

# leadership

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November 21, 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 - Mondays, 7pm in sanctuary
- Wednesdays: Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Sussex Diner
- **Member Meeting - TONIGHT 5pm - DINNER!**
- **Thanksgiving Eve Service - Wednesday, November 24th at 6:30pm**
- Sunday Care Group - Next Meeting Sunday Dec 12th @ 4pm
- MidWeek Study - Not meeting this week!
- Prayer Meeting - Sunday December 5, 2021, 6pm
- Christmas Eve service - 5:00pm
- Save the Date: Annual Member Meeting - Sunday, January 16, 2022
- Elder Meetings - 2nd Tuesday Monthly - prayers appreciated!

## finances

General Offering - Oct 2021	\$ 23,203.50
Designated Gifts - Oct 2021	\$ 353.00
YTD General Offering thru Oct 2021	\$ 228,784.24
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)*

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# worship guide

**November 21, 2021**

Welcome to worship! Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 14:23-36 As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

(Hebrews 12:1-2 ESV)

## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- If you had to define faith for someone what words would you use?
- Think of the account of Jesus walking on the water - what assumptions did you have before today? How have they changed?
- What other things are you tempted to focus on other than Jesus? What “wind and waves” are in your life currently?
- Review the passage above - what actions do you need to take?
- How does the fact that Jesus is God impact your faith? Why?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Advent in Isaiah

## SING

Come Praise and Glorify | Before the Throne of God Above |  
Yet Not I But Christ Through Me | Wonderful Merciful Savior |  
Prepared a Place for Me

# sermon notes

**November 21, 2021**

**MATTHEW 14:22-36**

*Disciples and Faith*

1. A Walk on the Water [14:22-27; Isaiah 43:16; Job 9:8; Psalm 77:19; Exodus 3:13-14]

**True faith is courageous faith.**

2. Little Faith [14:28-36; Hebrews 12:1-2]

**True faith is an active faith.**

**Big Idea: True faith is knowing Jesus as God.**