

NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2025



Milan Christian Church

Where Faith, Friends, and Family Meet



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*** WELCOME HOME ***

Our Vision: *The Vision of Milan Christian Church is to strive every day to take the Gospel of Christ to those who need to hear it, to bring them into relationship with Christ through the waters of Christian Baptism, to teach them to become disciples of Christ, and equip and encourage all Christians to live their lives as Christ would live.*

Milan Christian Church
New Sermon Series
Christmas
Beginning December 7, 2025

BAPTISM



**STEVE & ERIKA BRADARICH – Baptized by their daughter Sophia
11/16/2025**

13th Annual
Give-A-Gift Project
MCC is partnering with QC Mission this year.

Registration & Gift Selection: Begins Sunday 11/9/25 in the coffee room.

Gifts Due: Sunday 12/7/25
Please drop wrapped gifts off at the church.

Delivery Date: Saturday December 13th.

Questions: Please see Jim Roggenbauer



Elderberries
Luncheon
DECEMBER 9, 2025
AT 11:30am
Meatloaf will be provided.
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
EVERYONE IS INVITED!
Questions, please see:
Anne Bosold or Sherry Powell





Children's Ministry
Christmas Program
Celebrate the real reason for the season!
Sunday December 21, 2025
During 9:30am Worship Service
Questions: Please see Aaron or Kristy Johnson



MILAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24TH
5:30pm
709 Hillcrest Rd
Milan, IL 61264
(309)787-6879



O, Come, Let Us Adore Him
By Dr. Ralph F. Wilson, from joyfulheart.com



One of our favorite Christmas carols, "**O, Come, All Ye Faithful,**" goes back hundreds of years, perhaps to a Cistercian monastery. Often known by its Latin title, *Adeste Fideles* ("Come, faithful people"), this hymn is a call for God's faithful, joyous people to contemplate the "King of Angels" in Bethlehem's manger. The first verse puts out the invitation.

***"O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;***

The chorus, repeated again and again, calls us to adore Him -- that is, to be fond of, to regard with loving admiration and devotion, and ultimately, to worship Him and honor Him as divine.

***"O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord."***

The second verse of the Latin hymn doesn't appear in many Protestant hymnals, but extols Christ as the incarnate God, using phrases drawn from the ancient Nicene Creed. Most people today -- even many Christians -- look at the baby in the manger as a sweet Christ figure, but not really as God in Person. Verse 2

reminds us that even in the manger -- especially in the manger -- this baby is God himself in human flesh -- "Very God of Very God."

Verse 3 invites the angel chorus, the mighty angel army that appeared to the shepherds outside of Bethlehem, to join us in adoration.

***"Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!
Glory to God, glory in the highest...."***

The angel host must have felt at home worshipping before the throne of God. But when called to an obscure Judean hillside, they must have wondered what all the fuss was about. Then, it hit them. They were called to celebrate the coming of God to earth, incarnate in a newborn baby. They sang their hearts out, and we are invited to do the same.

Verse 4 is a welcome, a greeting to the newborn King.

***"Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing...."***

The last line recalls the first lines of John's Gospel, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (**John 1:1**) John observes, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (**John 1:14**). And so, we proclaim in song, "Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!"

When we sing **"O, Come, All Ye Faithful,"** we are reaffirming that the baby in Bethlehem's manger is indeed God in human flesh, Christ the Lord.

This morning, in the church where I worship, we sang the chorus over and over as we worshipped, our voices joining with those of monks of long ago, of believers throughout the ages, and the angel chorus that appeared on Christmas morning on the hills of Bethlehem.

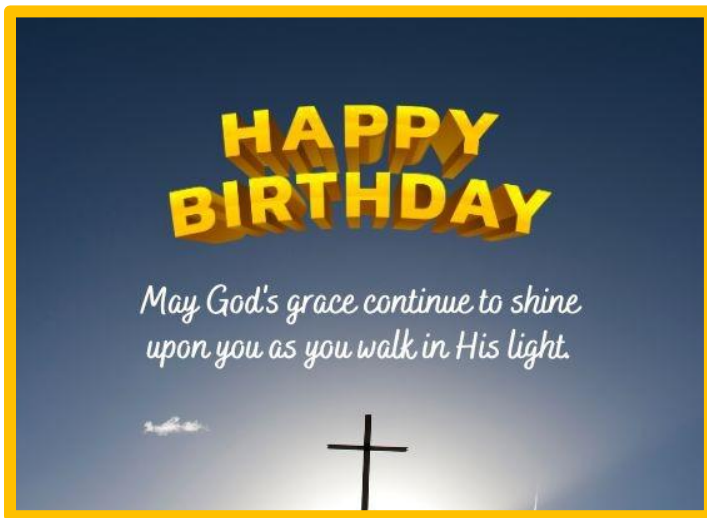
***"O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord."***

He is worthy of all our praise!





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 12 – Devin Marquis & Laine Powell**
- 19 – Tony Versluys**
- 20 – Kelvin Hipkins**
- 21 – Emily Kelley**
- 26 – Sierra Slavish**
- 27 – Carol Leingang**
- 29 – Sofia Leone**
- 31 – Phyllis Martens & Johnny Oeth**

Milan Christian Church Presents
Come As You Are!
THURSDAY NIGHT
WORSHIP SERVICE

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT

WELCOME HOME!

