

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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MAY 24, 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!



SUNDAY CARE GROUP - Today @ 4PM @ Masons

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 31st after service

REGISTRATION FOR VBS - Now LIVE on APP/SITE

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

NEW EPHESIANS MIDWEEK STUDY - Begins June 3rd @ 7PM

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



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

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

MAY 24, 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 145:1-9
- Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 54:1-17



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Why is Agape love the defining feature of Christians?
- How does the world define love?
- How can God be seen today?
- Discuss some instances where Christian love has confounded the world. Things
 - from history, or things that have happened in your own life.
- Next Week: Deuteronomy 29



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Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery | Everlasting God |
Great Are You Lord | Turn Your Eyes | Yet Not I But Through Christ
in Me

SERMON NOTES

1 John 4:7-21

1. Love does not come **from** us; it comes **to** us!

2. God and only God, defines Love

3. Whatever is true about love, is true about God.

Big Idea: The way God loves us, is the way we must love others