***Joy is the Measure  
December 27 2015 Peace Sunday  
Meadowvale Community Christian Reformed Church  
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**Colossians 3:12-17**

### Living as Those Made Alive in Christ

***12****Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

***13****Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

***14****And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

***15****Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.*

***16****Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.*

***17****And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

**Psalm 148**

***1****Praise the Lord.*

*Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
    praise him in the heights above.****2****Praise him, all his angels;  
    praise him, all his heavenly hosts.****3****Praise him, sun and moon;  
    praise him, all you shining stars.****4****Praise him, you highest heavens  
    and you waters above the skies.*

***5****Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
    for at his command they were created,****6****and he established them for ever and ever—  
    he issued a decree that will never pass away.*

***7****Praise the Lord from the earth,  
    you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,****8****lightning and hail, snow and clouds,  
    stormy winds that do his bidding,****9****you mountains and all hills,  
    fruit trees and all cedars,****10****wild animals and all cattle,  
    small creatures and flying birds,****11****kings of the earth and all nations,  
    you princes and all rulers on earth,****12****young men and women,  
    old men and children.*

***13****Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
    for his name alone is exalted;  
    his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.****14****And he has raised up for his people a horn,  
    the praise of all his faithful servants,  
    of Israel, the people close to his heart.*

*Praise the Lord.*