



MADISON

HEIGHTS CHURCH

LORD'S DAY • APRIL 19, 2026

*We worship God because God created us to worship him.
Worship is at the center of our existence, at the heart of our reason for being.*

—HUGHES OLD

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,

And I am saved from my enemies.

—PSALM 18:1-3

MEMBERS & GUESTS
ARE INVITED TO
BE SEATED BEFORE
WORSHIP AND AGAIN
DURING SINGING.
WE ASK OUR
GREETERS TO PAUSE
CONGREGATIONAL
SEATING DURING
CORPORATE PRAYERS
AND SACRAMENTS.

Psalm 46:11

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Psalm 112:1

Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments!

WORSHIP IN SONG

A Mighty Fortress

Based on Psalm 46. Martin Luther, 1529.

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words: George Matheson, 1882. Music: Chris Miner, 1997.

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Those Who Fear The Lord (Psalm 112)

Wendell Kimbrough (c) 2018 Wendell K. Songs.

Those who fear the Lord love what he commands. See their children grow mighty in the land.
They will be the light, when the darkness falls. They will be the help everyone else calls.

*Storms will surely come; enemies will rage. Those who fear the Lord will not be afraid.
Look into the future, far as you can see. Those who fear the Lord will be flourishing.*

Wicked men will grow angrier with hate. Those who fear the Lord, they will still give grace.
Steady in their hearts, giving to the poor. Merciful and just—those who fear the Lord.

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COVENANT BAPTISM

11:00 Service

John Henry Pracht, son of Mikayla and Caleb Pracht

CHILDREN'S SERMON & INTERLUDE

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding
in steadfast love to all who call upon you.*

—PSALM 86:5

LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be
done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Luke 22:39-46 • *"Behind the Most Sacred Rope"* • Rev. Randy Rhea

The grass withers, the flower fades but the word of our God will stand forever.

— ISAIAH 40:8

SONG OF RESPONSE

Before The Throne

Vikki Cook & Charitie Lynn Bancroft. (c)1997 Sovereign Grace Music.

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands. My name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died, my sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased with his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Saviour and my God,
With Christ my Saviour and my God

BENEDICTION

3K & 4K are invited
to the front for the
children's sermon and
then children's church.

**The Corporate
Confession of Sin**
reminds us all that we are
no better than others and
that it is ONLY Grace
which makes any of us
what we are.

Hebrews 7:25
*He is able to save to the
utmost those who draw
near to God through him,
since he always lives to make
intercession for them.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AFFINITY GROUPS
YOUTH & CHILDREN'S
SUNDAY SCHOOL** will
meet at 10am.

MHC.LIVE PODCAST
Season 3 "Good Question!"
Episode 4 will be available
TOMORROW, April 20th.
Wally Bumpas returns for
"More of 'Why Should I Trust
the Bible?'" Be sure to subscribe
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**MEN'S WHOLE HOG
SUPPER** will be Thursday,
April 30th at 6:00pm on the
Back Porch.

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CRAWWASH The Jamaica
Missions Team will be having a
car wash and crawfish boil on
Sunday, May 17th from 3-8pm.
Please contact a mission team
member to purchase tickets.

ARTS & SPORTS CAMP
registration is open to
volunteers and church
members now. Registration
will be open to the public
tomorrow.

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GIVING @ MHC

Giving through end of March 2026

YTD Giving.....\$2,806,677

YTD Budget.....\$2,475,000

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SERMON NOTES

Luke 22:39-46 • "Behind the Most Sacred Rope"

*Our Mission is to be a Refuge for Broken People where we
Experience the Grace of Christ and Express the Truth of the Gospel.*

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WHO IS MADISON HEIGHTS?

There is no better answer than to listen to these
four important messages about our mission!



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