

Date 12/11/2022 Name \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are a visitor to our service this morning, please provide your name and address so we can acknowledge your visit by sending you a welcome note.

**Welcome to Church**

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And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”  
“And He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
And with all your soul, and with all your mind.’  
This is the great and foremost commandment.

The second is like it,  
‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’  
On these commandments depend  
The whole Law and the Prophets.”

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT  
Matthew 22:36-40

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying,  
“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.  
Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them  
In the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you;

And lo, I am with you always, even to  
The end of the age.”

THE GREAT COMMISSION  
Matthew 28:18-20

You can use the tear off on the edge of the bulletin and drop it in the offering box or the box in the foyer. Alternatively, you can click [here](#) or use the contacts below if you would like to:

- Acknowledge your visit with us (physical or virtual) OR
- Contact us with prayer requests, questions, concerns, needs OR
- Request visitation prayer at your specific location (in your home, at the hospital, or nursing facility, etc.)

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The Parable of the Father and His Two Sons in the Vineyard, from The Story of Christ, Georg Pencz (1500–1550)



Parable of the Wicked Tenants, by Phillip Medhurst - Photo by Harry Kossuth, FAL, [wikimedia commons](#)

December 11, 2022

MELBOURNE  
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# Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

## Sunday Service — December 11, 2022

### ORDER OF SUNDAY SERVICE

Special video opens the service

Old Testament Reading, [Isaiah 5:1-7](#)  
Worship

Offering

Announcements of upcoming events

Pastoral prayer for the children before Sunday School classes.  
The Nursery is available for infants & toddlers at any time.

New Testament Reading, [John 5:31-46](#)

“License and Ordination, Please”, [Matthew 21:23-46](#)  
by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor

The Lord’s Supper is offered, along with prayer ministry  
while worship continues.

Benediction & Closing Prayer

### **This Sunday Morning:**

**Children’s Church:** Pre-school—1<sup>st</sup> grade class and 2<sup>nd</sup>—6<sup>th</sup> grade class.

### **12/24: Christmas Eve, Saturday Evening**

*Christmas Eve Service*, Saturday evening  
at **6:00 PM**.

### **12/25: Christmas Morning**

No *Sunday Service* Christmas day.



### EVENTS THIS WEEK

#### **12/11: This Sunday Evening:**

*Young Adult Small Group*, **no** meeting this week. Christmas Party next week, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, **6:00 PM**, at Nathan and Heather Eley’s home. On break again Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, resuming Jan. 8.

#### **12/13: Tuesday:**

*Memoirs Group*, led by Barbara Murgatroyd, at **4:00 PM** in the church sanctuary. Text Barbara at (321) 355-9705 for more information or just join us.

The *Chosen Study for Ladies*, is on hiatus until January.

#### **12/14: Wednesday Evening**

*Under the Cross (UTX)*, this week with pizza at **6:00 PM**, then a lesson from **6:30 PM—7:30 PM**. For ages pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

*Salt Youth Group* will be meeting **6:00 PM—7:30 PM** at MCC.

*Adult Gathering* from **6:30 PM—7:30 PM** to pray, and discuss any questions regarding Sunday’s teaching and other items of devotional interest. We also have a *Zoom* option available.

#### **12/15: Thursday Afternoon:**

*Bible Art Journaling Group* from **10:30 AM—12:30 PM** also from **2:30—4:00 PM** in the MCC sanctuary. Text Barbara Murgatroyd [\(321\) 355-9705](tel:3213559705).

*Women’s Prayer Group*, meeting at **1:30 PM—3:30 PM**, For weekly meeting location, please contact the lead, Jenny Laurie Wilson [\(321\) 961-3658](tel:3219613658).

*Guitar Class* for ages 10 and up at **6:30 PM** in the MCC sanctuary. See Walter Straub, Worship Pastor.

#### **12/17: Saturday:**

*Ladies’ Morning Prayer Group* at **8:00 AM** on *Zoom*. See Cindy Coleman.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **12/18: Sunday Morning:**

*Sunday Service* at **9:30 AM**. For Sunday’s Sermon, continue reading ahead the book of [Matthew 22](#).

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Date 12/11/2022 I have a  Prayer Request  Questions  Need



**Prayer Requests or Questions for the Pastoral Team?**

If you have questions or a prayer request, write in the space below and place in the offering basket or the box in the foyer.

(Optional) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

eMail \_\_\_\_\_

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## Sermon Notes

**Last week:** “*The Curious Case of CURSING THE FIG TREE*”, [Matthew 21:18-22](#), by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor.

Old Testament Reading: [Micah 7:1-7](#);

New Testament Reading: [John 15:1-8](#)

- The Problem: Consternation at Jesus’ Cursing the Tree
- The Point: A Powerful Object Lesson
- The Principle: Faithless, Fruitless, Futureless

<p><b>The Temple in Jerusalem</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus Approached Jerusalem Expectantly</li> <li>• Jesus Received with Palms and Praise Pointing to Faith</li> <li>• Jesus Inspected the Temple but Found it Blameworthy</li> <li>• Jesus Condemned the Leaders for their Faithlessness</li> </ul>	<p><b>The Fig Tree on the Way</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus Approached the Fig Tree Expectantly</li> <li>• Jesus Perceived Leaves Pointing to Fruit</li> <li>• Jesus Inspected the Tree but Found it Bear</li> <li>• Jesus Cursed the Fig Tree for its Fruitlessness</li> </ul>
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### ‘Beware of Fig-Leaf Religiosity’

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Old Testament Reading: [Isaiah 5:1-7](#);

New Testament Reading: [John 5:31-46](#)

### Pattern

**Hostile question —> counterquestion —> admission —> final rejoinder]**

**Confrontation: Jesus’ Credentials ([Matthew 21:23-27](#))**

What is the meaning of the term s’*mikhah*? (see [Semikhah](#))

What might have been two reasons why the Chief Priest and Elders would be asking Jesus by whose authority he speaks and teaches?

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There were two possible answers to question Jesus asks of the Chief Priest and Elders. Their reasoning (and answer) reveals whom they feared. Who did they fear: God or the people?

**Parable of the Two Sons ([Matthew 21:28-32](#))**

- 1) What did the father command his sons to do?
- 2) What did the first son say, but then do?
- 3) What did the second son say, but then do?

In this parable, who does each person represent,

- The father?
- The first son?
- The second son?

**Parable of the Wicked Tenants (([Matthew 21:33-46](#)))**

Might the leaders and the people recognize the similarities between this parable and the words recorded in [Isaiah 5:1-7](#)?

In this parable, who do each represent:

- The Landowner?
- The Vineyard?
- The Tenants?
- The Servants?
- The Son?

Jesus reminds them of more scripture they should know. He quotes [Psalm 118:22-23](#) to put a final emphasis on the “tenants” are going to do to “the Son”.

What does the Chief Priests and the Pharisees seek to do after hearing the parables?

Who did they fear at that time that restrained them from taking action?

**Additional Notes:**

**Internet Resources:** [The Bible Project: Matthew 14-28](#); [Matthew Overview Poster](#)