



MADISON

HEIGHTS CHURCH

LORD'S DAY • DECEMBER 14, 2025

ADVENT MEDITATION

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

—LUKE 2:10-11

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Away in a Manger"

(11:00am Service 2nd/3rd Grade Students)

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever,

The twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever.

They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

— REVELATION 4:8-11

WORSHIP IN SONG

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.

Luke 2:13

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

Matthew 2:6

*And you, O Bethlehem, in
the land of Judah, are by
no means least among the
rulers of Judah; for from
you shall come a ruler who
will shepherd my people
Israel.*

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The grace of the Lord Jesus
Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.*

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

Angels We Have Heard On High

Traditional French carol.

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song? (*Refrain*)

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (*Refrain*)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken, 1709. Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

COVENANT BAPTISM

*Coleman Warren Crain son of Logan & Jackson Crain
(11:00am Service)*

CHILDREN'S SERMON & INTERLUDE

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise.*

—PSALM 51:17

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Luke 20 :1-8 • *“Hold The Line”* • Rev. Randy Rhea

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

—ISAIAH 40:8

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The leadership will pass trays with the elements.

Please hold on to the elements until everyone has been served.

All bread that is served is gluten free, and the trays contain grape juice.

SONG OF RESPONSE

It Is Well

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

BENEDICTION

LITURGICAL GUIDE

**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.

Romans 8:28
*And we know that for those
who love God all things
work together for good,
for those who are called
according to his purpose.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFINITY GROUPS
AND CHILDREN'S
SUNDAY SCHOOL
will meet at 10am.

CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICES Wednesday,
Dec. 24th are scheduled for
3:30pm & 5:00pm.

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SAVE THESE 2026 DATES
Jan 9th-10th Women's Retreat
Jan 11th Missions Conference
Jan 23rd - 24th Redeeming
Technology Conference

SERMON NOTES

Luke 20 :1-8 • *"Hold The Line"*

GIVING @ MHC

Giving through end of November 2025

YTD Giving\$1,319,380

YTD Budget.....\$1,375,000

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



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