

# THE LORD'S DAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Thank you for joining us in worship today.

## *WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP*

### THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE

*"CONFESS AND BE HEALED"*

### THIS MORNING'S TEXT

James 5:16-18 (Pew Bible: Page 1885)

*See any usher if you need a song sheet or hearing device.  
Both are available on request.*

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**Join us for Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.**

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### THIS EVENING'S MESSAGE

*"FORGIVING THE UNFORGIVABLE"*

### THIS EVENING'S TEXT

Acts 7:54-60 (Pew Bible: Page 1704)

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### MEMBER MINISTRY

Shelley Heijerman, Leah Helder, Lilly Lyon  
Ben DeHaan, Bethany Kennedy, Kylie Sheaffer  
**NO KIDS OF LIGHT TODAY**  
**TODAY:** Ben Lyon, Don VerHage  
**NEXT WEEK:** Nate Jager, Sam Mensch

**NURSERY TODAY**  
**NEXT WEEK**  
**KIDS OF LIGHT**  
**HALL MONITORS**

A big **thank you** to our **Kids Choir** for opening our worship today. We are very blessed here at MRC with so many younger saints in our church family.

**Parents/Children:** There will be **NO** Kids of Light today and next Sunday, November 22.

Please join us for **Adult Sunday School (post high and up)** in the Sanctuary this Sunday! Here are some questions we will be discussing:

1. What is one thing you would change about church?
2. What do you think the future church will look like?
3. What are some characteristics of someone who is "mature" in their faith?

Don't forget, the **Operation Christmas Child Shoe boxes** need to be returned **today**. If you were unable to get yours here today, please contact Cindy Bloemsma.

Tuesday night will conclude our **MRC Women's Bible Study** on the quest. We will be studying pages 168-207. See you there!

Pastor Mark will be on vacation November 17 – 22. Pastor Jim Goldschmeding will be with us next Sunday morning and we will join with East Martin CRC in the evening.

The **Women's Ministry Christmas Dinner** is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 5:30 p.m. Please check your mailboxes today for all the details!

**Please note date change:** The Youth Director Kelly Jager and Pastor Mark will be offering a **Profession of Faith Class** Sunday, November 29, 1:00-3:00 p.m. If you believe in Jesus Christ and sense God calling you to make a stand for Him, please join us.

**Homemade Cookie Dough for sale!** See today's insert for all the details!

**MRC Wall Calendars will be here soon!** We will get them to you as soon as they arrive!

**Nursery Volunteers Needed:** We are in need of more people to help in the nursery. Adults, senior high youth particularly, all youth volunteers are welcomed.

**Need a great Christmas Gift?** We have Martin Reformed Cookbooks for sale \$15.00 each. See Jill Wolthuis or email her at office@martinreformed.org if you are interested.

**MRC Seniors:** Be sure to mark your calendars for Friday, December 4, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., for our **Holiday Dinner** in the Gym.

**“Good Reads” Book Club**, next book is *“If I Were You,”* by Lynn Austin. Next meeting is January 12, 2021. New members are welcome!

If you have any thing you would like to have on the agenda for the **Annual Congregational Meeting**, please contact Pastor Mark.

**To MRC Women-**

Dear Sisters in Christ:

Such a sweet group of “Proverbs 31” women in our Church Family!

“Thanks” is not enough as words go...even our donation doesn’t say how much you’re appreciated. We received many comments on how smoothly the luncheon went, and we appreciate it all so very much. ~Love, Jan Westendorp & Family

**MRC Seniors is looking for a person(s) to organize and prepare meals for our Senior’s group** that meets approximately six times a year. If you are interested in this important ministry, please contact Pastor Mark.

For our **annual Sunday evening Christmas Event** this year, we are combining the talents of both the Sunday School (will present an abbreviated program) and all the rest of you who would like to participate by singing a song, playing an instrument, or perhaps even reading/sharing a favorite Christmas poem or short story. If you would like to participate, please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center.

The **Faith Mission Offering** for the fourth quarter will benefit **SON-Life Camp**. If you would like to donate to this cause, please mark your offering accordingly.

