

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

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**KINGDOM KIDS**  
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Andy Meyer, **BUILDING & GROUNDS**  
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Kerry Westpy, **FELLOWSHIP**

## CARE GROUPS

**WHERE:** Highlands Bible Church  
**WHEN:** Mondays at 7PM  
**HOSTED BY:** Ken Menzel

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

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

**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

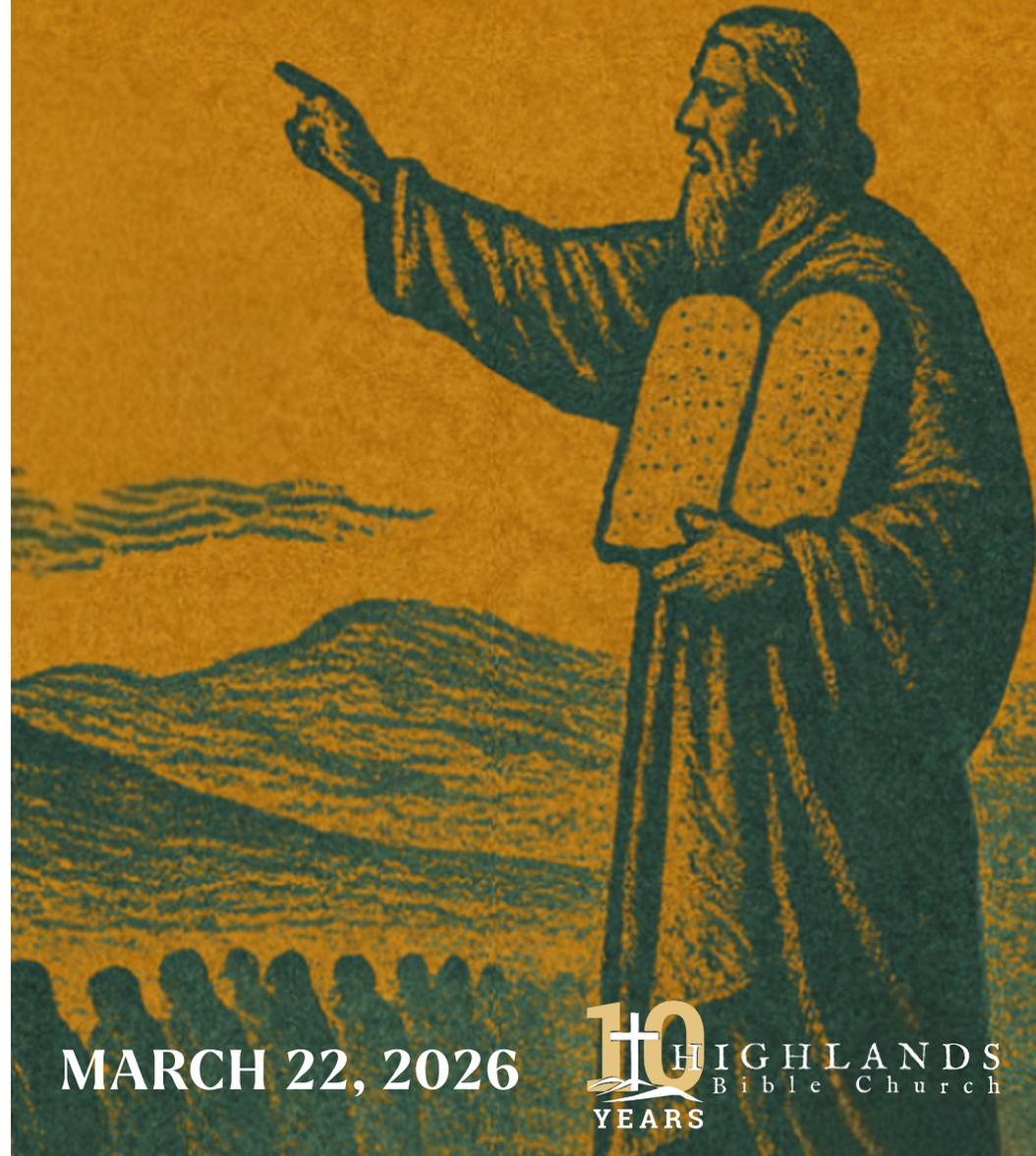


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# DEUTERONOMY

Living in Covenant with God



**MARCH 22, 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!



**SHEPHERDING TEAM MEETING - Today after service**

**SUNDAY CARE GROUP - Today @ 4PM @ Masons**

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

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

**TUESDAY EVENING LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays @ 7PM**

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

**YOUTH GROUP - Wednesdays at 7PM**

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

**VBS COMMITTEE SIGN UP - Register on the app/website**

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - 6:30pm / EASTER SUNDAY - 9:30 & 11AM**

**20/30s BOWLING EVENT - Sunday, Mar 29th @ 2PM Sparta Lanes**

## FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING, Feb 2026 (Goal \$33,000 /mo)</b>	\$37,859.13
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date</b>	\$570,529.36
<b>BENEVOLENCE, To Date</b>	\$16,165.74
<b>CEAF, To Date</b>	\$8,532.23
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$66,417.45
<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 22, 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 9:1-2
- New Testament Reading: Matthew 22:36-40



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- God's law calls us to look after and care for our neighbors. How can we do this in our daily lives? How does this still apply to us?
- God wanted His people to remain pure in all ways, especially when it comes to sexuality. In what ways can we avoid the sexual tendencies of this world and follow God in purity?
- Knowing that God takes sin seriously, how can we better recognize sins in our lives and "purge the evil from our midst"?
- Next Week: Deuteronomy 23



## SING

O Worship the Risen Christ | All I Have is Christ |  
O Fount of Love | Yet Not I But Christ Through Me |  
Be Thou My Vision

# SERMON NOTES

Deuteronomy 22 | Law and Gospel

1. Sheep and Parapets [22:1-12; Genesis 1:27; Leviticus 19:19; Numbers 15:38-41; Matthew 22:36-40; 7:12; Philippians 2:3-4]

Remembering God's Law avoids selfishness.

2. Rules of Engagement [22:13-30; 27:20; Hebrews 13:4; Deuteronomy 21:22-23; Galatians 3:10-13; Romans 8:1-4]

Remembering God's Law avoids the consequences of sexual sin.

Big Idea: God's Law protects us, but only God's gospel purifies us.