

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!

ADVENT 2022

A CHILD IS BORN



DECEMBER 11, 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

MEMBER MEETING: Immediately following service today

CARE GROUP: Today at 4pm

MONDAY CARE GROUP: 7pm in Sanctuary

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 9am in Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: 5pm

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

ELDER MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

PRAYER MEETING: Sunday, January 1st @ 6pm

MIDWEEK STUDY: Resumes Wednesday, January 18th @ 6:30pm

JANUARY MEMBER MEETING & DINNER: Sunday, January 22nd

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 11, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! The passage today is from Luke 1:39-56. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.” (James 1:22–25 ESV)

Old Testament reading for today: Psalm 30 (Page 804)



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Consider the character of Mary - what things stand out to you about her character and why?
- Can we believe God's Word without obeying it? Look at James 1:22-25. Are faith and obedience required for blessing?
- Look over Psalm 19:7-14 - why don't people walk in obedience?
- Which of the three reasons to worship God resonate with you and why? How can you cultivate more faith and worship?
- Next week's passage is Luke 1:67-80 [Advent, Week 3]



SING

O Come All Ye Faithful | Hark the Herald Angels Sing | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel | He Who is Mighty | Behold Our God

SERMON NOTES

Luke 1:39-56 | Advent Week 2

1. Mary's Visit [1:13-17; 39-45: 11:27-28; Psalm 19:7-11; James 1:22-25]

Believing God's Word produces the blessings of obedience.

2. Mary's Song [1:46-56; Deuteronomy 26:8; Genesis 17:19]

We worship God for his provision, his power, and his promise.

Big Idea: We destroy doubt and fear with faith and worship.