

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: 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!

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DECEMBER 8, 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



CARE GROUP - Today at 4pm @ Nick and Jolenes

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

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

MIDWEEK STUDY - Resumes Jan 15th Church Essentials: Baptism

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.

KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - Sunday, Dec 22nd during service

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

ELDER MEETINGS - 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers appreciated!

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



GENERAL OFFERING , Nov 2024	\$23,438.39
NEHEMIAH FUND , To Date	\$577,492.72
BENEVOLENCE , To Date	\$18,597.67
CEAF , To Date	\$3,801.92
YTD GENERAL OFFERING	\$272,029.14
2024 BUDGET	\$334,339.00

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

DECEMBER 8, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today our sermon passage is **Luke 1:39-56**. 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
- Old Testament Reading: Psalm 127:1-5
- Sermon Passage Reading: Luke 1:39-56



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Consider the character of Mary - what things stand out to you about her character and why?
- Can we believe God's Word without obeying it? Look at James 1:22-25. Are faith and obedience required for blessing?
- Look over Psalm 19:7-14 - why don't people walk in obedience?
- Which of the three reasons to worship God resonate with you and why? How can you cultivate more faith and worship?
- Next Week: Advent Week 3 - Luke 1:57-80



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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (218) | O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer | What Child is This | Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

SERMON NOTES

Luke 1:39-56 | Advent Week 2

1. Mary's Visit [1:13-17; 39-45; 11:27-28; Psalm 19:7-11; James 1:22-25]

Submitting to God's plan produces the blessings of obedience.

2. Mary's Song [1:46-56; Deuteronomy 26:8; Genesis 17:19]

We worship God for his provision, his power, and his promise.

Big Idea: We destroy doubt and fear with faith and worship.