

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

## ELDERS

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TBD/Help Needed: **WORSHIP**  
Brad Wilson, **FINANCE**  
David Baxter, **BUILDING & GROUNDS**

## 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!

## SOCIAL MEDIA

**FACEBOOK:** HighlandsBibleNJ  
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**FEBRUARY 4, 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 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 6pm - Prayer Meeting in the Loffice**

**MONDAY CARE GROUP** - 7pm at church

**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

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** - Saturday, Feb 17th 8am - Need host!

**NEXT STEPS CLASS** - Sunday, Feb 18th - 4pm - Sign up today at the

Welcome Table!

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

## FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING</b> , Jan 2024	\$21,661.06
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND</b> , To Date	\$433,004.83
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b> , To Date	\$19,820.67
<b>CEAF</b> , To Date	\$8,925.74
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$21,616.06
<b>2024 BUDGET</b>	\$334,339.00

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

February 4, 2024

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Today our sermon passage is **Romans 15:8-13**. As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 117:1-2
- Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17:1-8
- Sermon Passage Reading: Romans 15:8-13
- Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- How can you tell if someone has personal integrity? Does anyone have a story where being truthful cost them something?
- Review 2 Corinthians 1:20. What other promises does God confirm in Jesus Christ?
- How can you be more involved in global missions efforts? Is it something you regularly pray for or give to? Or even go?
- Review the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. Where have you been doing well and where do you need to grow?
- Review Hebrews 6:19-20. Where do you need more Biblical hope? How can you increase it?
- Next Week's Passage: Romans 15:14-21



## SING

All Creatures of Our God and King | How Firm a Foundation |  
O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer | O Great God

# SERMON NOTES

Romans 15:8-13 | Confirming God's Truthfulness

1. Promise Keeping God [15:8; Genesis 3:15; Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:22-26; 2 Corinthians 1:20]

God's truthfulness is confirmed by sending Jesus for Israel.

2. Global Gospel [15:9-12; Psalm 18:46-49; Deuteronomy 32:43; Psalm 117:1; Isaiah 11:10; Revelation 22:16]

God's truthfulness is confirmed by sending Jesus for the nations.

3. Faith Looking Forward [15:13; Gal 5:22-24]

God's truthfulness is confirmed by the fruits of the Spirit.

Big Idea: God's truthfulness brings us abounding hope.