# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

#### **ELDERS**

Mike Ruel, PASTOR Bob Fieldhouse, SECRETARY Len Baxter, CHAIRMAN Paul Fehrenbacher, TREASURER Piero DiClemente

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Kerry Westpy, FELLOWSHIP Tom Worts, BENEVOLENCE Laurie Rivera, CARING Tina Nause, **OPERATIONS MANAGER** 

Alyssa Myhren, KINGDOM KIDS Ron Vreeland, WORSHIP Chris Deming, FINANCE David Baxter, BUILDING & GROUNDS Ray Westpy, TECHNOLOGY

#### CARE GROUPS

WHERE: Highlands Bible Church WHERE: Highlands Bible Church WHEN: Mondays at 7PM

**HOSTED BY:** Ken Menzel

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!

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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

MONDAY NIGHT CARE GROUP: 7pm in Sanctuary

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

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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

 GENERAL OFFERING, Sep 2022
 \$29,201.51

 NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date
 \$367,294.80

 BENEVOLENCE, To Date
 \$18,582.43

 YTD GENERAL OFFERING Sep 2022
 \$226,761.09

 2022 BUDGET
 \$335,511.00

Our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. You can also give anytime online at **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!

## **WORSHIP GUIDE**

October 30, 2022

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** The passage today is from Matthew 26:47-75. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



#### COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

"So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken." (John 2:18–22 ESV)

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



#### CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Think about the famous events in this passage what resonates with you most and why?
- Look at Luke 22:37 why is the fulfillment of Scripture so significant in the accounts of the cross? [See Matthew 26:54; 56]
- In what ways have you been rejected or misunderstood as a believer in Jesus?
- Next week's passage is Matthew 27:1-31



O Worship the Risen Christ | Only a Holy God | O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer | He Who is Mighty | Death Was Arrested

# SERMON NOTES

Matthew 26:47-75 | Betrayal, Arrest, and Denial

1. Betrayal and Arrest [26:47-56; Luke 22:37]

Jesus knows what it's like to be abandoned.

2. Before the Council [26:57-68; John 2:18-22]

Jesus knows what it is like to be rejected.

3. Denial [26:69-75]

Jesus knows what it is like to have people fail him.

Big Idea: Jesus faced death for those who will abandon, reject, and fail him.