

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

## ELDERS

Mike Ruel, **PASTOR**  
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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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**OCTOBER 29, 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 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 - Next Steps Class - still time to sign up in Lobby!**

**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

**YOUTH GROUP** - Every other Friday 7pm started Oct 17th

**PRAYER MEETING** - Next Sunday, 6pm

**MEMBER MEETING** - Sunday, Nov 19th after service

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

# FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING</b> , Sept 2023	\$30,068.09
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND</b> , To Date	\$399,375.10
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b> , To Date	\$20,792.41
<b>CEAF</b> , To Date	\$5,994.06
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$229,310.76
<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 29, 2023

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Today our sermon passage is Romans 11:11-24. As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: John 15:1-2
- Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9
- Sermon Passage Reading: Romans 11:11-24
- Benediction: John 15:3-5



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What is special about Israel in the Bible? What things were OT Israel blessed to receive? (Hint: see Romans 9:4)
- How often do you think about God's global plan of salvation? How can you cultivate a greater awareness and priority?
- How often do you think about the blessing of being included in the people of God? How can you cultivate more joy and thankfulness?
- How can we strengthen yourself to better persevere in the faith? (See Hebrews 3:6; Colossians 1:21-23, others?)
- Think of friends and loved ones who aren't in Christ - how can you pray along with God's plan of salvation for them? What can you do in a more practical way?
- Next Week's Passage: Romans 11:25-36



## SING

Only a Holy God | Before the Throne of God Above | Living Hope |  
Wonderful, Merciful Savior | Prepared a Place for Me

# SERMON NOTES

Romans 11:11-24 | Broken Branches and Wild Olive Shoots

1. Jealous Jews [11:11-15; 9:32; 10:19; Acts 9:15; Matthew 21:43-46; Acts 28:28]

God's people should rejoice in God's global plan of salvation.

2. Grafting in Wild Olive Shoots [11:16-21; Matthew 23:37-38; 24:1-2; Amos 9:13-15; Acts 15:16-17; Galatians 3:28-29]

God's people become God's people through God's work.

3. Kindness and Severity [11:22-24; Philippians 1:6; Hebrews 3:6; Colossians 1:21-23]

God's people will persevere in the faith.

Big Idea: God has a plan to bring all of his people to himself.