

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

## ELDERS

Dr. Mike Ruel, **PASTOR**  
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Tina Nause, **OPERATIONS  
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Cyndi Hochstaedt & Alyssa Myhren,  
**KINGDOM KIDS**  
Brad Wilson, **FINANCE**  
Andy Meyer, **BUILDING & GROUNDS**  
Steve & Noelle Barlow, **YOUTH**

## CARE GROUPS

**WHERE:** Highlands Bible Church  
**WHEN:** Mondays at 7PM  
**HOSTED BY:** Ken Menzel

**WHERE:** Vernon/565  
**WHEN:** First Friday, Monthly  
**HOSTED BY:** The Baxters  
**CALL:** 201-230-7372

**WHERE:** Kuperus' Westtown NY  
**WHEN:** 2nd & 4th Sundays at 4pm  
**HOSTED BY:** Pastor Mike Ruel

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

## SOCIAL MEDIA

**FACEBOOK:** HighlandsBibleNJ  
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HIGHLANDS  
Bible Church

**APRIL 13, 2025**



## OUR VISION & MISSION

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our ministry vision is to love God and love others. The best way to do that is through our mission - bring glory to God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ.

## 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

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR FULL INFO!



**20s/30s CARE GROUP - Today at 4pm at Greg and Jenna's**

**SUNDAY CARE GROUP- Tooday at 4pm at Nick and Jolene's**

**MONDAY CARE GROUP - 7pm in the Sanctuary**

**TUESDAY AM LADIES BIBLE STUDY - 9am downstairs**

**TUESDAY PM LADIES BIBLE STUDY - 7pm in the sanctuary**

**WED MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7am at the Crystal Cafe**

**MIDWEEK STUDY - restarts 4/23/25 with Financial Peace. Sign up!**

**YOUTH GROUP - Wednesdays at 7pm in the sanctuary**

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - 4/18/25 at 6:30pm**

**WORK DAY - Saturday 4/19/25 @ 8am. See Andy Meyer**

## FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING, Mar 2025</b>	\$36,231.93
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date</b>	\$598,738.70
<b>BENEVOLENCE, To Date</b>	\$18,441.80
<b>CEAF, To Date</b>	\$11,761.52
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$76,796.88
<b>2025 BUDGET</b>	\$384,546.00

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

APRIL 13, 2025

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 18:1-2
- Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10
- Sermon Passage Reading: Matthew 21:1-17



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- If you were one in the crowd welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem, how would you have answered the question “Who is this?”
- What could people look to Jesus to save them from? What is the ultimate thing we need saving from?
- How easy is it to trust God as with the faith of a child? What does it look like?
- Next Week: Matthew 28:1-10



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# SERMON NOTES

Matthew 21:1-17 | The Red Carpet Treatment

1. Riding on a donkey [21:1-5; Proverbs 3:5-6, Zachariah 9:9-10]

Christians need to trust God.

2. Hosanna! [21:6-11; Romans 12:1-2, Jeremiah 7:8-11, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20]

Christians recognize Jesus for who he is.

3. Temple Shake Up [21:12-17; 16:17-21; Revelation 3:20, Psalm 8:2, Matthew 18:3, Ephesians 5:1]

Salvation is available to all who seek Jesus.

Big Idea: Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of God’s plan of salvation for those that seek him.