

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

## ELDERS

Mike Ruel, **PASTOR**  
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## DEACONS AND STAFF

Kerry Westpy, **FELLOWSHIP**  
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Ron Vreeland, **WORSHIP**  
Chris Deming, **FINANCE**  
David Baxter, **BUILDING & GROUNDS**  
Ray Westpy, **TECHNOLOGY**

## 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  
**CALL:** 973-948-5909

**WHERE:** Highlands Bible Church  
**WHEN:** Varies  
**HOSTED BY:** Brad & Taylor Wilson  
**CALL:** 973-600-0826 [Brad]  
Family Friendly Group!

# MATTHEW

*Truly I Say To You*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022**

For Prayer Needs, Please Email Us at  
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# 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-Kindergarten) and Navigators (1st-3rd grade).

# HIGHLANDS HAPPENINGS

EVENTS, CARE GROUPS, AND MORE

**PRAYER MEETING - Tonight, 6pm in Loffice**

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

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

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesdays, 7pm, in Loffice

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays at 7AM- Sussex Diner

**MOM'S GROUP:** Friday, Oct 7th & 21st, 9am-11am downstairs

**MIDWEEK STUDY:** Resumes Wednesday Oct 12th @ 6:30pm

**TODAY'S CHOICE WALK FOR LIFE:** Sat Oct 15th - info in Lobby

**KINGDOM KIDS VOLUNTEER MTG:** Sunday, Oct 16th after service

**NEXT STEPS CLASS:** Sunday, Oct 16th 5pm in Loffice

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

# FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

<b>GENERAL OFFERING,</b> Aug 2022	\$24,113.72
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND,</b> To Date	\$365,987.77
<b>BENEVOLENCE,</b> Aug 2022	\$476.33
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b> Thru Aug 2022	\$197,559.58
<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

October 2, 2022

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** The passage today is from Matthew 25:31-46. 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:



## COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“But he replied to the man who told him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”  
(Matthew 12:48–50 ESV)

Old Testament reading for today: Leviticus 19:1-14



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What have been your preconceptions about the account of final judgment and the sheep and the goats? How has that affected the way you live?
- How do you think non-Christians perceive this account?
- Review James 2:14-18 - what other things resonate with you from this passage?
- How can you be more involved in helping others as an outgrowth of your saving faith in Jesus?
- What makes the doctrine of eternal punishment in Hell so difficult?
- Next week's passage Matthew 26:1-14



## SING

Come Praise and Glorify | Christ is Mine Forevermore | O Great God |  
The Goodness of Jesus

# SERMON NOTES

Matthew 25:31-46 | Sheep and Goats

1. A Point Repeated [25:31-33; Matthew 13:24-29; 36-43; 47-50]

Final judgment includes separation into only one of two groups.

2. Sheep: Enter [25:34-40; 28:10; John 20:17; Romans 8:29; 12:48-50; James 2:14-18]

Good works are not the way into the Kingdom of Heaven.

3. Goats: Depart from Me [25:41-46]

Rejecting Jesus is the way to Hell.

Big Idea: Jesus is the true judge of eternity.