

Date 12/18/2022 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Welcome to Church**  
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.

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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.)

TEACHING PASTOR

Brandon Harris

(321) 754-7566

[tsadeek86@gmail.com](mailto:tsadeek86@gmail.com)

WORSHIP PASTOR

Walter Straub

(321) 698-2484

[whstraub@gmail.com](mailto:whstraub@gmail.com)

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Nathan Eley

(321) 652-7056

[neley02@gmail.com](mailto:neley02@gmail.com)

QUESTIONS? — CONCERNS? — NEEDS?

Melissa Harris

(407) 234-5646

[melsec86@gmail.com](mailto:melsec86@gmail.com)

Don Wolfe

(321) 243-3453

[don6wolfe@yahoo.com](mailto:don6wolfe@yahoo.com)

Anne Straub

(321) 750-2742

[zstraub@gmail.com](mailto:zstraub@gmail.com)

Marjie Wolfe

(321) 536-0764

[marjie5mom@yahoo.com](mailto:marjie5mom@yahoo.com)

Heather Eley

(321) 536-4917

[hmg2470@gmail.com](mailto:hmg2470@gmail.com)

Traditional *nissu'in* in Eastern Europe during the 20th century. "A Jewish wedding in Galicia", M. Strayamsky, painter. [Wikimedia Commons, the free media repository.](#)



December 18, 2022

MELBOURNE  
COMMUNITY  
C H U R C H  
REFLECTING CHRIST'S LOVE

Sunday Service beginning at **9:30 AM**

3030 West New Haven Avenue

Metro West Center

West Melbourne, Florida 32904-3566

[\(321\) 802-9070](tel:(321)802-9070)

[www.melbournecommunitychurch.org](http://www.melbournecommunitychurch.org)

[www.facebook.com/reflectingchrist](https://www.facebook.com/reflectingchrist)

YouTube live stream/recording QR code:



# Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

## Sunday Service — December 18, 2022

### ORDER OF SUNDAY SERVICE

Special video opens the service

Old Testament Reading, [Isaiah 25:1-9](#)  
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, [Revelation 19:1-9](#)

“Invitation to the Wedding Celebration of *The King’s Son*, RSVP Only, Proper Attire Required”, [Matthew 22:1-14](#)  
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

#### **12/18: This Sunday Evening:**

*Young Adult Small Group*, Christmas Party, **6:00 PM**, at Nathan and Heather Eley’s home. On break again Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, resuming Jan. 8.

#### **12/20: 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.

#### **12/21: Wednesday Evening**

There will be *no Wednesday evening gatherings* until January 11, 2023, including: *Under the Cross (UTX)*, *Salt Youth Group*, & *Adult Gathering*.

#### **12/22: Thursday Afternoon:**

*Bible Art Journaling Group* will **not** be meeting this week.

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

#### **12/24: Saturday:**

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

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

*No Sunday Service* Christmas day.

#### **01/01: New Year’s Day**

*Sunday Service* at **9:30 AM**. For Sunday’s Sermon.

Give securely online at:

[melbournecommunitychurch.org/giving](https://melbournecommunitychurch.org/giving)



Date 12/18/2022 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — December 18, 2022

## Sermon Notes

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

Old Testament Reading: [Isaiah 5:1-7](#); New Testament Reading: [John 5:31-46](#).

- Confrontation: Jesus’ Credentials
- Parable: Two Sons
- Parable: Wicked Tenants
- Parable: (**This week**)

**This week:** “Invitation to the Wedding Celebration of *The King’s Son*, RSVP Only, Proper Attire Required”, [Matthew 22:1-14](#), by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor.

Old Testament Reading: [Isaiah 25:1-9](#); New Testament Reading: [Revelation 19:1-9](#)

**Parable:** The Wedding Feast

### Two-Part Parallel Sequence of Parable ([Matthew 22](#))

<a href="#">vv. 2-3a</a>	action of king	<a href="#">vv. 8-9</a>	action of king
<a href="#">v. 3 b</a>	response	<a href="#">v. 10</a>	response
<a href="#">v. 4</a>	reaction of king	<a href="#">vv. 11-12b</a>	reaction of king
<a href="#">vv. 5-6</a>	response	<a href="#">v. 12c</a>	response
<a href="#">v.7</a>	reaction of king	<a href="#">v. 13b</a>	reaction of king
	( <i>punishment: destruction</i> )		( <i>punishment: darkness</i> )
	Israel / Jewish Leaders		Messianic Community / Church

W. D. Davies and Dale C. Allison Jr., [A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Gospel according to Saint Matthew](#).

Can you list some of the preparations that are made for a Jewish wedding, especially for a king? ([Jewish Wedding: wikipedia.com](#))

Culturally, what does it mean to decline a wedding invitation, especially from the king? Who was Jesus referring to, especially at that time?

# Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — December 18, 2022

How serious was it that the invitees abused and even killed the servants of the king that invited their country men?

How does the king respond to the members of the city rejecting the invitation?

How does the king entice the new set of invitees to come to the wedding?

Where do the new invitees come from? Who does this represent today?

How did the king respond to the person was not properly attired for attendance at the wedding feast? (see Isaiah 61:10-11)

“For *many* are in *invited*, but *few* are *chosen*.” ([Matthew 22:14](#) *emphasis added*)

How does this relate to the ‘election of the saints’?

Have you accepted the invitation?

Are you wearing the right clothes?

### Additional Notes:

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