

# 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, NOVEMBER 20, 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

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

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

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE:** 6:30pm

**SUNDAY CARE GROUP:** Next Sunday, November 27th, 4pm

**FAMILY CARE GROUP:** Sunday, December 4th, after service

**PRAYER MEETING:** Sunday, December 4th, 6pm

**MEMBER MEETING:** Sunday, December 11th, after service

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** 5pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE:** 9:30am - Family Service, no Kids Min

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

# FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

<b>GENERAL OFFERING</b> , Oct 2022	\$30,745.92
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND</b> , To Date	\$369,279.23
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b> , To Date	\$18,911.93
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$257,507.51
<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

November 20, 2022

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** The passage today is from Matthew 27:62-28:15. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



## COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.” (Romans 1:18–19 ESV)

Old Testament reading for today: Psalm 72 [page 454]



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Think about the resurrection - what has always stood out to you and why?
- How do you see the enemies of our faith not giving up the fight against the gospel in your context?
- Why do you think more Christians are not bold in their defense of the faith?
- What does Paul say in 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 about the implications of the resurrection?
- How can we cultivate more confidence in the gospel?
- Next week's passage is Matthew 28:16-20



## SING

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) | Behold the Lamb | Great Are You Lord | How Deep the Father's Love for Us | Nothing But the Blood

# SERMON NOTES

Matthew 27:62-28:15 | The Resurrection

1. The Enemies Are Still At It. [27:62-66; John 15:18; 2 Cor 4:4]

The enemies of our faith never give up.

2. The Marys. [28:1-10; Mark 16:1-2; Matthew 26:32; 1 Cor 15:12-19]

Because Jesus is alive, we should not be afraid to go and tell.

3. The Cover-Up [28:11-15; Romans 1:18-19]

The truth will always be suppressed by some.

Big Idea: Because Jesus is alive, the gospel cannot be stopped.