

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

## ELDERS

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

Kerry Westpy, **FELLOWSHIP**  
Tom Worts, **BENEVOLENCE**  
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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 23, 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

**CARE GROUP - TODAY, 4PM 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

**MIDWEEK STUDY:** Galatians - Wed @ 6:30pm

**MOM'S GROUP:** 1st and 3rd Fridays, 9am-11am downstairs

**PRAYER MEETING:** Sunday, November 6th, 6pm in Loffice

**MENS BREAKFAST:** Saturday, November 12th, 8am @ Leuzarder's

**MEMBER MEETING:** Sunday, November 20th, after service

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

# FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

<b>GENERAL OFFERING,</b> Sep 2022	\$29,201.51
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND,</b> To Date	\$367,294.80
<b>BENEVOLENCE,</b> To Date	\$18,582.43
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b> Sep 2022	\$226,761.09
<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 23, 2022

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** The passage today is from Matthew 26:30-46. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



## COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”  
(Luke 22:31–32 ESV)

Old Testament reading for today: Isaiah 40:9-23 [page 561]



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- How do you usually handle temptation? Prayer? Avoidance? Do you ever have overconfidence in your ability to persevere?
- Think of Jesus in Gethsemane - what aspects of the Scriptural account resonate with you and why? (v36-46)
- Do you have a close inner circle of Godly friends? How can you get one?
- Can you share a time when you prayed for God to do something specific and the answer was no? Did it work out better in the end?
- How is your prayer life? How can you cultivate a deeper one?
- Next week's passage is Matthew 26:47-75



## SING

The Wonderful Cross | Behold Our God | Before the Throne of God Above | The Goodness of Jesus | Yet Not I But Christ Through Me

# SERMON NOTES

Matthew 26:30-46 | To Gethsemane

1. Denial Predicted [26:30-35; Zechariah 13:7; Luke 22:31-34]

Prayer prepares us to face temptation.

2. The Garden [26:36-39]

Prayer prepares us to accept God's will over ours.

3. Stay Awake [26:40-46]

Prayer prepares us for our mission.

Big Idea: Prayer prepares us to face what God ordains.