

HEART CITY CHURCH

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

2nd Lord's Day of Lent March 16, 2025
Sunday School 10a Worship 11a



**PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH IN
AMERICA**

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Catechism 51: Of What Advantage to Us is Christ's Ascension? Christ is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father and also sends us his Spirit.

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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) *Stand if you can

God Greets His People: 1 Timothy 1:2 (Elder Mark Fogel)

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

ALL: *All-knowing & all-caring God,*

we gather this day drained by another week.

We are like a parched desert, empty, in need of replenishment.

Visit us with your presence,

saturate us with your Spirit,

and bathe us in your streams of living water,

that our lives might glorify you

to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. Amen!

***God Calls Us To Worship: from Habakkuk 2**

Elder: The Lord is in his holy temple,

let all the earth keep silence before him.

I'll Not Be Shaken (Psalm 62)

For God alone I wait in silence
My soul is still before the Lord
He is my rock and my salvation
My fortress strong I trust in Him

**I'll not be shaken I'll not be shaken
For all my hope is in His love
From God alone comes my salvation
I'll wait and trust His steadfast love**

Put not your hope in gain of riches
Seek not your rest in empty wealth
The rich are weak the poor are mighty
Who turn to God alone for help **CHORUS**

Pour out your heart to God our refuge
And trust in Him to hear you cry
No other hope will never fail you
No other love will not run dry **CHORUS**

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 promise of forgiveness in Christ for all who repent and believe. As God's people, it is fitting we receive pardon together!

God Calls Us to Confess: from Psalm 34 (NLT)

Come, my children, and listen to me, and I will teach you to fear the Lord. Does anyone want to live a life that is long and prosperous? Then keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies! Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it. The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed. The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.

We Confess Sin & Shame To God

Loving Father God, I surrender my life to You today with humble confidence and no reservation. I confess to You my sin and shame, my temptations and trials. Relieve me from anxiety about tomorrow. Loose me from the tyranny of others' approval and disapproval. Help me to believe that the love You showed at the Cross frees me to live from Your smile and not for Your smile. May I find new joy that Jesus paid it all and delight simply and solely in pleasing you. May I know your presence, your peace, your power, and your love as Your plan for my life unfolds one day at a time. I ask as a child to my Father in Jesus' name.

(Take a moment to silently confess)

We Find Forgiveness: Micah 7:18-20 (ESV)

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

**Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more**

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

CHORUS

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

CHORUS

God Speaks to Us: Luke 7:36-50 (ESV)

One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment.

³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner."⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly."

⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little."⁴⁸ And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Sermon "Little Love, Lotta Love"

Pastor Joel

Prayer

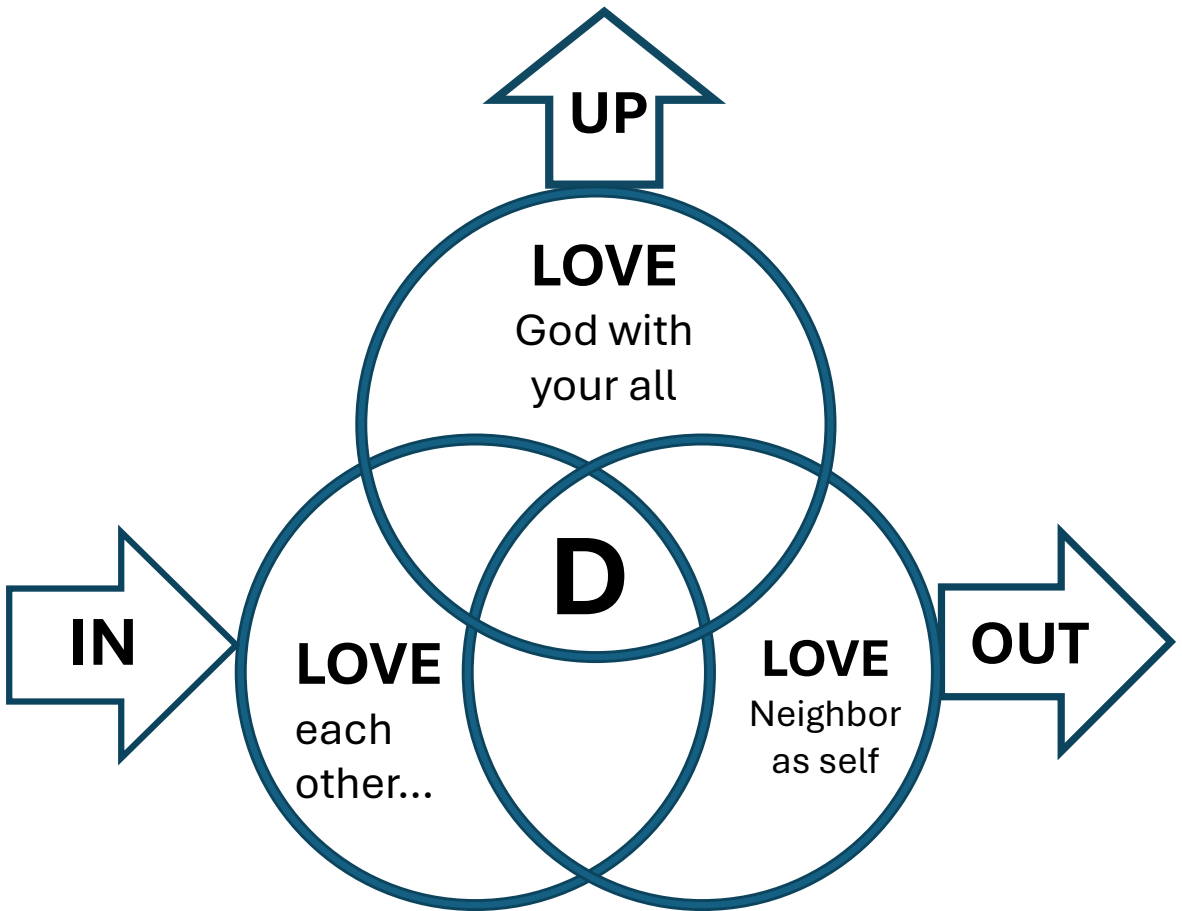
(Monthly Meditation Verse): *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. (1 John 4:7)*

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.

