

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

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Brad Wilson, **FINANCE**  
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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

**FACEBOOK:** HighlandsBibleNJ  
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DECEMBER 1, 2024

# 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



**PRAYER MEETING - Tonight at 6pm in the Loffice**

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

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

**MIDWEEK STUDY - Wed, Dec 4th, 7:00pm. Last one for 2024!**

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

**LADIES BREAKFAST - Sat, December 14th, 8am @ the church, bring a dish to share. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - Tues, Dec 24th @ 4pm**

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

## FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING, Oct 2024</b>	\$20,744.87
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date</b>	\$573,014.38
<b>BENEVOLENCE, To Date</b>	\$18,419.57
<b>CEAF, To Date</b>	\$3,011.12
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$248,590.75
<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

DECEMBER 1, 2024

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Today our sermon passage is **Luke 1:26-38**. As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-3
- Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-17
- Sermon Passage Reading: Luke 1:26-38



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Many people think of Jesus more of “Savior” than of “King” - what are some of the differences between those two perspectives?
- How does thinking of Jesus as King shape our personal walk with Jesus?
- How does thinking of Jesus as King shape our evangelism?
- What practical steps can we take to cultivate more of the response of Mary to submit to the plan of God in our lives?
- Next Week: Advent Week 2 - Luke 1:39-56



## SING

Blessed Assurance (403) | Give Praise to Jesus | Jesus Thank You  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (218) | The Goodness of Jesus

# SERMON NOTES

Luke 1:26-38 | Advent Week 1

1. Angelic Messenger [1:26-33; Psalm 47:2; Revelation 5:5; Matthew 28:18]

Jesus is King of God’s eternal kingdom.

2. How Can This Be? [1:34-38; Matthew 1:18-25; Isaiah 7:14;

Because Jesus is King, nothing is impossible.

Big Idea: We submit to King Jesus, even when it seems impossible.

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