

# leadership

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Advent in Isaiah



DECEMBER 5, 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. 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
- MidWeek Study - Revelation - Wednesdays - Dec 1,8,15 @6:30pm
- **Prayer Meeting - TONIGHT, 6pm, upstairs in Loffice**
- Christmas Eve service - 5:00pm - Carols and Candles
- Ladies Winter Tea - Saturday, January 22nd. Register online today!
- Save the Date: Annual Member Meeting - Sunday, January 23rd
- Elder Meetings - 2nd Tuesday Monthly - prayers appreciated!

## finances



General Offering - Nov 2021	\$ 23,380.99
Nehemiah Fund	\$ 349,106.79
Designated Gifts - Nov 2021	\$ 527.25
YTD General Offering thru Nov 2021	\$ 252,165.23
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)*

*Have you considered giving to the Nehemiah Fund for the next chapter of Highlands? Please select the "Nehemiah Fund" option at online giving or write "Nehemiah Fund" in the check memo line. Questions? [info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org](mailto:info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org) or see Chris Deming.*

# worship guide

**December 5, 2021**

Welcome to worship this Advent season! Our sermon passage today is from Isaiah 9:6-7. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, at the Lord's Table, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

(Luke 1:32-33 ESV)

## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What does it mean to be in spiritual darkness? Share some of the key events that God used to show you the light of truth.
- Why is the doctrine of the deity and humanity of Christ so critical to our faith? See Hebrews 2:17-18 and 4:14-16.
- How does the fact that Jesus is King now give you encouragement today?
- How does the Jesus of Scripture differ from the Jesus as our culture [or some churches] understand him to be? Why does this matter for our lives and especially our salvation?
- NEXT WEEK'S PASSAGE: Advent in Isaiah: A Savior Delivered Up [Isaiah 53]

## 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

**December 5, 2021**

## ISAIAH 9:6-7

*Advent: A Savior Promised*

1. I Saw the Light [9:1-5; Matthew 4:15-16; John 1:4; 1:9; 8:12]

**The promised Savior will bring light to the darkness.**

2. No Ordinary Baby [9:6; Luke 2:8-14; Hebrews 2:17-18]

**The promised Savior will be both God and man.**

3. Little Faith [9:7; Revelation 4:8]

**The promised Savior will be the King of all the ages.**

**Big Idea: The promised Savior has come to save.**