

**Presbytery of the Highlands  
Celebrating 70 years of  
Clergy Women**

**May 12, 2026 - 4 pm  
Highlands Pavilion  
Johnsonburg Camp**

**Gathering Music**



**Welcome and Introduction** - Rev. Robin Curras

**Music - God of the Women**

**by Carolyn Gillette music SLANE 10.10.9.10 ("Be Thou My Vision")  
verses 1 & 2**

God of the women who answered your call,  
Trusting your promises, giving their all,  
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth —  
Give us their courage to live in your truth.

God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,  
Giving their resources, learning to pray,  
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more —  
May we give freely as they did before.

**Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving** - Rev. Robin Curras

**Scripture** - John 1: 35 -50

**Meditation** - "Remembering our call" - Rev. Jeanne Radak, Presbytery Leader

**Recognition of the first woman ordained in our legacy presbyteries** - Rev. Gail Pendleton - Introduction - Rev. Jeanne Radak

**Recognition of the Women Clergy of Highlands Presbytery**

Elder Jerry Chandler

*Please stand when your name is called*

**Litany of Recognition and Thanks** - Amy Lincoln & Robin Curras

Leader: For women who answered the call of the Holy Spirit to serve the church.

People: We give thanks, O God.

Leader: For the women who first stepped forward in faith when the path was uncertain,

People: We give thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who preached the gospel and shepherded congregations,

People: We give thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who served in chaplaincy, mission, teaching, and pastoral care,

People: We give thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who mentored and encouraged the next generation of leaders,

People: We give thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who serve today in congregations, specialized ministries, presbyteries, higher councils and throughout the world,

People: We give thanks, O God.

Leader: For women discerning their call to ministry.

People: We give thanks, O God.

Leader: For the women yet to be called into ministry,

People: May your Spirit guide and strengthen them. Amen

**Presbytery Offering - The Clergy Care Fund - Vice Moderator**  
Elder Donna Rahman

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### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Presiding at the table - Rev. Gayle Pendleton HR, the longest ordained clergy women in the presbytery and Rev. Andrienne Poissant, Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, the newest ordained clergy woman in the Presbytery.

### **Invitation to the Table**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works.

You created the world and called it good,...

...Unite us with Christ and with one another,

that we may follow where he leads,

until we feast with him and with all your saints

in your eternal realm of justice, peace, and joy.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,

now and forever. Amen.

### **Sharing in God's Grace**

Communion will be by intinction please come forward to the right or the left.

### **Prayer after Communion - Rev. Robin Curras**

## **Music - God of the Women Verses 3, 4 & 5**

God of the women long put to the test,  
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,  
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?" —  
In Jesus' dying you show us our worth.

God of the women who ran from the tomb,  
Prayed with the others in that upper room,  
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day —  
May we so gladly proclaim you today.

O God of Phoebe and ministers all,  
May we be joyful in answering your call.  
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near  
That we may share in your ministry here.

## **Benediction - Rev. Jeanne Radak**

Participants

Rev. Jeanne Radak, Presbytery Leader - Planning Team  
Rev. Robin Curras - First Presbyterian Church of Sparta Planning team  
Elder Jerry Chandler - First Presbyterian of Newton - Planning Team  
Rev. Gail Pendleton - retired  
Rev. Adrienne Poissant- First Presbyterian Church of Branchville  
Rev. Amy Lincoln - Flemington Presbyterian Church  
Elder Donna Rahmann - Vice Moderator - Fairmount Presbyterian Church  
Music provided by Adam Parish - Johnsonburg Guest Services Manager

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Liturgy adapted from the Book of Common Worship PCUSA