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February 27, 2022

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!**
- **Youth Group "Get to Know You" Kickoff - 6th-9th Grades - TODAY 4:30-6pm - Downstairs**
- **Sunday Care Group - TODAY 4:00pm - Upstairs in Loffice**
- Monday Night Care Group - 7pm in sanctuary
- Ladies Bible Study - Tuesdays at 9am in sanctuary
- Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Sussex Diner
- MidWeek Study - 7pm Wednesdays - Upstairs in Loffice
- Next Member Meeting - Sunday, March 20th, 5pm!
- Spring Ladies Bible Study - Tuesdays, starting March 22nd

finances



General Offering - Jan 2022	\$ 24,626.61
Nehemiah Fund	\$ 385,589.12
Designated Gifts - Jan 2022	\$ 1,210.69
YTD General Offering thru Jan 2022	\$ 24,626.61
2022 Budget	\$ 335,511.00

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

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 or see Chris Deming.

worship guide

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Welcome to worship! Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 18:1-14. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“The greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted”

(Matthew 23:11-12)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What does our culture think about humility and dependence compared to seeking status and independence?
- What are typical ways that a lack of dependence on God can be seen in the life of a Christian? What ways do you need to change?
- Who does our culture marginalize and how can you move towards them?
- How serious does God view sin compared to how we typically view it? What are some ways that we can become more aligned with the Biblical view on sin?
- What does it practically mean to shepherd one another? Think of at least one person you know that needs shepherding now.
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 18:15-20

SING

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) | Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me
| All I Have Is Christ | Nothing But the Blood |
In Christ Alone

sermon notes

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MATTHEW 18:1-14

The Kingdom of God, Part 1

1. A Child-Like Example [18:1-5; Mark 9:33-34; Matthew 23:11-12]

The Kingdom of God is a place where the least are the greatest.

2. Millstones and Self-Mutilation [18:6-9; 5:27-30]

The Kingdom of God is a place where we are serious about sin.

3. Going After the One [18:10-14; Hebrews 1:14]

The Kingdom of God is a place where we shepherd one another.

Big Idea: The Kingdom of God is a place like no other.