5:30pm: Let us cook for you. Join us for a hot home cooked meal.

6:00pm: Relax with God. Come to a laid back, comfortable worship service.

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NOTE: Thursday Night Service will not be held 12/25/2025 or 1/1/2026.

Prayer Requests

Phyllis Boley – Health issue
Tammy Booker – Personal issue
Anne Bosold – Health Issue
Wayne & Helen Howell – Health issues
Susan Huber – Health issue
Doug Kalkwarf – Health issue
Betty Kisner – Health issue
Diana & David Lee Family (Passing of Diana's sister Sue) - Comfort
Paul & Barb Lane – Health issues
David & Diana Lee – Health issues
Norma Leone – Comfort (post-surgery)
Dennis & Phyllis Martens – Health issues
Kathie McAdams – Comfort
Brent McCrae – Health issue
Amy Mitchell – Comfort (post-surgery)
Scott Powell – Health issue
Sherry Powell – Comfort (post-surgery)
Britton Rexroat – Health issue
Gretchen Rexroat – Job issue
George Smith – Health issue
Linda Tipton – Health issue
Sue Wriedt – Health issue
Julie (Johnny Oeth's mother) – Cancer
Di (Linda Tipton's sister) – Health issue
Lacey (Sherry Powell's granddaughter) – Health issue
Alyse (Don & Cathy Jo Merritt's daughter-in-law) – Cancer
DiAaron (Kathie McAdams' son) – Personal issue
Wendy (Pete & Norma Leone's niece) – Health issue
Sue (Angela Northcutt's sister) – Cancer
Dwight (Anne Bosold's friend) – Cancer
Gary (George Smith's son) – Recovery from numerous surgeries
Michelle (Kirsten Litton's sister) – Recovery from serious injury
Art (Linda Tipton's cousin's husband) – Health issue
Dave (Chris & Linda Tipton's neighbor) – Health issue
Keith (Chris & Linda Tipton's friend) – Health issue
Mike (Brad Webster's brother) – Personal issue
Angie & Shawn (David & Diana Lee's daughters) – Health issue &
Personal issue
Bill, John & Pat (Phyllis Boley's brothers) – Cancer, Cancer, & Health issue
Bonnie (Phyllis Boley's friend) – Health issue
Darcy (Friend of Jay & Mary Jo Oliver & Jan Pugh) – Health issue
Nate (Grandson of Jan Pugh's friend) – Cancer
John (David Lee's friend) – Health issue

All our children dealing w/school or personal issues.

All who don't know Jesus or need to come back to Him.

When We Pray Together, We're Working Together



HEART GIFTS

By Helen Steiner Rice



*It's not the things that can be bought
that are life's richest treasure,
It's just the little "heart gifts"
that money cannot measure . . .*

*A cheerful smile, a friendly word
a sympathetic nod
Are priceless little treasures
from the storehouse of our God . . .*

*They are the things that can't be bought
with silver or with gold,
For thoughtfulness and kindness
and love are never sold . . .*

*They are the priceless things in life
for which no one can pay,
And the giver finds rich recompense
in **giving them away.***

3 WAYS TO GIVE

PO Box 425
Milan, IL 61264

If you would like to give online,
please see Andy Werner or
Britton Rexroat.

In Person
at Worship Service

The graphic features a dark teal background with a white '3' in a circle and the text 'WAYS TO GIVE' in large white letters. Below this are three teal boxes, each with an icon and text describing a way to give: an envelope for mail, a globe for online giving, and a group of people for in-person giving at worship service.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR:

TUESDAY (Not on Elderberries Tues.)—Small Group, MCC basement, 10 AM

WEDNESDAY—Small Group, Oliver home – Will resume Sep. 3rd, 5:30 PM

—Small Group, Rexroat home – Will resume Sep 3rd; Dinner – 5:30 PM, Bible Study – 6 PM

—Small Group, Mitchell home, 5:30 PM

—Worship Rehearsal, MCC, 6 PM

THURSDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE—Dinner

5:30 PM, Service 6:00 PM (Downstairs)

SUNDAY—In-Building Worship, 9:30 to 10:30 AM (Gluten Free Communion is available in the Coffee/Coat Room or ask a server for assistance. Also, if anyone is in need of prayer & would like to pray w/someone, there will be individuals available at the front of the sanctuary after service.) Church services are available to view on our website at www.MilanChristianChurch.com.

—Kids Church (Preschool-5th Grade) & Nursery: 9:30 AM (Downstairs)

—Student Ministry (6th-12th Grade): 9:30 AM, In the BOB (Building Out Back)

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7 – PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

7 – CHRISTMAS SERMON SERIES BEGINS

7 – GIVE-A-GIFT PROJECT – Gifts Due

9 – Elderberries Luncheon, MCC basement, 11:30 AM

9 – Elder's Meeting (closed), 5:30 PM

20 – Men's Breakfast - **Cancelled**

20 – Ladies Brunch, MCC basement, 10 AM – 2 PM

21 – CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, 9:30 AM Worship Service

24 – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, 5:30 PM

25 – CHRISTMAS DAY (Thurs Night Worship Service **Cancelled**)

31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE