

**Morning Worship ~ 9:30 AM
January 18, 2026**

God Gathers Us into Worship

Prelude
*Call to Worship
*Opening Song: CH 214 *I will Enter His Gates*
*Prayer
*Mutual Greeting

We Lift Our Voices to God in Worship

*Songs of Praise: CH 405 *I Love Thy Kingdom Lord*
CH 408 *How Firm a Foundation*
Reading of the Law/Christian Living

We Respond Through Prayer

Praises and Prayer Concerns
Congregational Prayer
Offering *General Fund/Ministry Shares*

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture: **Nehemiah 3** (P. 752)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Message: **United We Rise, Divided We Fall**
*Song of Response: CH 433 *Rise Up O Church of God*

God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission

*Parting Blessing
*Closing Song CH 419 *The Family of God*

*Please stand if able

**Evening Worship
6:00 PM**

God Gathers Us into Worship

Prelude
*Call to Worship
*Opening Prayer

We Lift Our Voices to God in Worship

*Opening Songs: CH 105 *We Will Glorify*
CH 106 *Worthy, You Are Worthy*
*Apostles Creed

We Respond Through Prayer

*Song of Prayer CH 633 *Open Our Eyes Lord*
Praises and Prayer Concerns
Congregational Prayer
Offering *Martin Resource Center*

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture: **Ephesians 4:17-24** (P. 1821)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Message: **The Old Life and The New Life**
Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 33 (Page 45 back of the Psalter)
*Song of Response CH 605 vs. 1-3 *Living for Jesus*

God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission

*God's Parting Blessing
*Closing Song CH 605 v. 4 *Living for Jesus*

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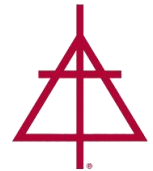
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***Come!
Let us
worship
together,
in spirit and truth!***



OUR VISION

Our purpose, having been called by Christ to a life of service, is to glorify God through Biblical worship, strengthening and enriching one another in the Christian life, and sharing Christ's love through word and deed in faithful witness, both within our congregation and outside our fellowship.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for God's guidance and direction for Don Wubben this week.

OFFERINGS

Today AM: General Fund/Ministry Shares
PM: Martin Resource Center

Next Week AM: East Martin Christian School
PM: East Martin Christian School – Tuition Assistance

GREETERS

Today AM: Steve & Sara Heffron, Don Wubben
PM: Bob & Ruth Katje

Next Week AM: Jonathan & Amy Kalkman, Harold Wykstra
PM: Glenn & Nancy Leep

LIBRARY

Today Rena Lynema

Next Week Linda DeYoung

NURSERY

Today Jessica Tucker

Next Week Rebekah Westendorp

USHERS

Today Thomas Westendorp, Bruce Aukema, Randy Bouman

Next Week Joe DeKoekkoek, Kevin DeKoekkoek, Chase DeMaagd

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER: March 8

	<u>OUR WEEK</u>	January 18, 2026
<u>Sunday</u>	8:00 AM	Prayer Group
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Coffee
		Sunday School
	7:30 PM	Her True North
<u>Monday</u>	7:00 PM	Building Committee
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 PM	Worship Committee
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:45 AM	Coffee Break
	6:00 PM	GEMS/Cadets
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study

Reading of God's Law through the Lens of God's Grace (Ephesians 2:1-10)

Leader: What was our condition apart from Christ?

People: We were dead in our trespasses and sins.

Leader: But what has God done?

People: God, being rich in mercy, made us alive together with Christ.

Leader: By what means are we saved?

People: By grace we have been saved through faith, not by our own works.

Leader: Why has God saved us?

People: To display the riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Leader: To what kind of life does this grace call us?

People: We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.

