



# MADISON

## HEIGHTS CHURCH

LORD'S DAY • DECEMBER 21, 2025

### ADVENT MEDITATION

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.  
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

—JOHN 3:16-17

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*"A Hallelujah Christmas" ©2012 Cloverton  
(8:30am Service Ensemble)*

*"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"  
(11:00am Service 4th & 5th Grade)*

### CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

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 9:6-7

## 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.*

### 1 Peter 1:8

*Though you do not now see  
him, you believe in him  
and rejoice with joy that  
is inexpressible and filled  
with glory.*

### Luke 2:11

*For unto you is born this  
day in the city of David a  
Savior, who is Christ the  
Lord.*

## WORSHIP IN SONG

### *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)*

### *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
Earth and heav'n before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

### *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright;  
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,  
To free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might."  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm, and wind:

And went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON & INTERLUDE

### CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*

—JEREMIAH 31:34

### 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 20 :9-18 • *"The Sending of the Only Son"* • Rev. Randy Rhea  
*The grass withers, the flower fades but the word of our God will stand forever.*

—ISAIAH 40:8

### SONG OF RESPONSE

#### *Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery*

*Matt Boswell | Matt Papa | Michael Bleecker ©2012 Getty Music Publishing.*

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King:  
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing in our darkness, now the light of life has come.  
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.  
Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: he the perfect Son of Man,  
In his living, in his suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man:  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in him we stand.  
Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption. See the Father's plan unfold,  
Bringing many sons to glory. Grace unmeasured, love untold!  
Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: slain by death, the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain him. Praise the Lord! He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope:  
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes.  
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### 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.

#### **1 Timothy 3:16**

*Great indeed, we confess, is  
the mystery of godliness: He  
was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated by the Spirit,  
seen by angels, proclaimed  
among the nations, believed  
on in the world, taken up in  
glory.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AFFINITY GROUPS  
AND CHILDREN'S  
SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
will have combined  
classes TODAY at 10am.

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

**YEAR END GIVING**  
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**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**  
will be January 9-10 (Friday  
night and Saturday morning)  
at The Lodge with guest  
speaker Susan Tyner.

SCAN TO  
REGISTER



**SAVE THESE 2026 DATES**  
Jan 11th Missions Conference  
Jan 23rd - 24th Redeeming  
Technology Conference

## GIVING @ MHC

*Giving through end of November 2025*

YTD Giving .....\$1,319,380

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

*MHC operates on a July - June fiscal year*

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## SERMON NOTES

Luke 20 :9-18 • *"The Sending of the Only Son"*

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*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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