

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

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

WHERE: Highlands Bible Church
WHEN: Biweekly
HOSTED BY: Bryan & Alyssa Beadle
CALL: 845-707-5965 [Bryan]
Family Friendly Group!

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CHRISTMAS IN THE EPISTLES

ADVENT IN THE LETTERS TO THE CHURCH

DECEMBER 21, 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 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

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR FULL INFO!



FAMILY CARE GROUP TODAY AFTER SERVICE

20/30s CARE GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY- TODAY @ 4PM

MONDAY NIGHT CARE GROUP - 7pm in the sanctuary

TUES MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Canceled 12/23

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE @ 4pm - Carols and Candles

HELP NEEDED FOR SNOW SHOVELING - See Andy Meyer

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING - Sunday, Jan 4th @ 6pm

NEW FRIDAY AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS 1/9 7AM @ CRYSTAL CAFE

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



GENERAL OFFERING , Nov 2025	\$37,151.31
NEHEMIAH FUND , To Date	\$560,105.01
BENEVOLENCE , To Date	\$17,367.76
CEAF , To Date	\$3,126.53
YTD GENERAL OFFERING	\$288,619.65
2025 BUDGET	\$384,546.00

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

DECEMBER 21, 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: Luke 2:14
- Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11:1-5
- Sermon Passage Reading: Galatians 4:4-7



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What does “born under the law” mean? Whose law? Has it been broken? Did Jesus break or fulfill the Law?
- Why is it a privilege for us to be able to call God our Father?
- Why is it significant that we are called sons of God in Christ?
- What are some of the benefits of our inheritance as heirs?
- Next Week: Advent - Week 4 - Titus 2:11-14



SING

Hark the Herald Angels Sing | Kingdom Kids' Christmas! |
God With Us | He Who is Mighty

SERMON NOTES

Galatians 4:4-7 | Christ the Son

1. Just in Time [4:4-5; Genesis 3:15; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 1:26-35; Galatians 3:23-26; John 1:12; Romans 5:10-11]

God sent His Son to allow us to become His sons.

2. ABBA [4:6; John 16:13-14; Romans 8:15-16; 5:1-5]

God sent His Son so that His children can call Him Father.

3. No Longer a Slave [4:7; Romans 8:15-17; Colossians 1:9-14; 1 Peter 1:3-4]

God sent His Son to give us the right to become His heirs.

Big Idea: The Son was sent for us to have a Heavenly Father.