

## Sermon: Martyrdom for Christ Before His Throne

Acts 6:8–7:60

Pastor Weyland Leach

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*"We exist to joyfully surrender our lives to Jesus Christ through God's Word, together proclaiming the gospel to all peoples, for the glory of God."*

## Worship

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Advent - December 17, 2017

### Gathering

*He Shall Reign Forevermore*

*Tomlin/Maher*

### Welcome

### Praise & Adoration

*Savior of the Nations Come*

*Ambrose of Milan*

*Angels From the Realms of Glory*

*Montgomery/Smart*

Scripture Reading

*Psalms 29:1–2*

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

*Moultrie/Picardy*

### Advent Reading

*Isaiah 9:2–7, page 573 in the pew Bible*

### Lighting of the Fourth Candle of Advent

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Worship in Giving

*Behold the Lamb of God*

*Peterson/Story*

### Response

*O Holy Night!*

*Dwight/Adam*

### Word

*Martyrdom for Christ Before His Throne*

*Acts 6:8–7:60*

*page 914 in the pew Bible*

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### Closing Song

*Be Unto Your Name*

*DeShazo/Sadler*

### Benediction

## Welcome!

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Welcome to The Heights Church! We are grateful that you are with us today as we gather together to make much of Jesus Christ. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our church **please fill out our Connection Card** located in the pews. It is our joy to serve you.

We love having families worship together in our service. We also understand that a child may become restless during a service. If needed, you are welcome to use our restless child room directly behind the sanctuary where the worship service can still be heard. We also have a **Nursing Mom's Room** across the hall from the sanctuary where you can listen to the worship service.

### This Week

#### Sunday, December 17

9:00am Sunday School (all ages)  
10:15am Worship Service

#### Wednesday, December 20

7:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal

#### Sunday, December 24

##### Christmas Eve

9:00am No Sunday School  
10:15am Worship Service

### Attendance / Offering

Attendance last Sunday: 157

#### General Budget

Offering Given Last Sunday: \$3,310.35  
Weekly Gen. Budget Need: \$5,682.12

#### First Quarter to Date Giving

(November 1, 2017–January 31, 2018)

Offering Given QTD: \$31,986.81  
Offering Need QTD: \$34,092.72

### Preaching Schedule

Dec 17 Pastor Weyland Leach  
Dec 24 Pastor Weyland Leach  
Dec 31 Pastor Weyland Leach

### Prayer Requests

Do you have a prayer request? It is our joy to pray for you. Please share your request via our prayer link at [theheightschurchmn.org](http://theheightschurchmn.org) or by contacting the church office at 651.776.0519.

### Baptism / Membership

Do you have questions about baptism or church membership? Please contact us at 651.776.0519 or [theheightschurch1@gmail.com](mailto:theheightschurch1@gmail.com).

### Sermon Audio

Audio of today's sermon will be available for streaming/download at [theheightschurchmn.org](http://theheightschurchmn.org) by this Tuesday. You can also request an audio CD of any sermon by contacting our church office.

### Mobile Giving

You can use your phone to give to The Heights Church. **Text "HEIGHTSMN" to 77977** to get a link to give a one-time or recurring offering.

When you send your text you will receive a one-time reply containing a link to give to The Heights Church (1msg/request). Please be aware that Msg & Data rates may apply. For full Terms & Conditions, please visit <https://pushpay.com/terms>. For the Privacy Policy, please visit <https://pushpay.com/privacy>. For help, reply HELP or STOP to cancel.

## Announcements

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visit us at [theheightschurchmn.org](http://theheightschurchmn.org)

### Church Membership

This morning during our worship service, Kris Kanowitz will be recommended for church membership.

### Christmas Eve Service - Sunday Morning, December 24

Join us on December 24, at 10:15am as we celebrate Christmas Eve during our regular Sunday morning worship service. With Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday, there will be no additional services that day. We encourage you to invite others that morning as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ together! (Please note that there will be no nursery that morning.)

### Thank You

A huge thank you to Rachel Physician, Merissa Scheumann, and all of the children who put on the Christmas play last Sunday evening. We're grateful for all of your hard work and for directing our hearts more toward Jesus.

### No Sunday School Classes on December 24 and 31

### Offering Envelope Boxes for 2018 Now Available

If you are currently using personal offering envelopes, your new offering envelopes for 2018 are available to pick up in the foyer. If you do not have personal offering envelopes but would like to start using them for 2018, please contact our church office and we will be glad to assist you.

## Serving One Another

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### Today

Ushers: Don Nelson, Ron Conklin, Joe Groppoli  
Greeters: Mike & Melinda Facklam, Loren Johnson  
Coffee: Keith & DeAnne Robertson

### Next Sunday

Dick Johnson, Cory Mastel, Brian Kendall  
Don Nelson, Russ Johnson  
Russ & Judy Johnson

### Communion for January 7

Mike Facklam, Gary Horn, Matt Taylor, Dick Johnson  
Set up: Alice Rogan