

# leadership

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June 20, 2021

# MATTHEW

*Truly I Say To You*



# 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]

## kingdom kids

We love kids at Highlands!

Kids will be dismissed to downstairs before the sermon. Please see one of our security team at the check-in desk for more info.

Current Classes: Explorers (0-2)  
Discoverers (2-3) and Adventurers (4-Grade 2)

## coming up

- **See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!**
- Monday Night Care Group - tomorrow night, 7pm - upstairs in Loffice
- Wednesdays: Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - IN PERSON at Sussex Diner.
- Pastor Mike's Sabbatical - June 28th - Aug 9th
- Next Member Meeting - Sunday, August 22nd
- Fall Picnic/BBQ - Sunday, September 19th after service
- Elder Meetings - 2nd Tuesday Monthly - prayers appreciated!

## finances

General Offering - May 2021	\$ 21,713.17
Designated Gifts - May 2021	\$ 445.25
YTD General Offering thru May 2021	\$ 110,814.87
2021 Budget	\$ 314,511.00

*Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands, our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. Additionally, you can give anytime 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.*

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# worship guide

**June 20, 2021**

Happy Father's Day!

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 8:23-27. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.”

Chur (John 1:1-3 ESV)

## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Think about being in a life and death situation - how could you be calmed in that moment?
- Even after personally witnessing Jesus doing miracles, why do you think the disciples still gave into panic in the storm?
- Can you share a time where you panicked in a “storm” and what was the resolution? [Good or bad...]
- What is the immediate implication to the trustworthiness of Jesus if he is NOT God?
- How can you cultivate more trust in God when tempted to panic?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 8:28-34

## SING

Come Praise and Glorify | Only a Holy God |  
Prepared a Place for Me | O Praise the Name |  
His Mercy is More

# sermon notes

**June 20, 2021**

**MATTHEW 8:23-27**

*God of the Storm*

1. Great Storm. [8:23-25; Mark 4:35-38]

**The less we trust, the more we fear.**

2. Great Calm. [8:26-27; Psalm 107:29; Colossians 1:15-16; John 1:1-3]

**Big Idea: We can trust God the Son.**