

# 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:** 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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# DEUTERONOMY

Living in Covenant with God



**MAY 17, 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!

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

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

**YOUTH GROUP** - Wednesday Nights @ 7PM

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

**MEMBER MEETING** - Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> after service

**REGISTRATION FOR VBS** - Now LIVE on APP/SITE

**20/30s SUMMER BBQ KICKOFF** - Sun, May 31<sup>st</sup> @ 2PM @ P. Matt's

**NEW EPHESIANS MIDWEEK STUDY** - Begins June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7PM

## FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING, April 2026</b> (Goal \$33,000 /mo)	\$37,485.04
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$149,895.81
<b>YTD GOAL</b>	\$135,000
<b>2026 TOTAL BUDGET</b>	\$405,007.00
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date</b>	\$588,147.40
<b>BENEVOLENCE, To Date</b>	\$16,612.41
<b>CEAF, To Date</b>	\$9,545.91

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

MAY 17, 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 100:1-3
- New Testament Reading: Hebrews 10:26-31



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- The curses in the passage impact every part of Israel's life. Why do you think it is this way?
- What does these curses show us about God's holiness and how He views sin?
- How should we live knowing that Christ took on these curses for all who put their faith in Him? Does this permit us to go on sinning?
- Now that we are in Christ, how does obedience bring blessing to our lives? What is the ultimate curse for being outside of Christ?
- Next Week: 1 John Series



## SING

And Can It Be | How Firm a Foundation |  
He Will Hold Me Fast | The Goodness of Jesus | Behold Our God

# SERMON NOTES

Deuteronomy 28:15-68 | Curses for Disobedience

1. Curses for \_\_\_\_\_ are all-\_\_\_\_\_

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ is all-\_\_\_\_\_

Big Idea: The curses for disobedience are great, but the love and grace of Christ is eternally greater.