

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

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Mike Ruel, **PASTOR**  
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Kerry Westpy, **FELLOWSHIP**  
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Ron Vreeland, **WORSHIP**  
Brad Wilson, **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:** Highlands Bible Church  
**WHEN:** Varies  
**HOSTED BY:** Brad & Taylor Wilson  
**CALL:** 973-600-0826 [Brad]  
Family Friendly Group!

## SOCIAL MEDIA

**FACEBOOK:** HighlandsBibleNJ

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THE CALLING OF THE GOSPEL

AUGUST 13, 2023

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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.

# CONNECT WITH US!



Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Please scan the QR code above to fill out a Connect Card and keep up to date on all our news and events.

# 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). Infant nursery care is available for the full service, see Check-In Team!

# HIGHLANDS HAPPENINGS

EVENTS, CARE GROUPS, AND MORE



**TODAY 4pm - Care Group at Nick and Jolene's**

**MONDAY 7PM - Care Group in Sanctuary**

**TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** 9am at church childcare avail

**WED MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7am @ Sussex Sit n Chat**

**WED NIGHT MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7:30pm in Loffice**

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

**CHURCH PICNIC:** Sunday, Sept 10th after service

See the website or the app for all upcoming events.

# FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



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| <b>GENERAL OFFERING</b> , July 2023 | \$28,706.84  |
| <b>NEHEMIAH FUND</b> , To Date      | \$380,619.55 |
| <b>BENEVOLENCE</b> , To Date        | \$20,785.55  |
| <b>CEAF</b> , To Date               | \$7,178.30   |
| <b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>         | \$177,882.71 |
| <b>2023 BUDGET</b>                  | \$350,670.00 |

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)

Questions? Email us at [info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org](mailto:info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org)!

# WORSHIP GUIDE

August 13, 2023

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Today our sermon passage is Romans 8:1-11. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 1
- Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 41:1-10 (Page 562)
- Sermon Passage Reading: Romans 8:1-11 (Page 887)
- Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What is the definition of the word 'condemned?' What are we condemned to spiritually before Christ? Why?
- Why is it critical that Jesus has to be both God and man? [v3-4]
- Why is obedience so important as Christians? What are the negative effects of disobedience?
- How can you change your evangelism and apologetic efforts based on v5-8?
- What are some of the most encouraging things to you from v9-11? Why?
- Next Week: Romans 8:12-25



## SING

O Worship the Risen Christ | Because He Lives (Amen) |  
He Will Hold Me Fast | Jesus Thank You | His Mercy is More

# SERMON NOTES

Romans 8:1-11 | Assurance, Part 1

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit assures us that we are free from condemnation.

1. Therefore... [8:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 2 Peter 2:24]

The Holy Spirit sets us free to walk in obedience.

2. What's Your Mindset? [8:5-8; Colossians 3:1-10; John 6:44]

The Holy Spirit is life and peace to those who focus their lives on him.

3. But If... [8:9-11; Ezekiel 36:26-27]

The Holy Spirit empowers our spiritual life now and our eternal life in the future.