

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

## ELDERS

Dr. Mike Ruel, **PASTOR**  
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Tina Nause, **OPERATIONS  
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Cyndi Hochstaedt & Alyssa Myhren,  
**KINGDOM KIDS**  
Brad Wilson, **FINANCE**  
Andy Meyer, **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

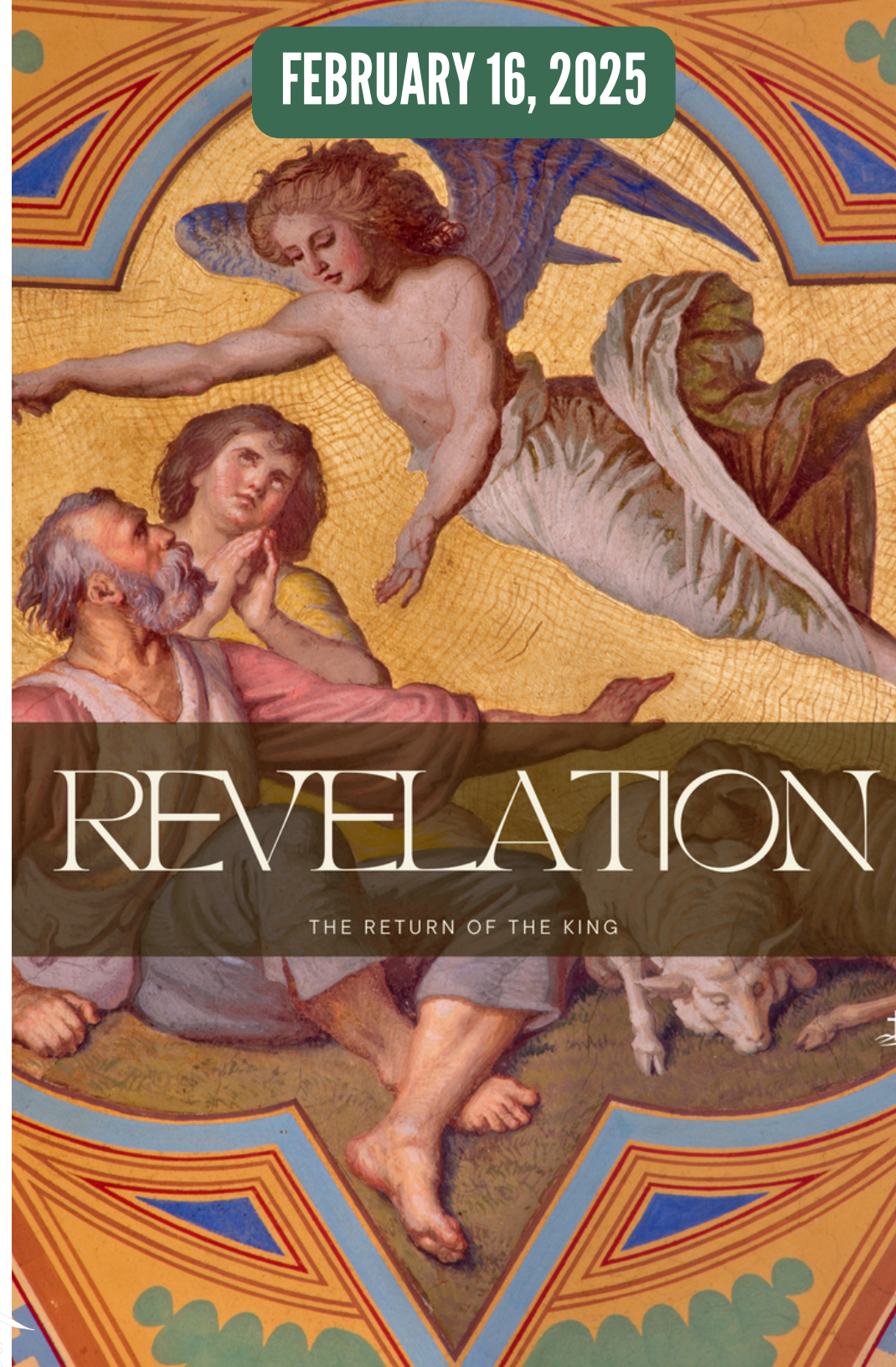
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# REVELATION

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



**Please return your Baby Bottles by TODAY!**

**20s/30s - Today 4pm at Jenna and Greg's**

**NEXT STEPS CLASS - Today at 5pm in Loffice - SIGN UP TODAY!**

**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 - 7pm upstairs in Loffice**

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

**MEN'S BREAKFAST - Saturday, Feb 22nd 8am - SIGN UP TODAY!**

**SPRING LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Starts Tuesday, March 4th**

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

## FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING, Jan 2025</b>	\$21,694.20
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date</b>	\$588,129.49
<b>BENEVOLENCE, To Date</b>	\$18,464.00
<b>CEAF, To Date</b>	\$10,473.22
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$21,694.20
<b>2024 BUDGET</b>	\$384,546.00

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

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 27:1
- Old Testament Reading: Lamentations 3:21-26
- Sermon Passage Reading: Revelation 13:1-10



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Where do we see people aligning themselves with perceived power? What does that look like?
- What can people give power to in their lives as a “functional messiah?”
- What comfort does it bring us to know what our names are written in the “Lamb’s Book of Life?”
- Where are you currently being challenged to “endure in the faith?”
- Next Week: Revelation 13:11-18



## SING

Come Thou Fount | O The Deep Deep Love of Jesus |  
It Was Finished at the Cross | Doxology

# SERMON NOTES

Revelation 13:1-10 | The First Beast

1. Sea Beast Mini-Me [12:18-13:4; Daniel 7:1-8; Romans 1:4; Matthew 22:29]

The world aligns itself with perceived power.

2. Boasts and Blasphemes [13:5-8; 11:2-3; Matthew 24:22-28; John 17:14-17]

The world aligns itself with perceived truth.

3. Call to Endure [13:9-10; James 1:2-4]

Big Idea: To endure in the faith, the church must align with Christ’s power and truth.