**Martin Resource Center Collections for November** include: soups, canned tomatoes, chili beans, crackers (saltine and oyster), spaghetti and sauce, tea and hot cocoa, boxed meals and foods, stuffing and rice mixes. Please leave your donations in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

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**WORSHIP WITH US: 9:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.**

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

- 10:35 AM** Coffee/conversation in the Narthex Area.  
**10:35 AM** Children's Choir – Three's thru Grade 2: Meet in Fellowship Hall.  
**10:45 AM** Sunday School classes for all ages until 11:30 a.m.  
**6:00 PM** Evening Worship in the Sanctuary.  
**6:00 PM** NO Youth Group Meetings tonight.

### MONDAY

- 7:00 PM** Women's Volleyball in the Gym – until 9:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY

- 6:30 PM** Women's Bible Study in the Youth Room.

### WEDNESDAY

- 4:00 PM** MRC Prays in the Narthex Area.  
**7:15 PM** Fourth Sunday Worship Team: Musicians.  
**7:30 PM** Fourth Sunday Worship Team: Vocalists.

\*\*\* **Doug Flamm, Wes and Cindy Bloemsma's son-in-law**, has skin cancer. Because he is diabetic and had a kidney transplant years ago, treatment is more complicated. Surgery is scheduled for Tuesday at U of M. Pray for complete healing.

\*\*\* **Carl DeMann** has returned home from the hospital following some blood pressure issues. Pray for complete healing.

\*\*\* **Ilah Henderson** was hospitalized for dehydration, but has now returned home. Pray for a full recovery.

\*\*\* **Lynsey Jager** will have her annual PET Scan today. Please pray for a clear scan.

\*\*\* **Liza Klingenberg** had exploratory knee surgery on Wednesday. Pray that God hastens the healing process.

\*\*\* Continue to pray for **Nora Mingerink** and **Judy Nieuwenhuis** in their battle against cancer.

\*\*\* **Ben Moored** has a collapsed lung and will most likely have surgery on Wednesday at U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor. Pray that God blesses Ben with a successful surgery and permanent healing.

\*\*\* **Sherry, Kat Potts niece**, had a good pathology report and no further surgery will be needed. Pray for complete healing.

\*\*\* Pray for **all those of our church family** who are battling COVID-19.

\*\*\* Pray for the men and women who give of themselves everyday as they serve in our armed forces, as law enforcement officers, EMT personnel, firefighters, and healthcare workers.

\*\*\* Pray for those with ongoing health concerns: **Blaine Anderson** (Jim and Barb Keyzer's nephew); **Shannon Bergsma** (Frank & Margaret Schram and Jan Westendorp's niece); **Shirley** (sister-in-law to Seymour and Pat DeHaan); **Tom Damber** (Michelle DeMann's father); **Dennis Helmholdt** (Jerry and Sally Pols's brother-in-law); **Kimmi McCliman** (Mike and Chris Grosser's cousin); **Stella Waller**, Linda Benwire's sister; **Hope Wassenaar**, (SON-Life Camp Director); and **John Ybema**, (Morgan's grandfather).

## REASONS FOR PRAISE

\*\*\* Praise God for a safe harvest season.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Sunday Evening - November 15, 2020**  
**Pastor Mark Heijerman**

**6:00 P. M.:**

**We Gather As God's People**

Prelude – Carol Jager  
Welcome

**We Praise God in Song**

Opening Prayer  
Song Service (Rick Katje)

**We Turn to God in Prayer and Preparation**

Time of Prayer  
Time of Reflection  
Song of Preparation #436: "Whiter Than Snow"

**We Quiet Ourselves to Hear the Word**

Prayer for Illumination  
Scripture: Acts 7:54-60 (Pew Bible: Page 1704)  
Message: "*FORGIVING THE UNFORGIVABLE*"  
Prayer of Application

**We Respond to the Word**

Song of Response #206 (vs. 1-2): "There Is a Redeemer"  
Parting Blessing

**We Are Sent Forth in the Grace of God**

Parting Song #206 (last verse): "There Is a Redeemer"  
Postlude