

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024

January 18, 2026

Issue 3

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Doug

Opening Hymn:

338—I Know Whom I Have Believed

Opening Prayer: Dale

Hymn:

122—There Stands A Rock

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Romans 6:1-6

Hymn:

328—Beneath The Cross Of Jesus

Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

397—Precious Memories

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

639—Where He Leads Me

Closing Hymn:

208—I'll Be A Friend To Jesus

Closing Prayer: Ryan

♪ I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold,
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands,
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand
Than to be the king of a vast domain
Or be held in sin's dread sway;
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today. ♪

CALENDAR

Jan 18—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am

Speaker: Tom

Jan 21—(b) Madelyn

Jan 21—(b) Robert

Jan 25—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am

Speaker: Mark

Jan 26—(b) Amy

Jan 31—(b) Logan

Jan 31—(b) Brenda

Glory in the Highest to God

The Revised Standard Version translates Luke 2:14 thusly: "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

Although I admire greatly the RSV, in this case I don't believe this is the best or most accurate translation of this passage. A better rendering, I believe, is, "Glory in the highest to God, and on Earth peace among men of good will."

God didn't send the gift of His Son to Earth because He was pleased with man, which is how the RSV appears to read. Had He been pleased with men, there would have been no need to send His Son in the first place. On the contrary, God sent us Jesus Christ because our sins had made us His enemy (James 4:4), and it's His will that none should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

What the Angels were intending to tell us is that glory and praise of the highest magnitude are to be given to God because of Whom He is, not merely because of where He is. As it's written in the RSV, one might be led to believe that praise is to be given to God merely because of the place (location) where He is. There's nothing wrong with that, per se, but I believe it falls short of what's really being conveyed in this passage. What was being proclaimed is an affirmation from the Heavenly host of why God should be praised thusly.

The glory and praise bestowed upon God is to be of the highest caliber because only He offers salvation, only He offers peace, only He offers forgiveness of sins, and only He offers reconciliation of His people through the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. Through His boundless grace freely granted He offers this most precious of gifts to us, not because of our goodness or our works (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9), but because He loved us so much and knew that we were in need of His salvation (John 3:16).

The "peace among men of good will" will only come and be bestowed upon those who honor God with praise and glory of the highest magnitude. This only happens if we are men who are doers as well as hearers of His word (James 1:22). Then, and only then, will He be pleased with men, for we will have put to death our old man that the body of sin may be done away (Romans 6:6). We shall be conformed to the body of His glory (Philippians 3:21), no longer in bondage to sin (Romans 6:6). God will view us through the riches of His glory (Ephesians 3:16) that is His Son as we are now clothed in Christ (Galatians 3:27), our sins washed away through the redemption that is found in His blood (Acts 22:16; Ephesians 1:7).

May you and yours truly enjoy "peace among men of good will" as you give "glory in the highest to God"

David R. Ferguson preaches for the
Mentor Church of Christ in Mentor, OH.

PRAYER LIST

Mynda as she travels. Her Mom is improving. Her **Aunt Donna** and family during a difficult time
Tom & Nina health, Sister in law **Frances** health, Daughter **Jenny** and family
Mark and **Debbie** as they travel. Mark's brother **Dale**
Bonnie's health, grandsons **Devin, Dakota, Dillon, Mick, Connor**. Daughters **Ronda** and **Renee**.
Wanda's migraines; son **Allen**. Her sister **Joyce's** brother in law health
Mary, Carl and family, Keatha—Mary's sister-in-law. Mary's brother **David** with health issue, Nephew
Jim and Beverly G. health issues. Jim is at VA hospital, Bev is in treatment
Wayne and Diane G. with health issues
Kathy's health, friends Channing, Jimmy & Howard, Kim, Rex, Edard Family, Nick & Emily Family, Sandi & John
Linda's broken foot & health, **Tiffany & family, Christian** seizures, son **John** & wife **Becky's** health, great Grand daughter **Dahlia** health. **Ethan's** health
Zarna and her family
Juanita is sick with the flu. Her family. Nurse's aid Maddie's health
Ray and Barbara and their family.
Dale's health issues, headaches, His family. 7 year old girl, **Lucie**, with Leukemia. Cousins, **Randal** physical & mental health, **Jalen's** mental health.
Ray's health and his family. He is at Chardon Health care room #203. **Steven and Asher**.
Pat and her family
Robert & Sara, Son **Michael**, Daughter **Maddie**, Sara's father **Jeff's** recovery, her mother **Connie's** health
Brenda heart issues and upcoming procedure, son **Mark's** heart issues, sister-in-law **Linda**, breast cancer, grandson **Jason** neck disc, granddaughter **Amanda**, brother **Jim** surgery recovery, Friend **Marge** cancer.
Larry as he travels
Doug's mother, **Virginia**, as she heals
Betty's niece **Kelly** as she gets treatment for a brain tumor

WORD LIST

ANGLE	BAPTIZED	BODY
CHRIST	CRUCIFIED	DEAD
DEATH	DESTROY	EARTH
FATHER	GLORY	GRACE
KNOW	LIFE	LIKENESS
LIVE	MAN	MANY
NEWNESS	OLD	PEACE
PERISH	PLANTED	PRAISE
RAISED	SERVE	SIN
WALK		

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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear:
 what can man do unto me?

Psalm 118:6

Romans 6:1-6 1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

SUNDAY: Bible Study—10:00 am, Worship—11:00 am

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