

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 28, 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!



SUNDAY CARE GROUP - TODAY @ 4PM @ Masons

MONDAY NIGHT CARE GROUP - 7PM in the sanctuary

TUES MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays @ 9AM

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES RESUME Jan 7th (MidWeek returns 1/14)

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

NEW FRIDAY AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 7am Fridays at Crystal Cafe starting Jan 9th, 2026

Q&A WITH MATT AND OLIVIA - Sunday, January 11th after service

MEMBER MEETING - Sunday, January 25th @ 5PM

WOMENS WINTER BRUNCH - January 31st @ 10AM Register on App

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 28, 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 28:7
- Old Testament Reading: Psalm 130:3-8
- Sermon Passage Reading: Titus 2:11-14



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- When did the grace of God appear? For whom?
- How can we practically renounce ungodliness and worldly passions?
- In what areas of our lives do we need to reevaluate whether or not we are living for God?
- What does it mean to be “a people for his own possession”?
- Next Week: Deuteronomy Series



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Heaven Has Come to Us | A Mighty Fortress is Our God |
Goodness of God | Hallelujah For The Cross | The Lord Is My
Salvation

SERMON NOTES

Titus 2:11-14 | God's Everlasting Grace

1. Past: Christ appeared to save people from every tribe, tongue, and nation. (v.11)

2. Present: God's grace calls us to live godly lives right now. (v.12)

3. Future: We eagerly anticipate Christ's return, faithfully living for Him. (vv. 13-14)

Big Idea: We have been saved by Christ, to belong to Christ, so we must live for Christ.