

Morning Worship ~ 9:30 AM
February 8, 2026

God Gathers Us into Worship

Prelude

*Call to Worship

*Opening Song: CH 227

Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

*Prayer

*Mutual Greeting

We Lift Our Voices to God in Worship

*Songs of Praise: CH 431

Shine, Jesus, Shine

CH 434

Revive Us Again

Reading of the Law/Christian Living

We Respond Through Prayer

Praises and Prayer Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Offering

East Martin Christian School

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture: **Nehemiah 5 (P. 756)**

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: **Compassion and Repentance Go Hand in Hand**

*Song of Response: CH 591 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Song CH 426 vs. 1 & 3

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*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 617

CH 620

Near to the Heart of God

Under His Wings

*Apostles Creed

We Respond Through Prayer

*Song of Prayer CH 481

Come Just As You Are

Praises and Prayer Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Growing Hope Globally

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture:

James 3:1–12 (P. 1883)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: **Your Mouth is the Window of Your Heart**

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 36 (Page 49 back of the Psalter)

*Song of Response CH 435 vs. 1-3 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song CH 435 v. 4

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Bruce Mejeur

Deb Smit

Scott & Jen Tuinstra



*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 Doug DeMann this week.

OFFERINGS

Today	AM: East Martin Christian School PM: Growing Hope Globally
Next Week	AM: General Fund/Ministry Shares PM: LEMA Institute

GREETERS

Today	AM: Dave & Jean Mejeur, Doug DeMann PM: Keith & Deb Smit
Next Week	AM: Nancy Minegar & Joan Kammeraad, Dennis DeYoung PM: Bruce & Sue Tiemeyer

LIBRARY

Today	Rena Lynema
Next Week	Linda DeYoung

NURSERY

Today	Laura DeMaagd
Next Week	Riley and Addison Tuinstra

USHERS

Today	Levi DeYoung, Jonathan Kalkman, Bob Katje
Next Week	Bram Katje, Glenn Leep, Wes Leep

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER: March 8

	<u>OUR WEEK</u>	February 8, 2026
<u>Sunday</u>	8:00 AM	Prayer Group
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Coffee
		Sunday School
	7:30 PM	Youth Group
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 PM	Ladies Bible Study
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 PM	Council
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:45 AM	Coffee Break

Reading of God's Law (A Call to Repentance and Compassion)

Leader: The LORD has redeemed us by His grace and calls us to live as a people shaped by repentance and compassion. He gives us His law not to condemn us, but to reveal our sin and teach us how to love.

People: Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Leader: What does God's law call us to do?

People: To turn from sin, to resist injustice, and to love our neighbor.

Leader: How shall we live as the redeemed?

People: With humble hearts, repenting of our sins, and walking in grateful obedience.

Confession of Sin (Unison)

Merciful God,

**You call us to love as You have loved us,
yet we confess that we often fail.**

**We have sought our own good instead of the good of others,
and progress without compassion.**

Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**Renew our hearts by Your Spirit,
that we may walk in repentance
and serve one another in love.**

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel:
"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just
to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all
unrighteousness."

**In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven,
our hearts are renewed,
and we are called to live as a redeemed and compassionate
people.**

People: Thanks be to God.

Take note! As we welcome new people into our church family we are shifting mailboxes around to make room. Please be aware as you collect your church mail.

If you plan to go on the Spring Break Serve Trip from March 28 to April 4 in Mitchell County NC, please sign the sheet in the back of the narthex by Sunday, February 8. We will then be able to establish our group with World Renew and begin to get more information on work duties and supplies needed. If you have any questions, please contact Mary or Randy.

All articles for the *Echoes* are due this week.

Ladies Evening Bible Study: We meet Monday night at 6:30 pm.

Men's Bible study group will be starting up a new study on February 18. We will be studying Spiritual Warfare by Jack Kuhatschek. If you were considering getting into a Bible study group, it would be a great opportunity to join as we delve into an interesting study on spiritual war going on around us, how to detect it, and how to combat it with God's strength and tools. If you feel led to join contact Keith Smit, he'll make sure you have a book. The group meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in church.

Thank you to those who have already provided a meal for the youth group. There is a signup sheet if you would like to provide a, upcoming meal.

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.

East Martin Christian School's Annual Wild Game Dinner is just 2 weeks away! Doors open at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21; dinner at 5 p.m. Please RSVP if you plan on coming by visiting www.eastmartin.org. If you're willing to make a dish, please contact Jen Tuinstra at 269-779-2323.

Mid-America Reformed Seminary invites you to the 2026 Spring Student Lectures, to be held on Tuesday, March 10, on campus in our new chapel. The lectures will feature Dr. Mark Jones, minister at Faith Vancouver PCA, presenting "Losing My Religion," a three-part series from Luke 15 examining sin, backsliding, warning signs, and genuine repentance. The afternoon sessions run from 1:00 – 4:30 PM (Central Time) and include Q&A periods and refreshment breaks. Those unable to attend in person may watch via live stream on Facebook and YouTube. Register online at www.midamerica.edu to secure your spot.

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.

Elders	Districts	Deacons
Harold Wykstra	A – DenBoer	Doug DeMann
Cameron Tuinstra	Dendel – G. Leep	Kevin Bouman
Dennis DeYoung	N. Leep – Rillema	Dean Wubben
Don Wubben	Rook – VanderMeulen	Tim Westendorp
Dave Misner	VanEldren – Z	Vern Klaasen

Sermon Series: The Book of Nehemiah: Rebuilding, Reforming, and Restoring

Sermon Recap: Nehemiah 4 teaches that whenever God's work moves forward, opposition will surely follow—not as proof of failure, but as evidence that God is at work; through mockery, threats, fear, and fatigue, the enemy seeks to discourage both new and mature believers, yet Nehemiah shows that God's people must respond with prayer, vigilance, and perseverance, building faithfully while staying watchful, trusting that "our God will fight for us," remaining united as a community, grounded in God's Word, gathered regularly for renewal, and confident that in Christ the ultimate Builder and Defender, no opposition can stop what God has purposed to complete.

Sermon Title: Compassion and Repentance Go Hand in Hand

Sermon Text: Nehemiah 5

Sermon Outline:

1. When the Redeemed Forget their Identity, Progress Becomes Self-Serving (5:1–11)

2. When Repentance is Practiced, God's People is Served and God's Favor is Received

Sermon Series: The Heidelberg Catechism

Sermon Recap: Lord's Day 35 teaches that because God is Spirit—eternal, immortal, and invisible—He forbids His people from making images of Him and calls them instead to worship Him only as He has revealed Himself in His Word, not according to human imagination; the Second Commandment protects both God's glory and our hearts by guarding us from reducing, controlling, or reshaping God through physical or mental images, while directing us to true knowledge of Him through preaching, Scripture, and ultimately Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son, in whom the invisible God has graciously made Himself known.

Sermon Title: Your Mouth is the Window of Your Heart (3rd Commandment)

Sermon Text: James 3:1–12

Sermon Outline:

1. The Name of God is Holy

2. The Tongue on Man Exposes His Own Heart

3. The Gospel-Shaped Tongue Uses the Name of God for Gain