KISS

JESUS

SINNER



Jesus What A Friend For Sinners

Jesus what a friend for sinners
Jesus lover of my soul
Friends may fail me foes assail me
He my Savior makes me whole

Hallelujah what a Savior
Hallelujah what a friend
Saving helping keeping loving
He is with me to the end

Jesus what a strength in weakness
Let me hide myself in Him
Tempted tried and often failing
He my strength my victory wins **(CHORUS)**

Jesus what a help in sorrow
While the billows o'er me roll
Even when my heart is breaking
He my comfort helps my soul **(CHORUS)**

Jesus I do now receive Him
More than all in Him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness
I am His and He is mine **(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 sinful people 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. Maker of heaven and earth

The Lord's Supper

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Host of this meal. All who are baptized, living under Jesus' authority, and are members of His Church are welcome. By eating the bread and drinking the cup as a visitor, you are acknowledging you are a sinner trusting in Jesus alone for your salvation. And there is no shame in staying seated. There is grace for you right where you are as Jesus reveals Himself in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:30-32)

***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**

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

*Take my love my Lord I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee
Ever only all for Thee*

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Announcements

Sunday School (10a-10:40a): ‘How Should We Then Live?’

Worship (11a): 3-D Love series

Fellowship Meal to Follow Service

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

Thursday, Grow Group (6:00-7:30 meeting): “Hope in Suffering”

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

MARCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sunday School-10a Worship- 11a Fellowship Meal	Joe' with Pastor Joel 8:30a-10a		Triple P Parenting Workshop (5:30p-7)	Grow Group: 6:00-7:30		Cleaning- Evans
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sunday School-10a Worship- 11a 40 Day Prayer begins	Joe' with Pastor Joel 8:30a-10a			Grow Group: 6:00-7:30		Cleaning- Liddell
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Monthly Prayer-10a Worship- 11a			Triple P Parenting Workshop (5:30p-7)	Grow Group: 6:00-7:30		Cleaning- Irvin

Parking Lot Attendant: Mike Alby

February Income

General Fund Income: \$11,201.25 Balance: \$55,208.08

Building Fund Income: \$6,431.25 Balance: \$86,129.33(+ \$10,000.00 payment to principal)

Total: \$141,337.41

Mattering Ministry

Opportunities

- Give Announcements
- Read Scripture
- Children’s Church -Nursery
- Cleaning Church
- Tell us what you see

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* Pastor Joel is off on Wednesdays (Please contact officers)

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 (Psalm 103).
- For wisdom and weakness for our Leadership (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Prayer Requests

Great Lakes Presbytery Churches

- **University Reformed Church, East Lansing MI –Sr. Pastor Jason (Leah) Helopoulos, Assistant Pastor Nate (Sarah) Groelsema, Assistant Pastor Nick (Emma) Settington, Assistant Pastor Kevin (Rachel) McAlvey, Assistant Pastor Ben (Kim) Falconer** - Praise for the recent ordination and installation of one of the sons of our church (Kevin McAlvey) as a Teaching Elder. Pray that we would be good stewards of the ministry that God has given us with students, internationals, our ministry training program, and our covenant children. Pray for lasting fruit from our recent Missions Sunday.
- **Rev. Walter (Mynda) Lorenz (Pastor at Large Great Lakes Presbytery: Great Lakes Presbytery:** Praise the Lord for his continued faithfulness to our Presbytery. May he continue to lavish his grace upon us to raise up more faithful ministers, plant more faithful churches, and remain steadfast in faithfully preaching his holy, inerrant, authoritative, and sufficient Word. And please pray for our new committee members and officers who are faithfully carrying out the work of the Presbytery. May the Lord bless their labors as they seek to serve the congregations of the GLP.

Missions

- **MARCH- Ukraine, Garry (Teresa) Verhoog:** Garry is going back for 3 weeks, leaving March 11th. Pray for safety and good health for him and the people he's traveling with, and fellow missionaries visiting churches in Ukraine. Pray for two of our former students, Misha and Nikolai, who have been drafted into the army. Nikolai is a dad, so prayer for his family also, Alona (wife), Daniel, and Sofia. Pray for safety for our people there, and for peace with freedom for Ukraine. Pray for the process as we are applying to work with a new mission organization, as ours is letting go of its missionaries, and for the other missionaries looking for new organizations to work with. <https://moo-oosings.blogspot.com/>

Indiana/ Local

- Sister churches to faithfully preach the gospel, reach the lost (Gebriell Sierra, Trinity in Edwardsburg)
- RETA- Pray for spiritual warfare; Pray for Women's Ministries, Men's Discipleship/ Mentorship
- Sufficient funds/cashflow to provide the newest church in the city 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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