

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

## ELDERS

Dr. Mike Ruel, **PASTOR**  
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Sue Leuzarder, **TEAMS**  
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TBD/Help Needed: **WORSHIP**  
Brad Wilson, **FINANCE**  
David Baxter, **BUILDING & GROUNDS**  
Steve & Noelle Barlow - **YOUTH**

## 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:** Kuperus' Westtown NY  
**WHEN:** 2nd & 4th Sundays at 4pm  
**HOSTED BY:** Pastor Mike Ruel

**WHERE:** Highlands Bible Church  
**WHEN:** Biweekly  
**HOSTED BY:** Brad & Taylor Wilson  
**CALL:** 973-600-0826 [Brad]  
Family Friendly Group!

## SOCIAL MEDIA

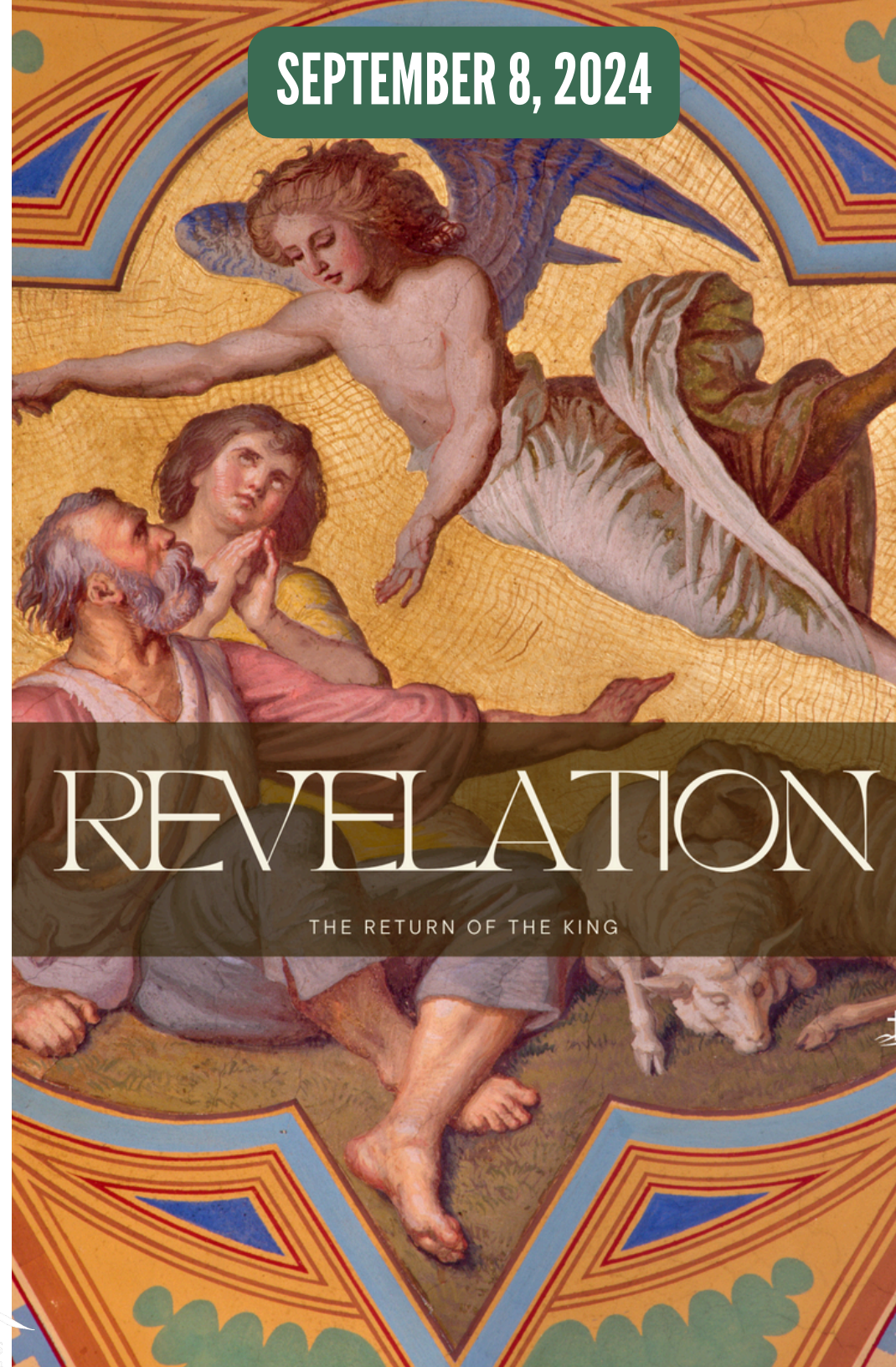
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SEPTEMBER 8, 2024



# OUR VISION & MISSION

MAKING AND MATURING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our ministry vision is to love God and love others. We do that by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. This glorifies God!

## 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

EVENTS, CARE GROUPS, AND MORE



**FAMILY CARE GROUP - Today after service downstairs**

**SUNDAY CARE GROUP - Today 4pm @ Nick and Jolene's**

**MONDAY CARE GROUP - 7pm in the sanctuary**

**TUESDAY AM LADIES BIBLE STUDY - 9am at church, childcare avail.**

**WED MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7am @ Crystal Cafe**

**WED NIGHT MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7:30pm in Loffice**

**YOUTH GROUP - Sept 11th - Kick-off BBQ and Parent Meeting**

**MEMBER MEETING AND PICNIC - Sunday, Sept 15th after service**

**FALL LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Starts Tues, Sept 17th 7pm**

**MIDWEEK - starts Sept 18th 7pm - Adult study, YG, childcare**

**ELDER MEETINGS - 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers appreciated!**

## FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING, Aug 2024</b>	\$21,334.91
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date</b>	\$538,841.52
<b>BENEVOLENCE, To Date</b>	\$18,102.77
<b>CEAF, To Date</b>	\$13,442.59
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$200,315.76
<b>2024 BUDGET</b>	\$334,339.00

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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Today our sermon passage is **Revelation 1:1-8**. As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 67:4-5
- Old Testament Reading: Daniel 7:9-14
- Sermon Passage Reading: Revelation 1:1-8



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What are common perceptions of the book of Revelation?
- What do you think intimidates people about it?
- How can we better navigate the tension of the certain return of Jesus and his apparent “delay?” (2 Peter 3:8-10)
- How can the judgment of Jesus be a comfort to us?
- What is the greatest encouragement for you today from this passage? (see verses 5-7 particularly...)
- Next Week’s Passage: Revelation 1:9-20



## SING

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Hymnal 2) | Christ Our Hope in Life and Death | Christ is Mine Forevermore | Doxology

# SERMON NOTES

Revelation 1:1-8 | Introduction to the Apocalypse

1. Prologue [1:1-3; Daniel 2:28; Matthew 24:36; Romans 10:8-9]

Revelation shows us that Jesus is the center of God’s plan.

2. Was, and Is, and Is to Come [1:4-6 Exodus 3:14]

Revelation shows us that the church is the means of accomplishing God’s plan.

3. The Beginning and the End [1:7-8; Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 16:27; Zechariah 12:10]

Revelation shows us the final coming of Jesus is the end of God’s plan.

Big Idea: Revelation shows us that God has a plan.