

# 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**  
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

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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



**PICNIC HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY 9/17**

**TONIGHT 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**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST - Sat, Sept 16th - Sign up @ Welcome Table**

**MEMBER MEETING - Next Sunday, after service.**

**PARENTING SEMINAR - Sat, Oct 21st - Register online today!**

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

# FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING, August 2023</b>	\$21,360.26
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date</b>	\$382,368.54
<b>BENEVOLENCE, To Date</b>	\$20,998.91
<b>CEAF, To Date</b>	\$7,833.30
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$199,242.67
<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

September 10, 2023

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Today our sermon passage is **Romans 8:31-39**. As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 100
- Old Testament Reading: Psalm 10
- Sermon Passage Reading: : Romans 8:31-39
- Benediction: Philippians 2:5-11



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Has there been a time where you, or a friend, has doubted the love of God? Where did you look for assurance?
- Why do hard times cause us to think God doesn't love us?
- What other biblical passages can you think of to affirm God's love for us? [Galatians 2:20 to start...]
- What situations in your life were hard at the time, but now looking back you see how God's love prevailed in what came out of it?
- What can you do to cultivate a more robust doctrine of the love of God in your life?
- Next Week's Passage: Romans 9:1-29



## SING

O Fount of Love | Because He Lives (Amen) | Only a Holy God  
| Prepared a Place for Me | His Mercy is More

# SERMON NOTES

Romans 8:31-39 | Assurance, Part 4

1. How Will He Not [8:31-32; Acts 2:23; John 10:17-18]

Christ's sacrifice is our assurance that God's love is real.

2. Seven Situations [8:33-36; Psalm 44:11; Hosea 14:4; Matthew 3:17; 2 Corinthians 11:23-28]

Christ's work is our assurance that God's love is constant, even in hard times.

3. More Than Conquerors. [8:37-39; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18]

Christ's victory is our assurance that God's love will be victorious too.

Big Idea: Christ is our deepest assurance of God's love for us.