



HEART CITY CHURCH

Heart City Exists to Make Known the Heart of King Jesus!

Lord's Day, May 5, 2024
Sunday School 10 am Worship 11 am



**PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH IN
AMERICA**

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Question #6:

How can we glorify God?

By loving him and by obeying his commands and law.

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We welcome you as Jesus has welcomed us (Romans 15:7)! We are glad to have you join with us to worship our Triune God! We are also delighted to have your children with us during service. Services are streamed for those unable to come.

Announcements, Weekly Belief, Prayer Requests

Moment of Meditation (Matthew 11:28-30)

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

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,

for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

WORSHIP SERVICE (11:00- 12:15) *Stand if you are able

God Greets His People: Ephesians 1:2

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

God's Greeting

Worship begins

at God's

initiative. God

holds forth

grace in the

Greeting, Call,

Forgiveness,

Preaching,

Lord's Supper,

& Blessing. We

respond with

gratitude in

Song, Prayer, &

Offerings. "We

love because

He first loved

us"

(1 John 4:19).

This back and

forth between

God & His

people is why

we call worship

a service. God

serves us & we

serve Him!

***God's Call to Worship: from Psalm 145**

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King;

I will praise your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

his greatness no one can fathom.

People: The Lord is good to all;

he has compassion on all he has made.

Leader: The eyes of all look to you,

and you give them their food at the proper time.

You open your hand

and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

People: The Lord is near to all who call on him,

to all who call on him in truth.

All: My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.

Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

Song of Application: "It is Well"

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When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot You have taught me to say
It is well it is well with my soul

**It is well it is well
Through the storm I am held
It is well it is well with my soul**

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 oh my soul

**It is well it is well
God has won Christ prevailed
It is well it is well with my soul**

And Lord haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul

**It is well with my soul
It is well it is well with my soul**

Let's be real! We all blow it! So whether we've sinned once or for the millionth time we need to bring our mess to God. The only way to be set free is to bring it to Him

Why together? Jesus taught us to pray "Forgive **us our** debts" (Matt 6: 12) "He who is alone with his sin is utterly alone."

(Bonhoeffer) **Forgiven!** The Minister speaks God's gospel promise of forgiveness in Christ for all who repent and believe. As God speaks forgiveness to His people, it is fitting we receive pardon together!

God Calls Us to Confess: from 1 Peter 3 (Message Paraphrase)
If with heart and soul you're doing good, do you think you can be stopped? Even if you suffer for it, you're still better off. Don't give the opposition a second thought. Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master. Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy. Keep a clear conscience before God so that when people throw mud at you, none of it will stick.

We Confess Sin & Shame To God:

Gracious Giver of all good gifts, I confess I have pursued power, greatness, and worldly gain, but You sent Your Son in weakness and humility. Jesus laid aside glory and riches and put on our humanity in order to take our sins to the cross. Forgive me for:
-my preference of "being right," to the posture of being loved,
-my publishing of privilege and silence at injustice,
-my needing of comfort and the numbing of conscience,
-my readiness to criticize and reluctance to create,
-for seeking my own security and forsaking Your Kingdom.
Please don't give up on me, or be too sad over me, but soften my wounds into wisdom, turn my weakness into trust, and restore in me the joy of smallness that I might be a fool for Christ's sake.

We Find Forgiveness! 1 John 5:4-5; Romans 8:1 (ESV)

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

***We Rejoice in the Gospel: "Before the Throne"**

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Before the throne of God above
I have a strong a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart (x 2)

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin

Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me (x 2)

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace

One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God (x 2)

God Speaks to Us: 1 Corinthians 4:1-4 (ESV)

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. **2** Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. **3** But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. **4** For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me.

Sermon “The Voices in Your Head”

Rev. Ted Powers

Prayer

May Meditation Verse: (Romans 1:16-17) *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes... For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”*

Children Draw pictures of what you hear. If you can write, write down something important, or count how many times you hear the words below.

JUDGE

VOICES

***We Rejoice in the Gospel: “Completely Known, Completely Loved”**

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Completely known completely loved
My heart is seen by God above
Should I now run dare hide my face
When in His eyes there is only grace

Completely free the shame is gone
The highest Judge took all my wrongs
And set them on His only Son
He bore my sin I bear His love

**Completely known completely loved
I'm covered by my Savior's blood
I'm robed in white and God is pleased
To see His Son when He looks on me**

Completely His how can it be
That God would set His heart on me
Loved not for works that I have done
But long before time had begun

CHORUS

Completely saved the work is done
The curse the grave is overcome
For with that dawn there rose a King
Now heaven's smile shines over me

CHORUS

Congregational Prayer

(Everyone invited to pray the Lord's Prayer at the End)

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.
(Matthew 6: 9-13)

***Our Confession: Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was 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 holy *catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Corporate Prayer

Prayer is not a spiritual gift given to some, but a means of grace given to all the saints. We are invited to hasten the coming of God's Kingdom.

The Creed

Every church has a creed, or a summary of what the Bible teaches about God, salvation, and how it is men can be rightly related to Him. The difference is that some churches have theirs written down and confess it. We recite the Apostles' Creed as we stand in line with the historic Christian faith that continues to be passed down to every generation.

