

# 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!

## SOCIAL MEDIA

**FACEBOOK:** HighlandsBibleNJ

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# DEUTERONOMY

Living in Covenant with God



JANUARY 18, 2026

# 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 - TODAY @ 4PM @ HOLSCHUHS**

**MONDAY NIGHT CARE GROUP - 7PM** in the sanctuary

**TUES MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY** - Tuesdays @ 9AM

**WED AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** 7am at Bearded Baby Que, Sussex

**YOUTH GROUP & MIDWEEK STUDY:** Wed at 7pm

**NEW FRIDAY AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** 7am at Crystal Cafe!

**MEMBER MEETING** - Sunday, January 25th @ 5PM

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

**YOUTH GROUP RETREAT (REGISTRATION NOW LIVE)** - 2/27-3/1

## FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING</b> , Dec 2025	\$32,902.63
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND</b> , To Date	\$563,241.25
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b> , To Date	\$17,111.14
<b>CEAF</b> , To Date	\$3,132.53
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$321,531.98
<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

JANUARY 18, 2026

**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 29:1-2
- New Testament Reading: 1 John 4:1-6



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Why does God take such strong measures to ensure His people don't worship other gods? Do we view this with the same gravity today?
- In what ways does God "test" us today to see if we are truly devoted to Him?
- How can we "purge evil from our midst" so that we are not drawn away by false gods and distractions of this world?
- In what situations do you find yourself where others are not devoted to God today? How can you remain devoted to Him?
- Next Week: Deuteronomy 14



## SING

Grace Unmeasured | Jesus Strong and Kind |  
He Will Hold Me Fast | His Mercy is More

# SERMON NOTES

Deuteronomy 13 | Just Say No to Apostasy

1. If a Prophet... [13:1-5; 8:2; 1 Timothy 4:1-2; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; 1 John 4:1; 2:18-19]

True prophets will not contradict the Word of God.

2. If your Family or Friends... [13:6-11; 12:31; Luke 17:3; James 5:16]

True friends will not lead you into sin.

3. If Anyone Else... [13:12-18; 2 Corinthians 6:14-16; Matthew 18:15-18; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13]

A true church will not tolerate sin in its midst.

Big Idea: God's people are to remain devoted to God, even when others are not.