

LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

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Cyndi Hochstaedt, **KINGDOM KIDS**
TBD/Help Needed: **WORSHIP**
Brad Wilson, **FINANCE**
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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: Biweekly
HOSTED BY: Brad & Taylor Wilson
CALL: 973-600-0826 [Brad]
Family Friendly Group!

SOCIAL MEDIA

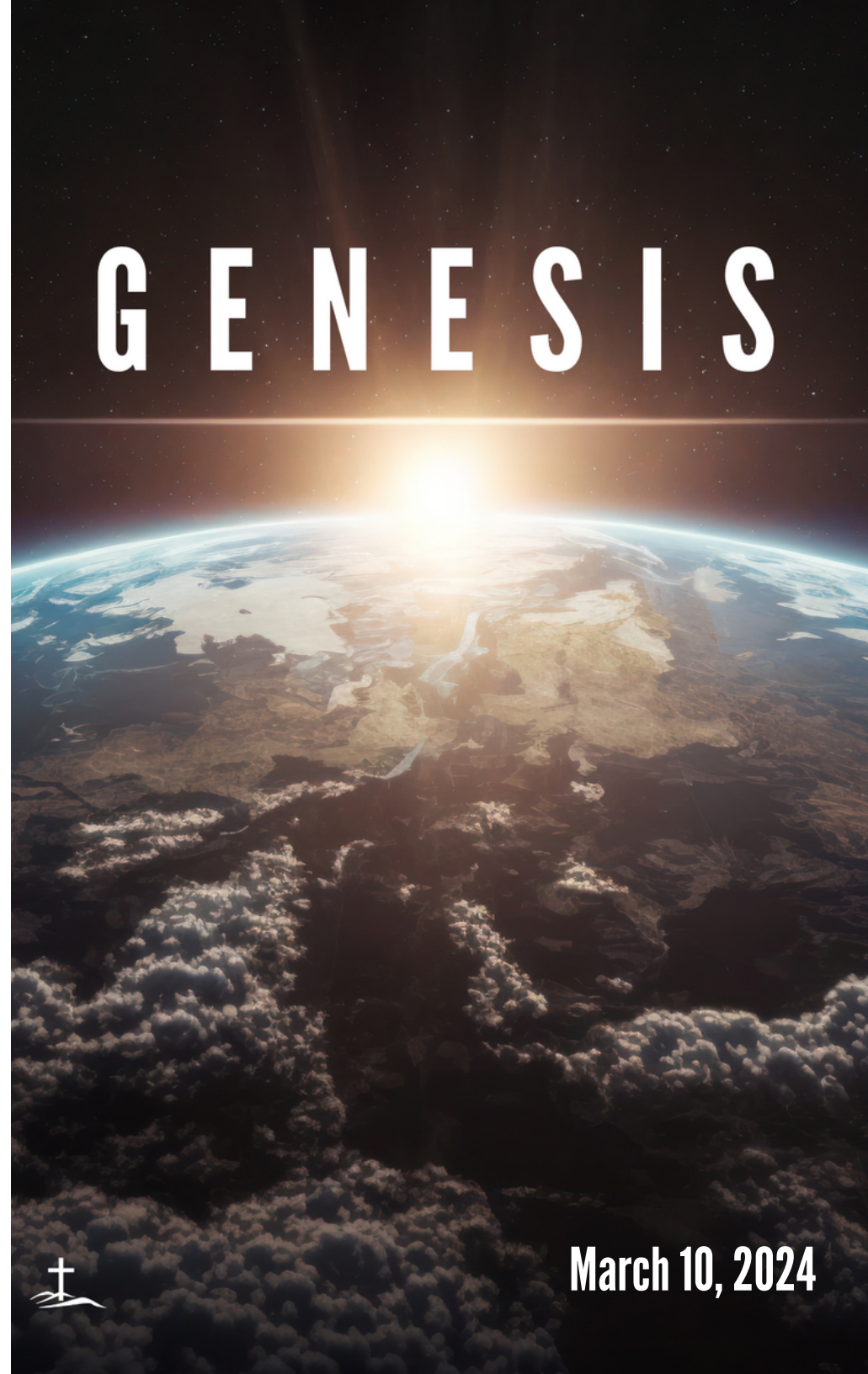
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GENESIS



March 10, 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



TODAY After service - Family Care Group downstairs

TODAY 4pm - Care Group at Nick and Jolene's

MONDAY CARE GROUP - 7pm at church

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

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

WED NIGHT MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Canceled this week!

MEMBER MEETING - Sunday, March 17th after service

SPRING LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Starts Tues March 19th @ 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - Friday, March 29th @ 6:30pm

ELDER MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



GENERAL OFFERING , Feb 2024	\$28,800.45
NEHEMIAH FUND , To Date	\$446,494.94
BENEVOLENCE , To Date	\$19,909.07
CEAF , To Date	\$9,452.94
YTD GENERAL OFFERING	\$50,416.51
2024 BUDGET	\$334,339.00

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

March 10, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today our sermon passage is Genesis 1:1-2. As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Ephesians 1:3-5
- New Testament Reading: Revelation 4:1-11
- Sermon Passage Reading: Genesis 1:1-2
- Benediction: 1 Timothy 1:17



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What are some different ways that average Americans view the origin of life on earth?
- If the understanding of the origin of life was historically nearly universally understood to be God, why do you think it has changed in recent history?
- Which of the implications of God being the Creator of everything (source, authority, controller, owner) do you/others have trouble accepting and why?
- Which of the implications of God creating everything from nothing (independent, powerful, Triune, redeemer) is the most encouraging and why?
- Next Week's Passage: Genesis 1:3-5



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Come Praise and Glorify | How Great Thou Art | How Firm a Foundation | By Faith | Behold Our God

SERMON NOTES

Genesis 1:1-2 | Creatio Ex Nihilo

1. Only God Creates [1:1; Psalm 33:6; Isaiah 42:5; 45:18; John 1:1-4; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:10; Revelation 4:11]

God is the Creator of everything.

2. Empty Water Ball [1:2; Romans 4:17; Hebrews 11:3; Colossians 1:15-16]

The Creator creates everything from nothing.

Big Idea: Only God the Creator can create something from nothing.