

HEART CITY CHURCH

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

The Lord's Day January 26, 2025
Prayer Meeting 10 am Worship 11 am



**PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH IN
AMERICA**

heartcitychurch.org

**Question #45:
Is Baptism with
water the
washing away of
sin itself?**

No, only the
blood of Christ
can cleanse us
from sin.

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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 can

God Greets His People: Romans 1:7

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!

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

***God Calls Us To Worship: from Psalm 68**

Leader: Sing hymns to God; all heaven, sing out;
clear the way for the coming of Cloud-Rider.

Enjoy God, cheer when you see him!

Father of orphans, champion of widows, is God in his holy house.

God makes homes for the homeless,

leads prisoners to freedom, but leaves rebels to rot in hell.

When you ascended on high, you took many captives;

you received gifts from people, even from the rebellious—
that you, Lord God, might dwell there.

**ALL: Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior,
who daily bears our burdens.**

Our God is a God who saves;

from the Sovereign Lord comes escape from death.

It Is Well with My Soul

When peace like a river Attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot. Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, It is well with my soul

**It is well (It is well), with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, It is well with my soul**

Tho' Satan should buffet Tho' trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded My helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood, For my soul **CHORUS**

My sin O the bliss Of this glorious tho't
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 **CHORUS**

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 **CHORUS**

Why Confess?

God gives the Law “that all our life long we may learn more and more to know our sinful nature, and so become more earnest in seeking remission of sins and righteousness in Christ.” (HC 115)

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’s Word Calls us to Confess: James 1:26-27

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

We Confess our Sin & Shame:

Father God, you have declared that there is no distinction among us for we all have sinned and fallen short of your righteousness. You have also declared that a broken and contrite heart you will not despise. You have promised that we are made righteous through faith in Jesus Christ, who gave himself as a full and perfect sacrifice for our sins.. We confess our sins and offenses to you and seek repentance. For Jesus' sake forgive us, renew us, and lead us to life everlasting with you. We pray in his name. Amen.

We Find Forgiveness! Romans 5:6-8

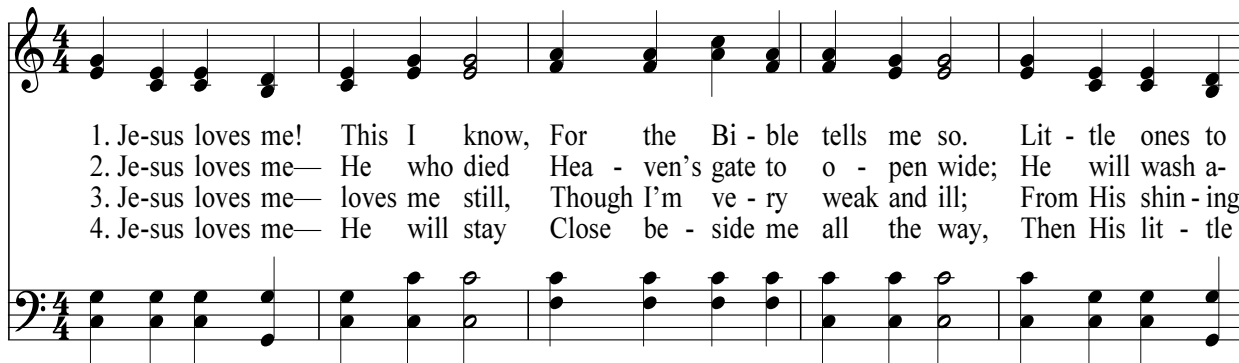
You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Jesus Loves Me

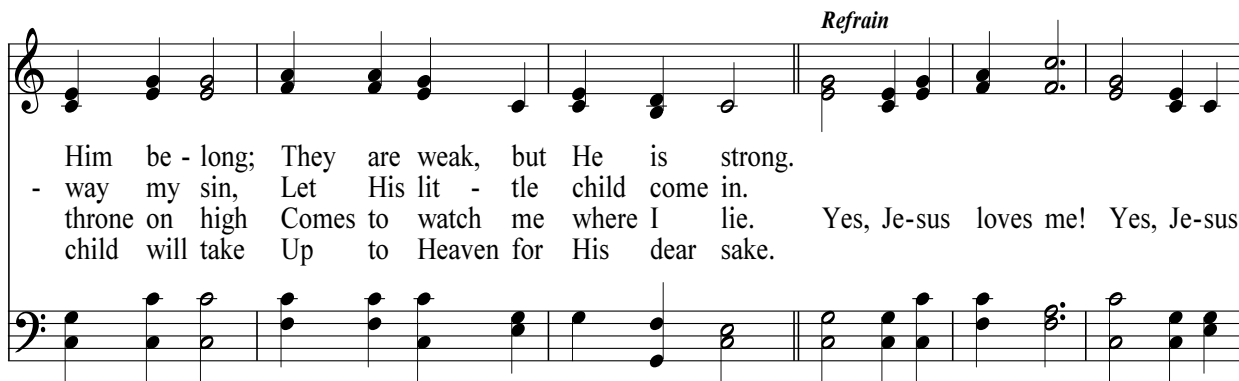
Anna Warner, 1860

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1862

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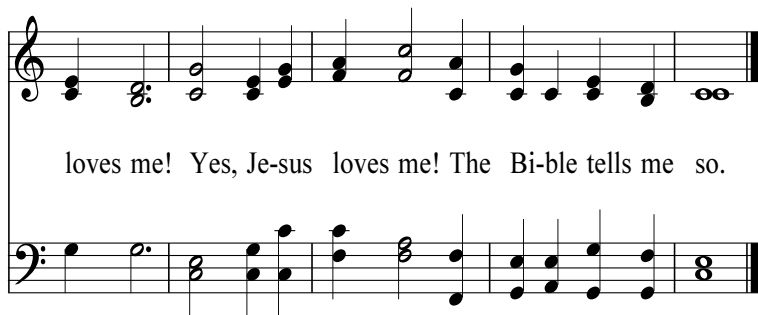


