MADISON HEIGHTS CHURCH

LORD'S DAY • NOVEMBER 29, 2026

ADVENT MEDITATION

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of he Lord of hosts will do this.

-Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity,
And passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does retain his anger forever,
Because he delights in steadfast love.

He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot.
You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

-Micah 7:18-19

Liturgical Guide

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.

Matthew 1:23
And they shall call his name Immanuel (which means, God with us).

Luke 2:8-9
And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them.

Matthew 11:28
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

WORSHIP IN SONG

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Latin hymn, 12th c.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave. [Refrain]

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]

Angels from the Realms of Glory

James Montgomery, 1825. Music: Henry Smart, 1867.

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light: [Refrain]

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One: [Refrain]

O Come, All Ye Unfaithful

Bob Kauflin & Lisa Clow. | ©2020 Sovereign Grace Praise. Alt. 2025.

O come, all you unfaithful. Come, weak and unstable. Come, know you are not alone.
O come, barren and waiting ones. Weary of praying, come, see what your God has done.

Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.

O come, bitter and broken. Come, with fears unspoken. Come, taste of his perfect love.
O come, guilty and hiding ones. There is no need to run. See what your God has done.

Christ has come, Christ has come, Christ has come for you.

He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon. His promise is peace for those who believe. (repeat)

So come, though you have nothing. Come, he is the offering.
Come, see what your God has done.

Christ has died, Christ has died, Christ has died for you. (repeat)

CHILDREN'S SERMON & INTERLUDE

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.
-1 Timothy 1:15

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Hosea 12:7-13:3 • *"Israel's Autopsy"* • Rev. Randy Rhea

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.
— Isaiah 40:8

SONG OF RESPONSE

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend ©2002 Thankyou Music.

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All. Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his and he is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home—here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

BENEDICTION

Liturgical Guide

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.

Matthew 1:21
She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

Announcements

AFFINITY GROUPS, YOUTH & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet at 10am. Adults will have combined class in the Connection Space.

IN HIS STEPS COMPASSION STORE
MHC is serving Madison County families by providing affordable access to Christmas gifting. Gifts are due to the church by next Sunday, December 6.

SCAN TO GIFT

WOMEN'S ORNAMENT SWAP will be Thursday, December 10 at 6:00pm at the home of Liz Smitherman.

SCAN TO REGISTER

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be Sunday, December 13 at 6:30pm. Join us for a retelling of the Christmas story with carols. Cookies and cocoa will be served in the Lodge following the program.

YEAR END GIVING
Gifts received by 12/31 can be reported as charitable donations for tax purposes.

SCAN TO GIVE ONLINE

Giving @ MHC

Giving through end of October 2026

YTD Giving.....$1,154,871

YTD Budget.....$1,166,668

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SERMON NOTES

Hosea 12:7-13:3 • *"Israel's Autopsy"*

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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PRAYER REQUEST
Submit your prayer request by scanning the QR code and filling out the form.

PRAYER

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

MHC MISSION

VISITING MHC?
Please let us know who you are by filling out this electronic visitor's card.

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