** Lower case, little "c" catholic simply means universal, or*

The Lord's Supper

The Lord Jesus is our Host at this Meal. (This is NOT the table of Heart City Church)! We invite all who are baptized, living under Jesus' authority, and are members of His Church. By eating the bread and drinking the cup with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging you are a sinner, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation please speak to the pastor.

(Grape Juice is the outer ring & Wine is in the middle of the tray.
We also provide prepackaged individual gluten free units)

***We Bless God**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

***God Blesses Us: Hebrews 13:20-21**

***We Depart With Hope: "And Can It Be?"**

*No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own*

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Announcements

Sunday Sunday School (10a): “When Helping Hurts”

Worship (11a): Welcome Rev. Ted Powers, Midwest Alliance Director

Fellowship Meal: to follow Worship

Prayer Walk (5p): at Bethel Assembly of God

Monday, ‘Joe w/ Pastor Joel’ (8:30a-10a): Elkhart Electric Brew

Thursday, Pray/ Talk (5p) Grow Group (6p): At Heart City

Saturday, May 18 (8a-11a): Outdoor Workday

June 5-6: Ark Encounter Trip

(Monday & Friday Prayer): by conference call (7 a); send prayer requests

CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Sunday School- 10a Worship- 11a Prayer- 3 p	Joe' with Pastor Joel 8:30a-10a			Grow Group- 6-7		Cleaning- Irvin Presbytery (Kalamazoo)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday School- 10a Worship- 11a Fellowship Meal	Joe' with Pastor Joel 8:30a-10a			Grow Group- 6-7		Cleaning- Volunteer
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday School- 10a Worship- 11a	Joe' with Pastor Joel 8:30a-10a			Grow Group- 6-7		Cleaning- Liddell Outdoor Cleaning
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sunday School- 10a Worship- 11a Fellowship Meal	Joe' with Pastor Joel 8:30a-10a			Grow Group- 6-7		Cleaning- Flicker
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Sunday School- 10a Worship- 11a Prayer- 3 p				Grow Group- 6-7		Cleaning- Irvin

Parking Lot Attendant: Sam DeBoe

Heart City Church Budget

March Income: \$11,101.32

Balance (all accts): \$84,724.48

Building Fund: \$15,957.62

Mail gifts to:

Heart City Church

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Elizabeth would like to receive letters. Her address is: JailATM.com-Elkhart County Jail
#140116: Elizabeth Burton
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Weekly Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Praises & Thanks

- That every time we draw near to God, God draws near to us (James 4:8)
- That our Lord brings and keeps his word near (Romans 10).
- For God's constant care, body & soul, of our members.

Prayer Requests - *Great Lakes Presbytery Churches*

- **Christ Church, Grand Rapids MI – Lead Pastor Andrew (Lisa) VanderMaas, Associate Pastor Michael (Jenn) Anderson, Assistant Pastor Roger (LeAnn) Qi:** Pray God would empower students and teachers to find joy in learning about God's Word and his world as they finish out the school year. Pray that God would use our Arts & Rec Camp in June to deepen the faith of kids and families and draw our neighbors to the beauty of Jesus. Pray for our upcoming 11th-12th grade mission trip to Peru in July, that the gospel would be active in transforming the lives of the students, leaders, and those they meet.
- **Good Shepherd, Kalamazoo MI – Pastor Neil (Leandra) Quinn** – Praise the Lord for continued visitors and new members, including several college students. Praise Him for the momentum Campus Outreach is gaining on the campus of WMU. Praise Him for the peace and unity we currently have in the church. Please pray for the conversions of the regular attenders and visitors who are interested in Christianity, but have not yet committed to Christ.
- **Belcher, Del (Nancy) - Equipping Pastors International and Seminario Reformado Latinoamericano (SRL).** On May 23-26 the Betania de la Reforma Presbytery of Colombia will convene in Cali, Colombia. The assembly has asked me to offer seven lectures concerning various aspects of Reformed Presbyterian ministry. We praise God for this opportunity to encourage the fast growing Reformed Presbyterian Church movement in Colombia. Please pray for this ministry and for the continued Reformation of the Church in Colombia and throughout Latin America

May Missions- Elkhart, IN

- **Heart City– Pastor Joel (Jamie) Irvin – Praise:** 1) Over 6,000 homes adopted during our 40 day prayer initiative, 2) New families who have joined, 3) Gratitude for Michiana Covenant who afforded the opportunity to make Jesus known in downtown Elkhart. Pray: 1) HCC's transition to new oversight, 2) heart changes for visitors, increased commitment to Christ from regular attenders, growing trust and rest in member disciples, 3) successful launch this summer of a new fathers' ministry, "CycleBreakers & ChangeMakers," 4) an 8 year old who left our home with a Bible in his hand
- **Sister churches:** Tim Gallagher, (Pioneer Faith), Wade Mann, (Elkhart RPCNA), Tim Sheets, (Northside Nazarene), Bryant Haist, (GCC- Elkhart), Tom DeFries, (St. Paul Methodist), Dwight Weber, (Elkhart Community Pastor), Glen McClimans, (Adamsville Road COG), Dave Lade, (Bethel AOG)

“Pray as you can, not as you can't” (DJ Chapman)

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