

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

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Dr. Mike Ruel, **PASTOR**  
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MEMBER CARE**  
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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

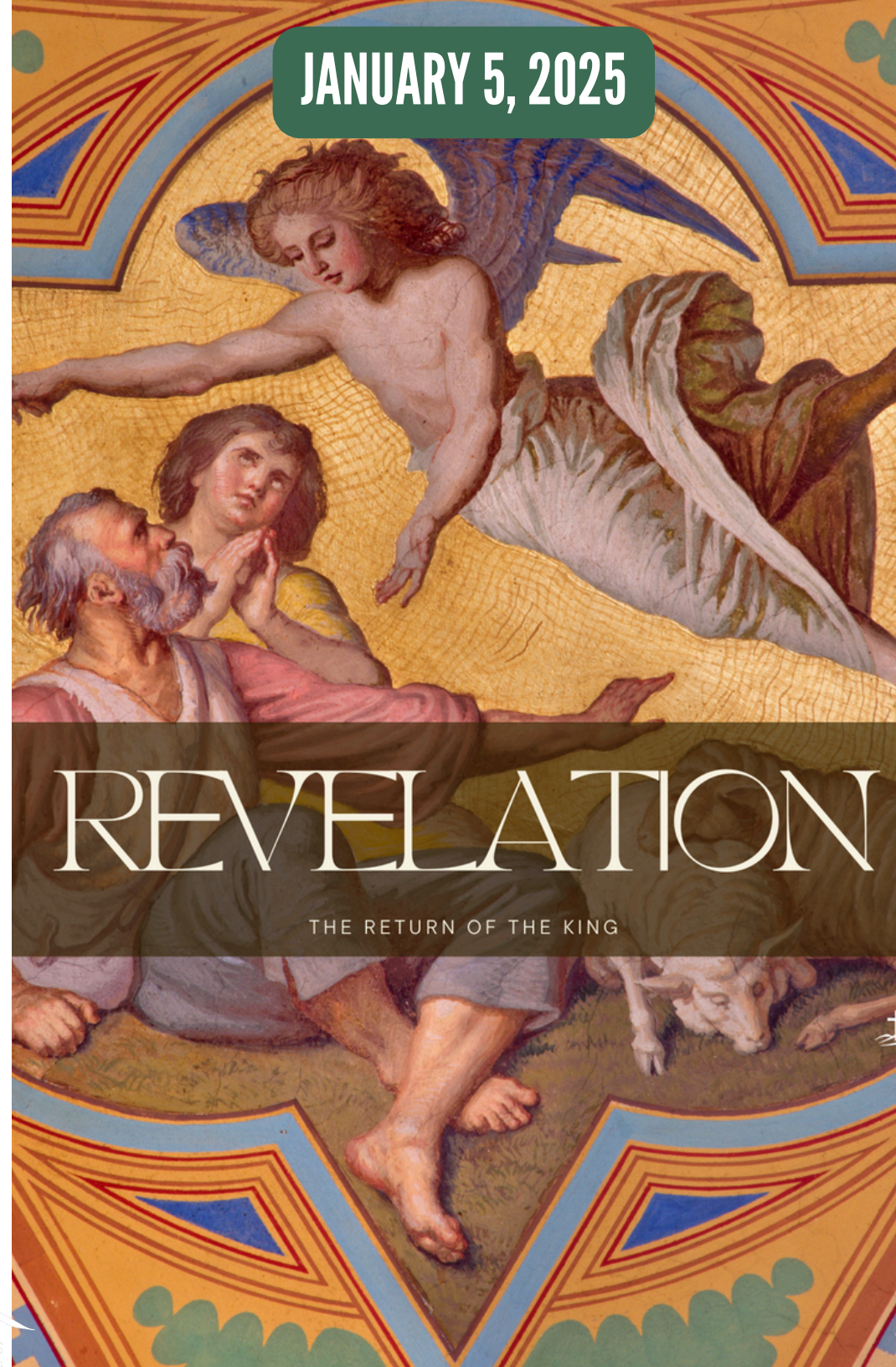
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JANUARY 5, 2025



# 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



**PRAYER MEETING - 6pm TONIGHT in the LOFFICE**

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

**TUESDAY AM LADIES BIBLE STUDY - 9am downstairs**

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

**MIDWEEK STUDY - Resumes Jan 15th Church Essentials: Baptism**

**YOUTH GROUP - Wednesdays at 7pm in the sanctuary**

**20s/30s CARE GROUP - Jan 19th @ 4pm at Greg and Jenna's**

**MEMBER MEETING - Sunday, January 26th @ 5pm!**

**WOMEN'S WINTER GATHERING - Saturday, Feb 1st, 10am**

**YG WINTER RETREAT - Feb 21st - 23rd. Register today online!**

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

## FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING, Dec 2024</b>	\$42,663.81
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date</b>	\$583,693.76
<b>BENEVOLENCE, To Date</b>	\$18,761.07
<b>CEAF, To Date</b>	\$5,924.42
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$314,692.95
<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

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP and Happy New Year!** As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 104:33-34
- Old Testament Reading: Psalm 62:5-8
- Sermon Passage Reading: Revelation 8:1-13



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- How often do you pray? How would you summarize your general philosophy of prayer?
- Which aspects of prayer (dependency, sovereignty, participation) resonated with you the most and why?
- What is a common attitude about God's judgement - good or bad? Why do you think this is?
- Look at Trumpets 1-4 what jumps out at you?
- How can God's judgment be a comfort or motivation for us?
- Next Week: Revelation 9



## SING

And Can It Be | Only a Holy God | Lord's Supper  
His Mercy is More | All Glory Be to Christ

# SERMON NOTES

Revelation 8:1-13 | Seven Trumpets, Part 1

1. Seventh Seal [8:1-5; 5:8; 6:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Matthew 26:39; John 14:13-14]

God's people pray, and God enacts his plan.

2. Trumpets 1-4 [8:6-13; Isaiah 14:13-15; Exodus 7:5]

Big Idea: God judges the world so that the world may know God.