

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

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## CARE GROUPS

**WHERE:** Highlands Bible Church  
**WHEN:** Mondays at 7PM  
**HOSTED BY:** Ken Menzel

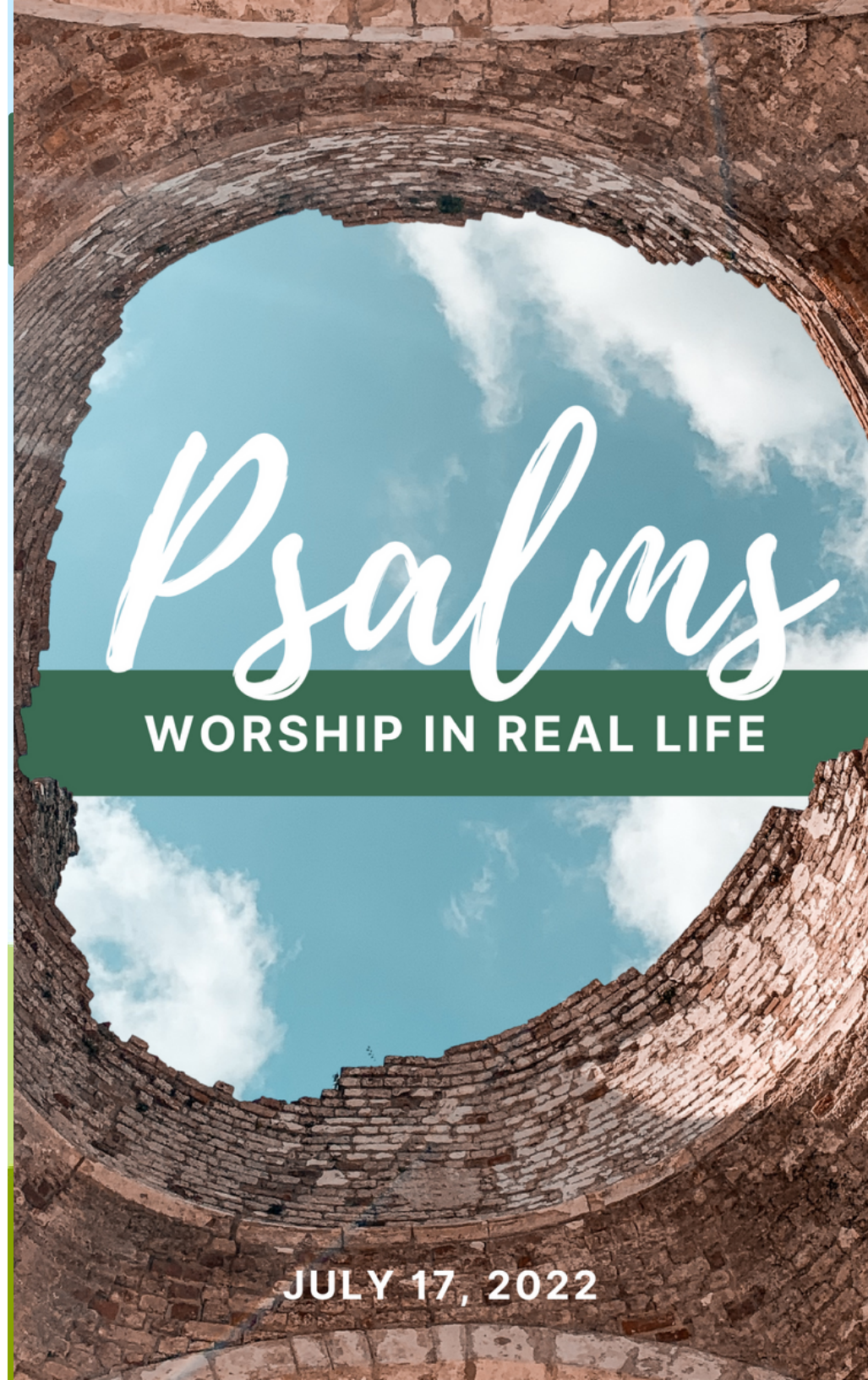
**WHERE:** Highlands Bible Church  
**WHEN:** 2nd & 4th Sundays at 4pm  
**HOSTED BY:** Pastor Mike Ruel

**WHERE:** Vernon/565  
**WHEN:** First Friday, Monthly  
**HOSTED BY:** The Baxters  
**CALL:** 201-230-7372

**WHERE:** Branchville/Newton  
**WHEN:** Twice Monthly  
**HOSTED BY:** Paul Fehrenbacher  
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# Psalm

WORSHIP IN REAL LIFE

JULY 17, 2022

# OUR PURPOSE

MAKING AND MATURING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

We are delighted that you joined us today! 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

THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING WE DO AT HIGHLANDS

**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]

**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]

**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]

**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)

# HIGHLANDS HAPPENINGS

EVENTS, CARE GROUPS, AND MORE

**NEXT STEPS CLASS:** Today 5pm in Loffice - Still time to sign up!

**MONDAY NIGHT CARE GROUP:** 7pm in sanctuary

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesdays at 9AM in Sanctuary

**MENS BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays at 7AM- Sussex Diner

**MIDWEEK STUDY:** Wednesdays at 6:30PM - Sanctuary

**SUNDAY CARE GROUP:** Next Sunday at 4pm in Loffice

**BAPTISM SERVICE:** Sunday, July 31st. See Pastor Mike!

**MENS BREAKFAST:** Saturday, Sept 10th at Leuzarders

**MARRIAGE SEMINAR:** Saturday, Sept 17th - Sign up online!

**ELDER MEETINGS:** 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

# FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

<b>GENERAL OFFERING,</b> June 2022	\$25,454.69
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND,</b> To Date	\$362,292.48
<b>BENEVOLENCE,</b> June 2022	\$573.95
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b> Thru June 2022	\$148,393.29
<b>2022 BUDGET</b>	\$335,511.00

Our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. You can also give anytime online at [www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org](http://www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org) Have you considered giving to the Nehemiah Fund for the next chapter of Highlands? Please select the "Nehemiah Fund" option online or write "Nehemiah Fund" in the check memo line. Questions? Email us at [info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org](mailto:info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org)!

# WORSHIP GUIDE

July 17, 2022

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** The passage today is from Psalm 37. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



## COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” (Romans 12:17–19 ESV)

New Testament reading for today: 1 Peter 5:1-11 (Page 955)



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What is it about evil that can cause us to worry?
- Why are we hesitant to trust God sometimes?
- Review Romans 12:17-21 - what things resonate with us and why?
- Read Psalm 37:4 - what does it mean to "delight yourself in the Lord?" How have you seen God fulfill this in your life?
- According to verse 37 whom should we be looking at instead of the righteous? How can we model this in our lives? What are we reading or listening to?
- Read verse 40 again - where do you need to take refuge in God?
- Next Week's Passage: Summer Psalms Series: Psalm 38



## SING

Holy, Holy, Holy | And Can It Be | Living Hope | Before the Throne of  
God Above | O Great God

# SERMON NOTES

PSALM 37 | A Matter of Trust

### 1. Call to Active Trust [37:1-11]

We are commanded to trust God instead of worrying about evil.

### 2. The Wicked [37:12-22; 2:4; Romans 12:17-21]

We can trust God because he will deal with evil.

### 3. The Righteous [37:23-40]

We can trust God because he has promised to preserve the righteous.

Big Idea: God will deliver those who trust God.