1. Je-sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so. Lit - tle ones to
2. Je-sus loves me— He who died Hea - ven's gate to o - pen wide; He will wash a-
3. Je-sus loves me— loves me still, Though I'm ve - ry weak and ill; From His shin - ing
4. Je-sus loves me— He will stay Close be - side me all the way, Then His lit - tle



Refrain

Him be - long; They are weak, but He is strong.
- way my sin, Let His lit - tle child come in.
throne on high Comes to watch me where I lie. Yes, Je-sus loves me! Yes, Je-sus
child will take Up to Heaven for His dear sake.



loves me! Yes, Je-sus loves me! The Bi-ble tells me so.

God Speaks to Us: Acts 6:1-7 (ESV)

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

2 And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. 3 Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

5 And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. 6 These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

7 And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Sermon “Care of Bodies & Souls”

Pastor Joel

Prayer

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.

NEGLECT

PREACH

PRAYER

(Monthly Meditation Verse): *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.* (Proverbs 1:7)

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord, born of his
 2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, for we have
 3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head, called to o -
 4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place, formed in great

Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his Word; our cor - ner - stone is
 known it, the love of God out - poured; now let us learn how
 bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he wills us be a
 weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; we die a - lone, for

Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: O let us live trans -
 to re - turn the gift of love once given: O let us share each
 fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: O let us give our
 on its own each em - ber los - es fire: yet joined in one the

par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand to hand.
 joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es Heaven.
 fights to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.
 flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.

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 worldwide church.*

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**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!*

***God Blesses Us**

***We Depart With Hope: "Take My Life"**

*Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise*

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Announcements

Sunday School (10a-10:40a): Congregational Prayer Meeting

Worship (11a): “The Church Empowered”

Thursday, Grow Group (6p-7:30p): “Hope in Suffering”

Wednesday, February 5 (5:30p-7p): Parenting Workshop (w/ dinner & childcare)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 (3:00 p): Heart City Organizing Service!!!

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

JANUARY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Monthly Prayer-10a Worship- 11a						Cleaning- Irvin Building Deep Clean
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday School-10a Worship- 11a Congregational Meet Fellowship Meal	Joe' with Pastor Joel 8:30a-10a			Grow Group: 6:00-7:30		Cleaning- Evans Presbytery- Lansing
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday School-10a Worship- 11a	Joe' with Pastor Joel 8:30a-10a			Grow Group: 6:00-7:30		Cleaning- Liddell
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sunday School-10a Worship- 11a Fellowship Meal	Joe' with Pastor Joel 8:30a-10a			Grow Group: 6:00-7:30		Cleaning- Flicker
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Monthly Prayer-10a Worship- 11a				Grow Group: 6:00-7:30		Cleaning- Irvin

Parking Lot Attendant: Sam DeBoe

DECEMBER

General Fund Income: \$5,939.71

Balance: \$59,004.66

Building Fund Income: \$28,280.00

Balance: \$80,744.71 (+ \$5,000.00 payment to principal)

Total: \$139,749.37

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

You are privileged to participate in mattering ministries here at Heart City!

SUNDAY SERVICE:

- Give Announcements
- Read Scripture
- Children's Church/ Nursery

VARIOUS:

- Cleaning Church
- Tell us what you see

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 and future members.
- God is organizing Heart City as a particular church!

Prayer Requests

Great Lakes Presbytery Churches

- **New City Grand Rapids - Rev. DeMyron Haynes (wife Haley)** Praise God as we look forward to the installation of Rev. DeMyron Haynes on Sunday, February 2, at 5:00 PM. All are welcome to attend! Praise for new visitors and those expressing interest in membership. Pray for expectant mothers in our congregation, for health, strength, and safe deliveries. For those battling cancer, recovering from surgeries, and healing from injuries to experience God's healing and sustaining grace. For a brother to find comfort and peace in Christ as he grieves the recent loss of a friend. For our neighborhood, that the gospel would go forth with power and the Lord draw many into His church to know His saving grace.
- **Michiana Covenant, Granger IN – Pastor Peter (Virginia) Wallace, Assoc. Pastor Elliott (Becky) Pinegar** - Pray for: Michiana Covenant Academy (offering classes for home school families); for the gospel to flourish and grow in and through the congregation. Praise for: faithful church mothers who disciple many; young people who are really serious about following Jesus.
- **Faith Presbyterian Church, Grandville MI - Pastor Dan (Cassandra) Naulty** - Praise for our Wednesday nights (dinner, boys/girls clubs, adult studies). Praise for our growth, both spiritually and numerically. Pray for the process of nominating and electing additional elders and deacons. Thank you!

Missions

- **January, TE Del Belcher** will be teaching for SRL Seminary in Villahermosa, Tabasco, Mexico and will address the Presbytery of Grijalva Usumacinta constituted by some 35-40 churches. Pray for the Presbyterian churches in Mexico and for the Belcher's time of ministry there.
- **Rev. Paul E. Engle:** Prayer for upcoming teaching of pastors in Cuba. Pray for reliable supply of electricity and food resources for the students.

Indiana/ Local

- Sister churches to faithfully preach the gospel, reach the lost (Tim Gallagher, Pioneer Faith)
- RETA- Pray for spiritual warfare; Pray for Women's Ministries, Men's Discipleship/ Mentorship

Heart City

- Sufficient money to provide us a new mortgage for 303 S. 3rd.
- That we will be a community that knows true riches, the grace and truth of our Lord Jesus.

“You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed. Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge to Satan.” (John Bunyan)

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