

LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

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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: Highlands Bible Church
WHEN: Varies
HOSTED BY: Brad & Taylor Wilson
CALL: 973-600-0826 [Brad]
Family Friendly Group!

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ADVENT 2023

PORTRAITS OF CHRIST

DECEMBER 17, 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 3pm - Family Care Group at Brad and Taylor's

TODAY 5:15pm - Newton Market St Mission

MONDAY 7pm - Care Group in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 9am at church childcare avail

WED MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7am @ Cystal Cafe

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

CHRISTMAS EVE - 9:30am regular worship, 4pm service

MEMBER MEETING & DINNER - Sunday, January 21, 2024, 5pm

ELDER MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



GENERAL OFFERING, Nov 2023	\$31,272.34
NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date	\$402,235.59
BENEVOLENCE, To Date	\$21,339.12
CEAF, To Date	\$1,745.37
YTD GENERAL OFFERING	\$286,116.73
2023 BUDGET	\$350,670.00

Our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. You can also give anytime online at www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org

Questions? Email us at info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org!

WORSHIP GUIDE

December 17, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today our sermon passage is Hebrews 1:1-3. As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 100:1-5
- Old Testament Reading: Micah 5:2-4
- Sermon Passage Reading: Hebrews 1:1-3
- Benediction: Philippians 2:9-11



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- When you think of a prophet, what comes to mind?
- Why don't some people think of the Bible as the Word of God? What would be some implications if it is NOT?
- Look again at the seven "portraits" of Christ in Hebrews 1:2b-3. Which resonates the most with you and why?
- What does the fact that Christ "sat down" after making purification for sin have to do with the forgiveness of our sin?
- Read Hebrews 10:11-14. What additional encouragement can we gain from this passage?
- Next Week's Passage: Revelation 12:1-6 (Advent Week 4)



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Angels We Have Heard on High | O Come, O Come Emmanuel |
Prepare Him Room | Prepared a Place | O Great God

SERMON NOTES

Hebrews 3:1-3 | The God Who Speaks

1. Speaking Through the Prophets [1:1; Gen 1:1-3]

God has always spoken to his people.

2. Speaking Through the Son [1:2a; John 1:1; Revelation 19:13; Luke 24:25-27; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12-13; 2 Peter 2:20-21]

God continues to speak to his people today.

3. Seven Portraits of the Christ [1:2b-3; Romans 11:36; John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 10:12]

God pronounces us forgiven in Christ.

Big Idea: Christ's coming declares the gospel.