

LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

ELDERS

Mike Ruel, **PASTOR**
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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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ADVENT 2022

A CHILD IS BORN



DECEMBER 18, 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

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

PRAYER MEETING: Sunday, January 1st @ 6pm

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

JANUARY MEMBER MEETING & DINNER: Sunday, January 22nd 5pm

LADIES WINTER TEA: Saturday, January 28th. Register today online!

NEXT STEPS CLASS: Sunday, February 19th @ 5pm

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 18, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! The passage today is from Luke 1:67-80. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.” (Malachi 4:5 ESV)

“For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”
(Matthew 11:13-15 ESV)

Old Testament reading for today: Micah 5:2-4 (Page 730)



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Consider a Messianic prophecy such as Jeremiah 23:5-6. (Any others? What does this tell us about the character of God?)
- What does Jeremiah 46:27-28 tell us about God's mercy towards his people even when we fail him?
- What does it look like to "serve God without fear?"
- How can we pursue more peace in our lives and in the situations around us?
- Next week's passage is Luke 2:1-21 [Advent, Week 4]



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Joy to the World | Oh Come All Ye Faithful | He Who is Mighty |
God With Us | The Goodness of Jesus

SERMON NOTES

Luke 1:67-80 | Advent Week 3

1. Prophetic Praise [1:67-75; Psalm 132:17; 2 Samuel 22:3 Jeremiah 46:27-28]

Jesus fulfills God's promise of salvation so that we can serve him in holiness.

2. Light and Life [1:76-80; Malachi 4:5-6; Matthew 11:13-15; Romans 5:1]

Jesus fulfills God's promise of renewal so that we can live in peace.

Big Idea: Jesus came to give us holiness and peace.