

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

## ELDERS

Dr. Mike Ruel, **PASTOR**  
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**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

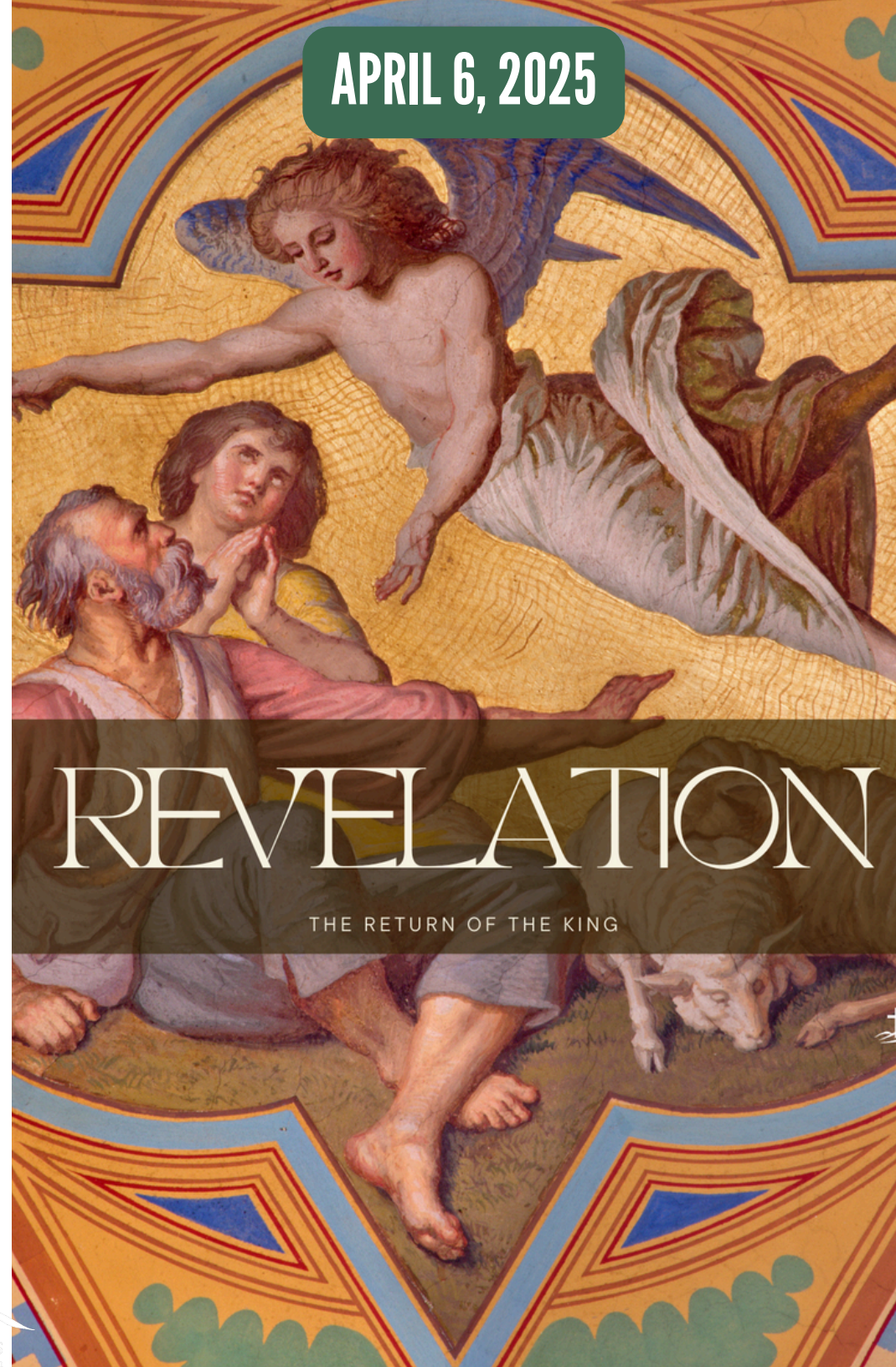
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# OUR VISION & MISSION

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

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR FULL INFO!



**FAMILY CARE GROUP - Downstairs today after service!**

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

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

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

**TUESDAY PM LADIES BIBLE STUDY - 7pm in the sanctuary**

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

**MIDWEEK STUDY - restarts 4/23/25 with Financial Peace. Sign up!**

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

**MEN'S BREAKFAST - Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8am. Sign up!**

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

## FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING, Mar 2025</b>	\$36,231.93
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date</b>	\$598,738.70
<b>BENEVOLENCE, To Date</b>	\$18,441.80
<b>CEAF, To Date</b>	\$11,761.52
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$76,796.88
<b>2025 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

APRIL 6, 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 16:7-8
- Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 10:23-25
- Sermon Passage Reading: Revelation 16:1-21



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What comes to mind when you think of the “wrath of God?” Why did you think that way?
- Why is God’s wrath “fair?” Why would some deny it, or say that it isn’t fair?
- Why don’t most people consider themselves as “God’s enemies?”
- How can we love and evangelize those who seem to hate God and curse his name?
- What can you do to cultivate more gratitude for how God has spared you from his wrath by faith in Jesus?
- Next Week: Matthew 21:1-16



## SING

Blessed Assurance | Living Hope | The Goodness of Jesus |  
Jesus, Thank You

# SERMON NOTES

Revelation 16:1-21 | The Seven Bowls

1. Bowls 1-3 [16:1-7; Psalm 79:6; Exodus 9:8-12; 7:20-21; Revelation 8:8-12; Jeremiah 10:25; Romans 1:18; Ephesians 2:1-3]

God’s wrath is fair.

2. Bowls 4-6 [16:8-16; Exodus 10:12-15; 21-23; Revelation 8:12; 9:1-11; Romans 8:7; Philippians 3:18-19;

God’s wrath is for his enemies.

3. Bowl 7 [16:17-21; Exodus 9:22-25; Revelation 11:15-19; Haggai 2:6; Hebrews 12:25-29; John 3:36; Matthew 26:26-28]

God’s wrath will make some hate him.

Big Idea: God’s wrath will be poured out - either upon us at final judgment, or upon Christ on the cross.