

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

## ELDERS

Mike Ruel, **PASTOR**  
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Kerry Westpy, **FELLOWSHIP**  
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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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**OCTOBER 1, 2023**



## 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 worshiping 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: Prayer Meeting, 6pm**

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

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

**TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** 7pm at church

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

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

**MOM'S BIBLE STUDY** - Friday @ 9:30am at Kim Bennetts

**FALL WORKDAY** - 8am Saturday, October 7th

**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</b> , August 2023	\$21,360.26
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND</b> , To Date	\$382,368.54
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b> , To Date	\$20,998.91
<b>CEAF</b> , To Date	\$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

October 1, 2023

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Today our sermon passage is Romans 10:1-13. As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: 1 Chronicles 16:8-13
- Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:1-17
- Sermon Passage Reading: Romans 10:1-13
- Benediction: Psalm 105:1-4



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Note Paul's heart towards his unbelieving friends - how can we cultivate more of this heart? How can we pray for them?
- Why can religious zeal be mistaken for true saving faith? What can we do to ground enthusiasm in the truth of God's Word?
- What does it practically mean to "confess Jesus as Lord? Give examples of what it looks like and does not look like.
- Read Psalm 116:12-13. How can we continue to "call on the name of the Lord?"
- Share your testimony how when you came to "call on the name of the Lord" to be saved.
- Next Week's Passage: Romans 10:14-21



## SING

O Worship the Risen Christ | Because He Lives (Amen) |  
Jesus, Thank You | His Mercy is More

# SERMON NOTES

Romans 10:1-13 | The Nature of Faith

1. Zealous Hearts [10:1-4; Galatians 1:14; Romans 3:20;]

Faith is not a matter of religious zeal.

2. Confess and Believe [10:5-10; Leviticus 18:5; Deuteronomy 30:11-14]

Faith is a confession of Lordship.

3. Everyone [10:11-13; Isaiah 28:16; Joel 2:32; Isaiah 57:13; Psalm 116:12-13]

Faith is calling on Jesus.

Big Idea: True saving faith is believing in Jesus.