



LORD'S DAY • DECEMBER 28, 2025

Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of the conscience by his holiness; the nourishment of the mind with his truth; the purifying of imagination by his beauty; the opening of the heart to his love; the surrender of the will to his purpose - and all this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable.

—WILLIAM TEMPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
And through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

When you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

— ISAIAH 43:1-3

WORSHIP IN SONG

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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 98:1

*Oh sing to the Lord a
new song, for he has done
marvelous things! His
right hand and his holy
arm have worked salvation
for him.*

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.*

Revelation 22:20

*He who testifies to these
things says, "Surely I am
coming soon." Amen.
Come, Lord Jesus!*

Joy To The World

Based on Psalm 98. Isaac Watts, 1719. Music: George Frederick Handel, 1742.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders
Of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

O Come, All You 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, Christ has come for you.

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

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

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.

We Long To See You (with 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus)

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Almighty God, we long to see you.
Open our hearts and make them pure.
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy.
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

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CHILDREN'S SERMON & INTERLUDE

CONFESSON & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments."

—ZECHARIAH 3:3-4

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

1 John 2:1-2 • *"Jesus: Advocate and Propitiation"* • Rev. Phillip Palmertree
The grass withers, the flower fades but the word of our God will stand forever.

—ISAIAH 40:8

SONG OF RESPONSE

In Christ Alone

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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.

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

1 John 5:11-12

*And this is the testimony,
that God gave us eternal
life, and this life is in his
Son. Whoever has the Son
has life; whoever does not
have the Son of God does
not have life.*

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFINITY GROUPS
AND CHILDREN'S
SUNDAY SCHOOL
will NOT meet today.

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



MISSION CONFERENCE
will be Jan. 11th. Join us
for Sunday morning where
we will hear from several
of our Mission Partners.

Dr. Richard Pratt will be
preaching and other ministry
partners will be leading our
Affinity Groups. Then join
us for a Back Porch event
that evening at 5:30pm for
a chili fundraiser dinner for
the Jamaica trip and featured
speaker Rev. Jasper Bacon
with In His Steps Ministries.
Our elementary aged children
will have a mission project
that evening.

CHURCH OFFICE will be
closed Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st for the
New Year Holiday.

SERMON NOTES

1 John 2:1-2 • "Jesus: Advocate and Propitiation"

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Experience the Grace of Christ and Express the Truth of the Gospel.*

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GIVING @ MHC

*Final calendar year giving numbers through December 2025 will be available near the end of January 2026.
As of the end of November we received \$1,319,380 for a \$1,375,000 annual budget.
A complete budget presentation will be part of the congregational meeting.*

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



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