

LORD'S DAY • NOVEMBER 30, 2025

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 the Lord of hosts will do this.

—Isaiah 9:2,6-7

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

Who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it;

"I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you;

I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

"Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth.

— Isaiah 42:5-6,8-10

(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

Behold, the virgin shall concieve and bear a son, and you shall call his name Immanuel, which means, God with us.

Luke 2:13

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God.

1 Timothy 1:15

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.

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. (*Chorus*)

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. (*Chorus*)

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. (*Chorus*)

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:]

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear, suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: [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

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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 for you.

He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon.

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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 Christ has died, Christ has died for you.

CHILDREN'S SERMON & INTERLUDE

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart O daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you.
—Zephaniah 3:14-15

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Luke 19:41-44 • "The Tearful Entry" • Rev. Randy Rhea
The grass withers, the flower fades but the word of our God will stand forever.
—ISAIAH 40:8

SONG OF RESPONSE

What Child Is This?

Traditional English Carol. English melody, 16th century.

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you: Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby: Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

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.

The Apostles' Creed is called such, "not because it was produced by the apostles themselves" but because it contains a summary of their teachings. It sets forth their doctrine "in sublime simplicity, in unsurpassable brevity, in beautiful order, and with liturgical solemnity." Its present form is dated no later than the 4th Century.

—Christian Reformed Church 1988

Matthew 2:2

Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star and have come to worship him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFINITY GROUPS AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

will meet at 10am.

IN HIS STEPS ANGEL

TREE Please sign up to provide gifts for families in need. Gifts are due to the church by next Sunday, December 7th.

SCAN TO PARTICIPATE



DECEMBER SAVE THE DATES

Dec 11th MHC Women's Ornament Swap Dec 24th Christmas Eve Services at 3:30pm & 5pm.

YEAR END GIVING

Secure online portal available by clicking on the "Give Online" button at madisonheightschurch.com or drop off your gift in the secure lock box outside the church office. Gifts of stock are tax-deductible and can be made through 12/31. Call the office for more information.

SAVE THESE 2026 DATES

Jan 9th-10th Women's Retreat Jan 11th Missions Conference Jan 23rd - 24th Redeeming Technology Conference

GIVING @ MHC

Giving through end of October 2025
YTD Giving\$983,270.00
YTD Budget.....\$1,100,00.00
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SERMON NOTES

Luke 19:41-44 • "The Tearful Entry"

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