

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: Kuperus' Westtown NY
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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JANUARY 7, 2024

OUR VISION & MISSION

MAKING AND MATURING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our ministry vision is to love God and love others. We do that by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. This glorifies God!

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



TONIGHT 6pm Prayer meeting in LOffice

MONDAY CARE GROUP - 7pm at church

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 9am at church, childcare avail.

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

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

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

LADIES WINTER GATHERING - Saturday, January 27. Register online

ELDER MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



GENERAL OFFERING , Dec 2023	\$45,904.52
NEHEMIAH FUND , To Date	\$419,744.57
BENEVOLENCE , To Date	\$20,142.17
CEAF , To Date	\$4,344.37
YTD GENERAL OFFERING	\$332,020.95
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

January 7, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today our sermon passage is **Romans 13:8-14**. As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-5
- Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:1-17
- Sermon Passage Reading: Romans 13:8-14
- Benediction: Jude 24-25



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What is the average Christian's perception of the Law of God? How does that relate to the commands to love each other?
- Where has your Christian worldview come into conflict with the ideologies of our culture? How did you respond?
- How can we seek to understand the times better and yet be balanced without going overboard into politics?
- Review Ephesians 4:17-24 and Colossians 3:12-14. What things stand out to you and why?
- Next Week's Passage: Romans 14:1-12



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Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing | Behold Our God |
Jesus Thank You | Doxology

SERMON NOTES

Romans 13:8-14 | The Law and Love

1. A Debt of Love [13:8-10; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a; Ephesians 4:15; 2:4-5; John 3:16]

True Christian love does no wrong to others.

2. Woke Church? [13:11; 1 Chronicles 12:32]

True Christian wokeness is biblical, not cultural.

3. Darkness and Light [13:12-14; 1 John 1:5-10; Ephesians 5:8-14; 4:17-24; Colossians 3:12-14]

True Christian faith is seen in actual righteousness.

Big Idea: True Christian holiness is driven by love.