

# leadership

## ELDERS

Pastor Mike Ruel  
Paul Fehrenbacher [Secretary]  
Jeff Lukawski

John Lisa [Chairman]  
Len Baxter [Treasurer]

## DEACONS AND STAFF

**Building and Grounds**  
**Fellowship**  
**Benevolence**  
**Technology**  
**Finance**  
**Kingdom Kids**  
**Worship**  
**Operations Manager**

Len Baxter  
Kerry Westpy  
Jeff Lukawski  
Ray Westpy  
TJ Walsh, Chris Deming  
Alyssa Myhren  
Ron Vreeland  
Tina Nause

## CARE GROUPS - ZOOM Video/In-Person

### CONTACT LEADERS FOR NEW INFO

#### Vernon

Pastor Mike  
Mondays • 7pm - Main Sanctuary  
[info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org](mailto:info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org)

#### Vernon/565

Len & Doreen Baxter  
First Friday monthly  
201-230-7372

#### Branchville/Newton

Ray & Kerry Westpy  
1st and 3rd Fridays  
862-266-8699

#### TwentySomethings

Chris & Alyssa Deming  
201-819-0327



307 NJ-94, Vernon, NJ 07462  
(973) 764-7506  
[Highlandsbiblechurch.org](http://Highlandsbiblechurch.org)  
[Info@highlandsbiblechurch.org](mailto:Info@highlandsbiblechurch.org)

**For Prayer Needs - Send Email To:**  
[PrayerChain@HighlandsBibleChurch.org](mailto:PrayerChain@HighlandsBibleChurch.org)

JULY 26, 2020

# Psalm

WORSHIP IN



REAL LIFE

A SPECIAL SERMON SERIES

# welcome

## our purpose

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our purpose is to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. Our ministry vision is to love God with all that we are, and love others as much as we love ourselves.

As you worship with us today, you'll notice how often we reference the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We don't have it all figured out, but we know that God saves sinners through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Please join us as we exalt God by singing about his greatness and as we seek to know more about him from the Bible.

## the gospel

You will hear us talk about the gospel a lot. Actually it is the center of everything we do here at Highlands.

1. **God** - the only all-knowing, all-powerful King and Creator of all things. He created us to enjoy and glorify him forever. [Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:18-32]
2. **Sin** - Yet, we rejected God, and established ourselves as gods of our lives, separating ourselves from Him, and becoming objects of His wrath. In so doing we also unleashed sin, sickness, death and evil. [Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:12-14]
3. **Christ** - In God's unparalleled mercy and grace, He already had a plan to reconcile us to Himself. The entire Old Testament points to the coming of the Messiah - revealed in the New Testament as Jesus Christ. [John 1; Ephesians 2:4-7; Romans 3:21-26]
4. **Response** - None of this is effective for us unless we respond in two ways: repent/turn from our self control and sin [Mark 1:15], and believe in the gospel [John 3:16-18]. We are then given new life in Christ, forgiven, justified, adopted into God's family, and we persevere in the faith. [1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 24:13; Ephesians 4:1]

## calendar

- Need info? Trouble logging in? E-mail [info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org](mailto:info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org)
- Sundays 9:30am - Livestream Worship Service - Facebook live
- Mondays 7:00pm - Care Group - Main Sanctuary
- Wednesdays - Men's Bible Study - 7am via Zoom
- Thursdays - Sunday Preview and Prayer with Pastor Mike - FB/Instagram
- Fridays - Women's Ministry Minute - FB/Instagram
  
- Worship Team Meeting - Sunday, August 9th after service
- Baptism Service - Sunday, August 16th. See Pastor Mike if interested!
- Member Meeting - Sunday, September 6th at 6pm

## finances

General Offering - June '20	\$22,768.21
Designated Gifts - June '20	\$919.12
YTD General Offering thru June '20	\$142,310.58
2020 Budget	\$322,562.00

*Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands. During this unprecedented time you can still continue to give online at [www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give](http://www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give)*

*Or you can mail a check to Highlands Bible Church, 307 Route 94, Vernon, NJ 07462.*

Questions? [info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org](mailto:info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org)

# worship guide

July 26, 2020

Our sermon passage today is from Psalm 33. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.”

