

LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

ELDERS

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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
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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A CHILD IS BORN

ADVENT 2022

DECEMBER 4, 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-Kindergarten) and Navigators (1st-3rd grade).

HIGHLANDS HAPPENINGS

EVENTS, CARE GROUPS, AND MORE

PRAYER MEETING: 6pm today

MONDAY CARE GROUP: 7pm in Sanctuary

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 9am in Sanctuary

FAMILY CARE GROUP: Sunday, December 10th, at Wilson's

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

GENERAL OFFERING, Nov 2022	\$22,157.36
NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date	\$370,377.74
BENEVOLENCE, To Date	\$18,176.24
CEAF, To Date	\$2,286.70
YTD GENERAL OFFERING	\$279,664.37
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 making a year end gift to our new Christian Education Assistance (CEAF) fund?
Questions? Email us at info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org!

WORSHIP GUIDE

December 4, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! The passage today is from Luke 1:26-38. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.”
(Luke 1:1-4 ESV)

Old Testament reading for today: Jeremiah 33:14-26 (Page 620)



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Consider the account of visit of Gabriel to Mary. What has always been special to you and why?
- Read Luke 1:1-4. How reliable are the gospel accounts?
- What are practical differences in our faith between Jesus being merely the Savior and him being King too?
- How can we be prepared to respond more like Mary in v38?
- Next week's passage is Luke 1:39-56 [Advent, Week 2]



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Angels We Have Heard on High | Living Hope | Yet Not I But Christ
Through Me | O Great God | O Fount of Love

SERMON NOTES

Luke 1:26-38 | Advent Week 1

1. What Greeting is This? [1:26-33; 1:1-4; Psalm 47:2; Jeremiah 33:14-17; Matthew 28:19]

Jesus will be King of God's eternal kingdom.

2. How Can This Be? [1:34-38; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25]

Nothing is impossible with God.

Big Idea: We submit to King Jesus even when it seems impossible.