

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

## ELDERS

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**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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**YOUTUBE:** Highlands Bible Church

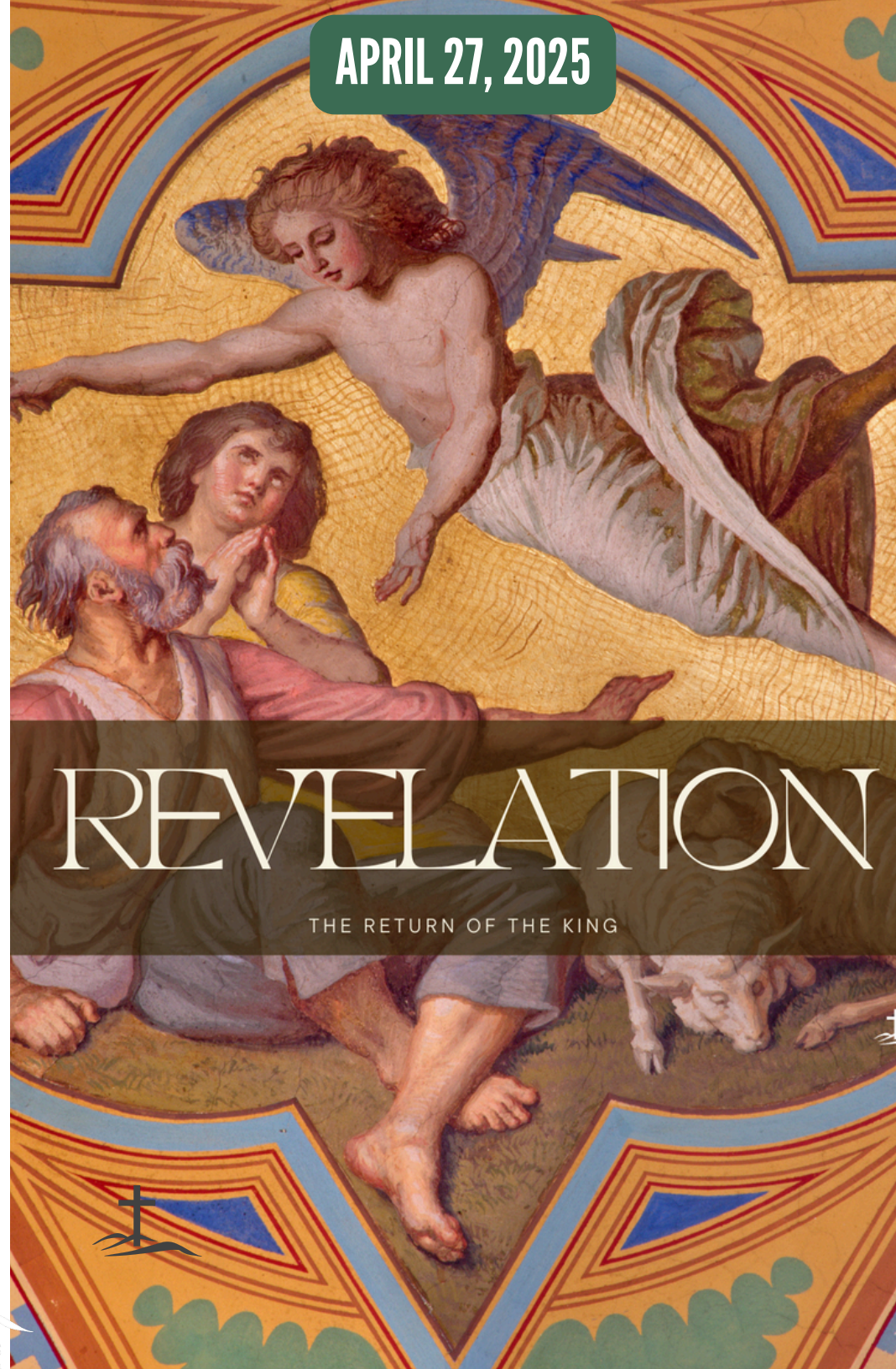


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HIGHLANDS  
Bible Church

APRIL 27, 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!



**SHEPHERDING MEETING** - After service today in Loffice

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

**YOUTH GROUP GAME NIGHT** - Today at 6pm in Sanctuary

**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

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

**PRAYER MEETING:** Next Sunday, 5/4 @ 6pm

## FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING</b> , Mar 2025	\$36,231.93
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND</b> , To Date	\$598,738.70
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b> , To Date	\$18,441.80
<b>CEAF</b> , To Date	\$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 27, 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 30:4-5
- Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 2:4-13
- Sermon Passage Reading: Revelation 17



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Is there a “state-sponsored” moral culture today? Where do we see that reflected?
- Where have you personally seen the state, an employer, or another entity promote sin? What was the typical reaction?
- How can you cultivate the wisdom that verse 9 mentions?
- How can you help someone who is trapped in the self-destructive cycle of sin?
- Next Week: Revelation 18



## SING

Come Christians Join to Sing | Christ Is Mine Forevermore |  
Christ Our Wisdom | Doxology

# SERMON NOTES

Revelation 17 | The Great Prostitute and The Beast

1. Meet the Great Prostitute [17:1-6a; 4:1; 18:3; 1:10; 14:6]

Satan empowers the state with sin to make war on the saints.

2. Meet the Beast (Again) [17:6b-14; Matthew 4:1-11]

Satan cannot win the war against the saints.

3. Self-destruction [17:15-18; Jeremiah 2:12-13]

Sin ultimately self-destructs.

Big Idea: God’s purposes supersede Satan’s plans.