Confession of Sin (Unison)

Merciful God,
You made us alive by grace,
Yet we confess that we still walk
As though we were our own masters.
We forget that apart from Christ
We were dead and helpless,
And we often trust in our own efforts
Rather than in Your mercy.
Forgive us for our pride,
Our self-reliance,
And our failure to walk
In the good works You prepared for us.
Renew us by Your Spirit,

That we may live as those
Who have been raised with Christ.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

Hear the good news:
By grace you have been saved through faith,
And this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God.
In Jesus Christ, you have been made alive,
Your sins are forgiven,
And you are welcomed into new life.
God's mercy is greater than your sin,
His grace is stronger than your death.
In Christ, you are forgiven
And set free to walk in newness of life.
Thanks be to God.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a meeting after this morning's service for those interested in the Spring Break Serve trip. The trip (March 28-April 4) will be going to Mitchel County, NC to help repair damage from hurricane Helene. Lodging will be provided at Bear Creek Baptist Church in Bakersville, NC. Information was in the December Echoes. We will view a few short videos to explain the work and what is expected and answer questions. By Sunday, February 1 we will need to confirm who is going so the reservation process can begin. Please keep these dates on your calendar.

All articles for the Echoes are due today.

The first week of Coffee Break's study will be January 21, 9:45. We will start with lesson 2. If anyone would like to join and needs a book talk to Deb Smit.

On behalf of the Martin Resource Center I would like to thank the congregation for their out-pouring of love and kindness by giving food and donations of money and your prayers for people in need, and for the deacons who brought it to your attention, and may God be glorified, through your generous deeds and acts of love. God bless you all. ~ Linda DeYoung.

Our GEMS leaders are planning for next year. Do you have a skill or talent that you could teach the GEMS girls in an hour? Please see Amy Kalkman, if you are interested in teaching a craft/concept to the GEMS girls.

Next Sunday, January 25, there will be a **special Congregational Meeting** immediately following the morning service to update the congregation on the status of Pastor Joel's visa.

Save the date! East Martin Christian School's Annual Wild Game Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 21. Doors open at 4 pm; dinner at 5 pm. Our speaker this year is Tom Maher, former public safety officer and hunter. There will be Dutch and silent auction items to win. If you have meat or fish you'd like to donate or if you're willing to make a dish, please contact Jen Tuinstra at 269-779-2323. For more details and to RSVP visit www.eastmartin.org/support.

SON-Life Camp Staff Needed!! SON-Life Camp is now hiring paid staff for our upcoming summer camp season. If you love working with kids and want to serve Christ in a fun, faith-filled environment, visit www.son-lifecamp.org.

Sermon Series: The Book of Nehemiah (Rebuilt, Reformed, Restored)

Sermon Recap: Nehemiah 2 shows that God’s good hand is able to turn ra—what is bad, painful, and broken—into tov, what is good and purposeful. Nehemiah does not deny the reality of the ruins, the sorrow, or the opposition, but he refuses to let ra have the final word. God uses even a pagan king to provide protection and resources, proving that hardship is not an obstacle to God’s purposes but often the very means He uses to accomplish them. The chapter teaches us that faith looks honestly at what is broken while trusting that God is at work bringing good out of what is bad, for His glory and for the good of His people.

Sermon Title: United We Rise, Divided We Fall

Sermon Text: Nehemiah 3

Sermon Outline:

1. Spiritual Leadership Determines Direction

2. Spiritual Unity is Essential in the Lord’s Word

3. Spiritual Indifference Leads to Destruction

Sermon Series: The Heidelberg Catechism

Sermon Recap: Saving grace always shows itself in grateful obedience. Titus 2:10 and Lord’s Day 32 teach that good works do not earn salvation but adorn the gospel by displaying the beauty and power of God’s grace, while ungrateful and impenitent lives reveal hearts unchanged by grace.

Sermon Title: The Old Life and The New Life

Sermon Text: Ephesians 4:17-24

The Heidelberg Catechism: Lord’s Day 33

Sermon Outline:

1. The Old Self Must be Put Off and Put to Death

2. The New Self Must be Put On and Lived in Joy