

# 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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**TWITTER:** @HighlandsBible  
**YOUTUBE:** Highlands Bible Church

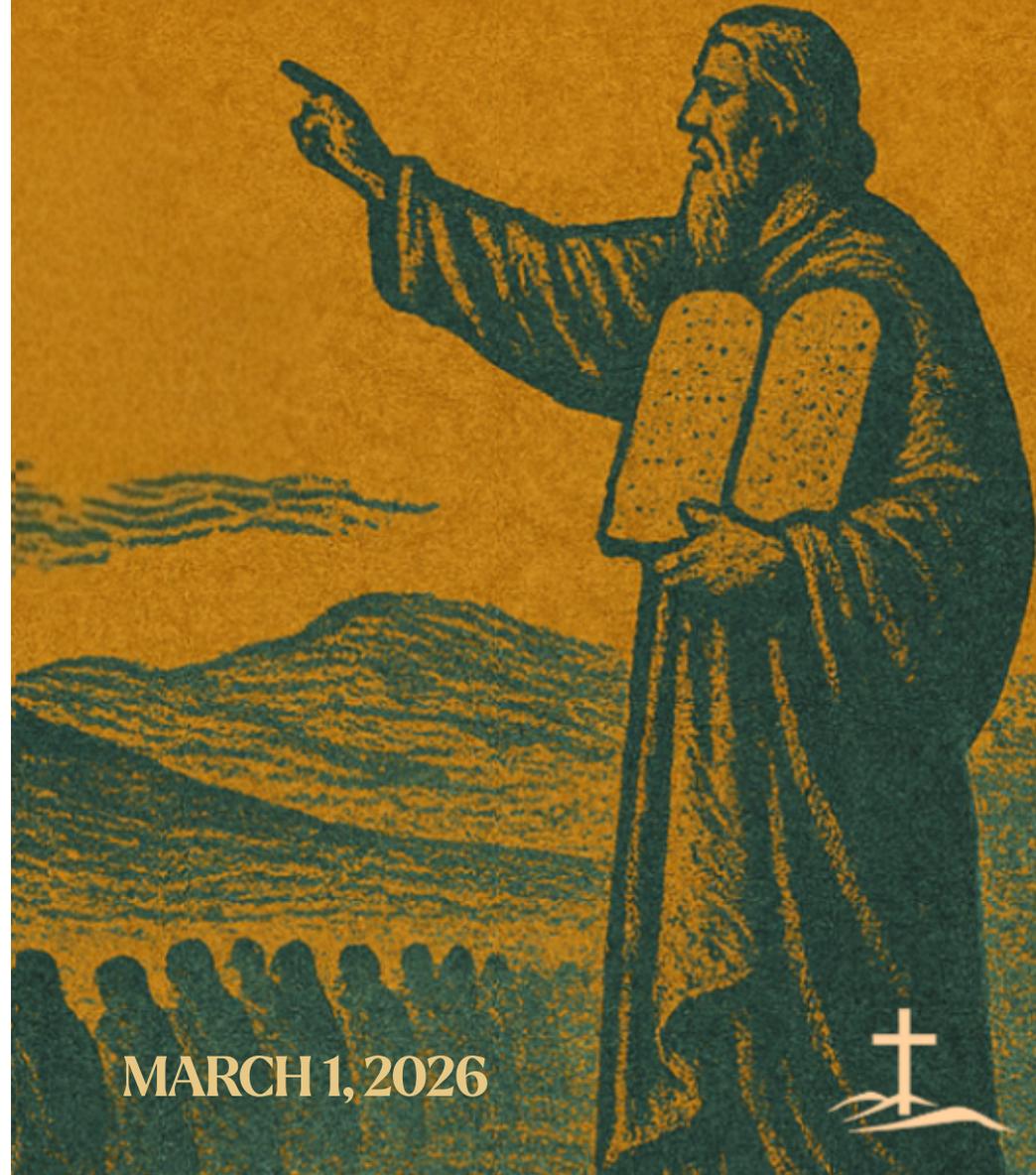


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# DEUTERONOMY

Living in Covenant with God



**MARCH 1, 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 - bringing 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!



**FAMILY CARE GROUP - Today After Service**

**20/30 SOMETHING CARE GROUP - Today @ 2PM @ Pastor Matt's**

**PRAYER MEETING TONIGHT @ 6PM**

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

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

**WED AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7am** at *Sussex Queen Diner, Wantage*

**YOUTH GROUP - Wed** at 7pm

**FRIDAY AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7am** at *Crystal Cafe*

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY BEGINS WEDNESDAY**

**MMEBER MEETING - Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** after service

## FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING, Jan 2026</b> (Goal \$33,000 /mo)	\$28,558.32
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date</b>	\$566,855.14
<b>BENEVOLENCE, To Date</b>	\$17,353.16
<b>CEAF, To Date</b>	\$3,832.38
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$28,558.32
<b>2026 BUDGET</b>	\$405,007.00

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

MARCH 1, 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: Hebrews 13:14-15
- New Testament Reading: Matthew 5:38-48



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- In what ways can we protect innocent life in our current age? Why is this so important?
- How can we uphold biblical justice in the light of our unjust society? Can we have an impact?
- Why does God require multiple witnesses? What lessons can we apply to our culture today in light of sensational accusations and claims made by people? Should we seek more information before believing the first person we hear?
- Next Week: Deuteronomy 20



## SING

Come Praise and Glorify | All Creatures of our God and King |  
O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer | Only a Holy God

# SERMON NOTES

Deuteronomy 19 | Eye for an Eye

1. Cities of Refuge [19:1-10; Exodus 21:12-14; John 15:12-13]

God calls his people to protect the innocent.

2. Lex Talionis [19:11-21; Exodus 21:12; Deuteronomy 27:17; James 4:17; Matthew 5:38-42]

God calls his people to bring the guilty to judgement.

Big Idea: God is the perfect judge of guilt and innocence.