and Activities

Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
11:30am Deacons' Meeting (2nd Sunday of the month)
11:30am Session Meeting (3rd Sunday of the month)
4:30pm Highlands Family Fellowship

*Weekly activities**

Monday: 4-7pm Soup Nite (2nd & 4th Mondays)
Tuesday: 10:00am Ladies' Bible Study (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)
Senior Meal Deliveries
Wednesday: 6:00pm Covered Dish Dinner (3rd Wednesdays)
7:00pm Bible Study (1st & 3rd Wednesdays)

**See calendar for scheduled events or cancellations.*

Ushers for the month:

Team 1 Omar Edmundson, Don Reinhardt, Bob Statham, Phillip Wallace
Team 2 Lee Hunt, Deron Smith, Edward Spiller, Gene Wade
Team 3 Rob Kuykendall, Charles Roberts, Jim Whitson



Please remember to wear your name tags at church each Sunday. They are located in the hallway just past the youth rooms. It helps those of us who need a gentle reminder of each other's names! When leaving after worship, just place your nametag in the clear boxes on the table – someone will return the tags to their rightful location.

Highlands ARP Church

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