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Advent in Isaiah

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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
- Sunday Care Group - Next Meeting Sunday Dec 12th @ 4pm [not meeting today!]
- MidWeek Study - Revelation overview - Wednesdays - Dec 1,8,15 @6:30pm
- Prayer Meeting - Sunday December 5, 2021, 6pm
- Christmas Eve service - 5:00pm
- Save the Date: Annual Member Meeting - Sunday, January 23, 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

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Questions? info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org or see Chris Deming.

worship guide

November 28, 2021

Welcome to worship this Advent season! Our sermon passage today is from Isaiah 59. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“...as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” “Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known.” “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

(Romans 3:10-18 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- When you think of Advent, what comes to your mind? Why?
- Is the thought of being separated from God because of our sin offensive to you? [or was it?] Why? Why is it to others?
- How does sin make our lives hard? How do you resolve the tension, as Christians, of living in a fallen world?
- Read the passage above again, and then read Romas 3:21-26 what are the differences?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Advent in Isaiah: A Savior Promised

SING

O Come, All Ye Faithful | Hallelujah! What a Savior |
O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer | He Who is Mighty |
God With Us

sermon notes

November 28, 2021

ISAIAH 59

Advent: A Savior Needed

1. The Biggest Reality [59:1-8]

We need a Savior, because our sin separates us from God.

2. Little Faith [59:9-15; Romans 3:9-18]

We need a Savior, because sin has consequences.

3. Little Faith [59:16-21]

Big Idea: We need a Savior, and God himself has provided one.