[Colossians 1:21-23 ESV]

## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- When you think of the word “worship” - what comes to mind?
- Look at v1-3: do any of these commands make you uncomfortable, why? Any others seem like something new to you?
- What is the purpose of musical worship? [Hint: Colossians 3:16]
- Which one of God’s many attributes do you most often think about when singing?
- For the attributes that are in today’s passage, which resonate with you and why?
- What are some other ways that you can build your hope in Jesus?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Psalm 34.

## SING

Come Praise and Glorify | O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer | O Great God | Yet Not I But Christ Through Me | O Praise the Name

# sermon notes

July 26, 2020

## PSALM 33

*Why Sing?*

Call to Worship [33:1-3; Colossians 3:16]

**Big Idea: God is worthy of excellence in our musical worship...**

1. ...because He is perfect. [33:4-5; 18:30; Deut 32:4; Daniel 4:37; Matt 5:48]
2. ...because He is the Creator. [33:6-9; Job 38-41]
3. ...because He is the sovereign King. [33:10-17; 2:1-4; Daniel 3:21]
4. ...because He is our hope. [33:18-22]

**Come Praise and Glorify**

**VERSE 1**

**Come praise and glorify our God  
The Father of our Lord  
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms  
His blessings on us poured**

**For pure and blameless in His sight  
He destined us to be  
And now we've been adopted through  
His Son eternally**

**CHORUS**

**To the praise of Your glory  
To the praise of Your mercy and grace  
To the praise of Your glory  
You are the God who saves**

**VERSE 2**

**Come praise and glorify our God  
Who gives His grace in Christ  
In Him our sins are washed away  
Redeemed through sacrifice**

**In Him God has made known to us  
The myst'ry of His will  
That Christ should be the head of all  
His purpose to fulfill**

**CHORUS**

**To the praise of Your glory  
To the praise of Your mercy and grace  
To the praise of Your glory**

## **You are the God who saves**

### **VERSE 3**

**Come praise and glorify our God  
For we've believed the Word  
And through our faith we have a seal  
The Spirit of the Lord**

**The Spirit guarantees our hope  
Until redemption's done  
Until we join in endless praise  
To God, the Three in One**

### **CHORUS**

**To the praise of Your glory  
To the praise of Your mercy and grace  
To the praise of Your glory  
You are the God who saves**

### **CHORUS**

**To the praise of Your glory  
To the praise of Your mercy and grace  
To the praise of Your glory  
You are the God who saves**

**O Lord, My Rock and My  
Redeemer**

**VERSE 1**

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God, like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone**

**Your grace, a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom  
My highest good and my unending need**

**VERSE 2**

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts**

**My song when enemies surround me  
My hope when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night**

**VERSE 3**

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Gracious Savior of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered bled and died**

**You rose, the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame**

**You rose, the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame  
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name**

*Music and Words by Nathan Stiff. © 2017 Sovereign Grace Worship*

**O Great God**

**Verse 1**

**O great God of highest heav'n  
Occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme  
Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r**

**Let no vice or sin remain  
That resists Your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me  
Make me Yours forever more**

**Verse 2**

**I was blinded by my sin  
Had no ears to hear Your voice  
Did not know Your love within**

**Had no taste for heaven's joys  
Then Your Spirit gave me life  
Opened up Your word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son  
Gave me endless hope and peace**

**Verse 3**

**Help me now to live a life  
That's dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul  
From the evils that I face**

**You are worthy to be praised  
With my ev'ry thought and deed  
O great God of highest heav'n  
Glorify Your Name through me**



**Yet Not I, But Christ Thru  
Me**

**VERSE 1**

**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and  
freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

**VERSE 2**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed**

**To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

**VERSE 3**

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave**

**To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

## **VERSE 4**

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

**When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

Jonny Robinson; Michael Farren; Rich Thompson. 2018 CityAlight Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook)); Farren Love And War Publishing (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook)); Integrity's Alleluia! Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook))

**O Praise the Name**

**Verse 1**

**I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds His hands His feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree**

**Verse 2**

**His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone**

**Chorus 1**

**O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God**

**Verse 3**

**Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King**

**Verse 4**

**He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face**