

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

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**KINGDOM KIDS**  
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:** Kuperus' 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:** Brad & Taylor Wilson  
**CALL:** 973-600-0826 [Brad]  
Family Friendly Group!

## SOCIAL MEDIA

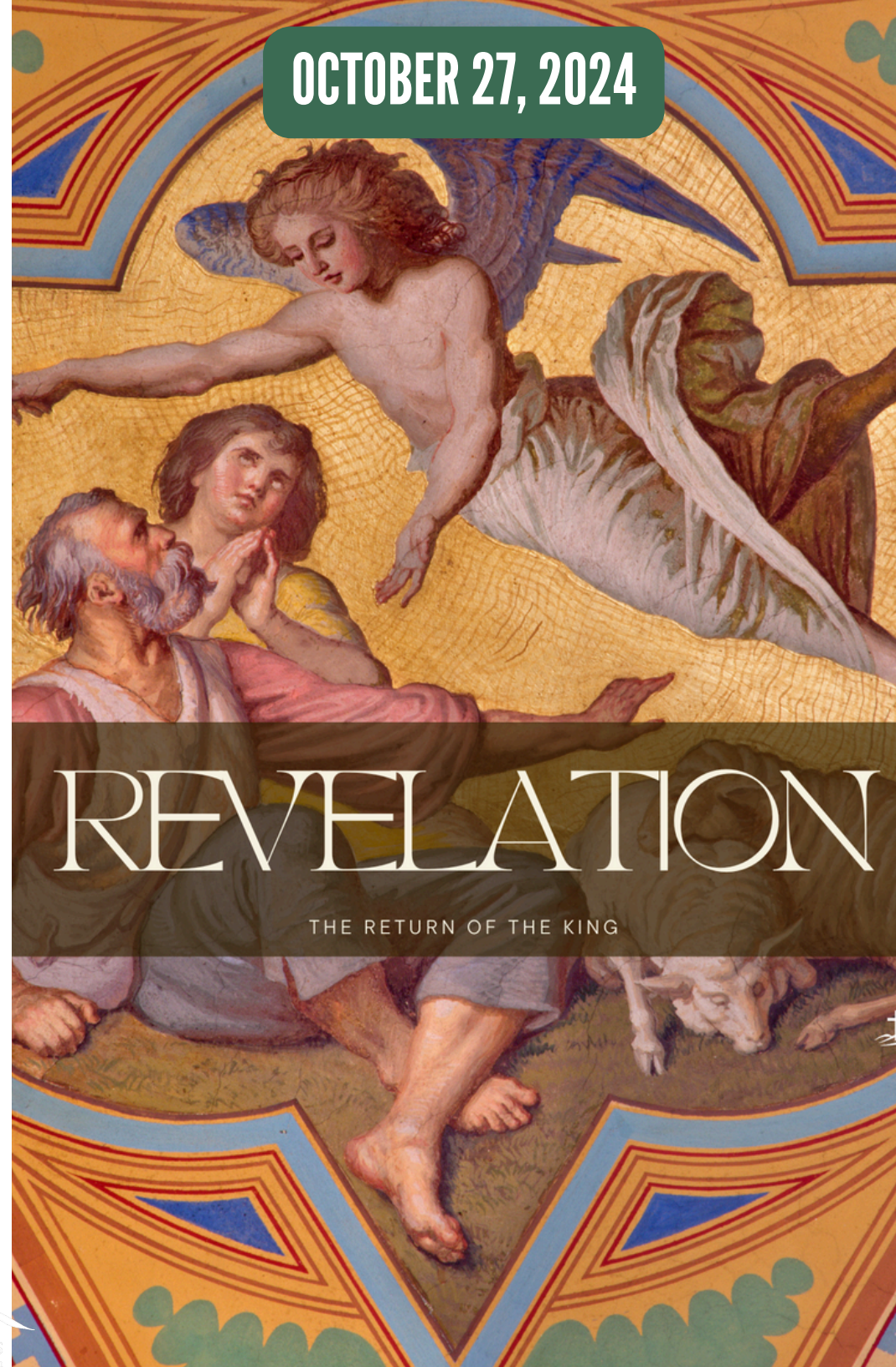
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# REVELATION

THE RETURN OF THE KING

## 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

EVENTS, CARE GROUPS, AND MORE



**SUNDAY CARE GROUP - 4pm today at Lars and Brigitte's house**

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

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

**FALL LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays @ 7pm in Sanctuary**

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

**MIDWEEK STUDY - Basic Christianity, Every Wed @ 7pm in Loffice!**

**YOUTH GROUP - Every Wednesday @ 7pm in Sanctuary**

**PRAYER MEETING - Next Sunday, 6pm in Loffice**

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

## FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING, Sep 2024</b>	\$27,530.12
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date</b>	\$567,206.33
<b>BENEVOLENCE, To Date</b>	\$18,241.17
<b>CEAF, To Date</b>	\$2,295.32
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$227,845.88
<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

OCTOBER 27, 2024

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Today our sermon passage is **Revelation 3:7-13**. As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 31:21-24
- Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 26:1-4
- Sermon Passage Reading: Revelation 3:7-13



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Think of the Christian church today in America, in what ways are we marginalized, weak, or insignificant in culture?
- Which one of the ways that Jesus identifies himself in v7 resonates with you and why?
- Read Colossians 4:3-4. Where is your open door for ministry at the moment and how are you using your ministry at Highlands?
- In what ways has Jesus sustained you in the past?
- How can we balance our focus on the here and now while also looking forward to eternity with Jesus?
- Next Week: Revelation 3:14-22



## SING

Come Praise and Glorify (44) | Be Thou My Vision (176) |  
Christ the True and Better Adam | All I Have is Christ (389) |  
All Hail the Power/His Name is Jesus (143)

# SERMON NOTES

Revelation 3:7-13 | Letter to Philadelphia

1. Doorkeepers [3:7-9; Isaiah 22:22; John 10:9; Matthew 16:17-19; Colossian 4:3-4; Isaiah 45:15; 60:14]

The true church is known by Jesus.

2. Hold Fast [3:10-11; John 17:15; Luke 2:1; John 12:19; 2 John 1:8; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27]

The true church is sustained by Jesus.

3. Pillars and Names [3:12-13; Isaiah 56:5; Revelation 14:1; 22:4; 21:3]

The true church will endure forever with Jesus.

Big Idea: The true church is faithful even in weakness.

*[Note: a hard copy of all quotes referenced is available in the back.]*