



Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

"...that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

- 1 Peter 4:11

Preparing our hearts for worship...

"We should not shrink from opportunities where our faith may be tried. The more I am in a position to be tried in faith, the more I will have the opportunity of seeing God's help and deliverance. Every fresh instance in which He helps and delivers me will increase my faith. The believer should not shrink from situations, positions, or circumstances in which his faith may be tried, but he should cheerfully embrace them as opportunities to see the hand of God stretched out in help and deliverance. Thus his faith will be strengthened."

~ George Muller

January 31, 2021

Sunday Morning Worship

January 31, 2021

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain—holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

(Chorus)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything and I will adore You

Filled with wonder—awestruck wonder, at the mention of Your name
Jesus, your name is power—breath and living water—such a marvelous mystery.
(Chorus x 2)

Welcome and Announcements

Butch Bigham

Call to Worship ¹

Psalm 33:20-22

Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O LORD be upon us, even as we hope in you.

The Invocation²

Butch Bigham

*Opening Song ³

We Believe

In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear,
There is only one foundation. We believe, we believe.
In this broken generation, when all is dark, you help us see;
There is only one salvation. We believe, we believe.

(Chorus)

We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ,
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion,
We believe that He conquered death,
We believe in the resurrection,
And He's coming back again, we believe.

So, let our faith be more than anthems,
Greater than the songs we sing;
And in our weakness and temptations,
We believe, we believe! (Chorus)

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised!
In the here and now, let love invade!
Let the church live loud our God we'll say,
We believe, we believe!

(Bridge)

And the gates of hell will not prevail,
For the power of God has torn the veil!
Now we know Your love will never fail!
We believe, we believe! (Chorus)

* If you are able please stand

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***Confession of Sin and Prayer for Grace ⁴**

Donn DeHart

Our holy Father, as we go through the new year forgive us for not trusting You for the future, for grumbling about the present and for not thanking You for the past. Teach us to trust in Your faithfulness and rely on Your might. Because we are sinful creatures, it is easy for us to think only of ourselves and ignore the needs of others. Our sinful natures lead us to selfishness and indifference. O Lord, we plead Your forgiveness. Give us, we pray, the mind and heart of our Savior who loved the unlovely and redeemed us from destruction. Burden us with the souls of those who are perishing that we may be bold to testify of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Use us to gather Your elect from the four corners of this world so that Your glory may cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ we pray.

A Time of Silent Confession

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon ⁵

Prov. 28:13; Luke 1:68; Matt. 1:21

He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper. But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us. You shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.

*** Gloria Patri ⁶**

Henry Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

*** Prayer of Dedication for Tithes and Offerings**

Butch Bigham

*** Worship through Giving ⁷**

Offertory

Your Great Name

Lost are saved find their way at the sound of Your great name
All condemned feel no shame at the sound of Your great name
Every fear has no place at the sound of Your great name
The enemy—he has to leave at the sound of Your great name

(Chorus)

Jesus, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us,
Son of God and Man, You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise Your great name!

All the weak find their strength at the sound of Your great name
Hungry souls receive grace at the sound of Your great name
The fatherless—they find their rest at the sound of Your great name
The sick are healed and the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great name (Chorus)

(Bridge)

Redeemer, My Healer, Lord Almighty
My Savior, Defender, You are My King! (Chorus x 2)

* *If you are able please stand*

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Steve Smith

The Lord's Prayer ⁹

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Old Testament Scripture

Nehemiah 2:11-20

Rod Culbertson

The Word Proclaimed ¹⁰ *"Appraising Kingdom Needs"*

Rod Culbertson

*Closing Song

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

will glory in my Redeemer whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on that judgment tree
will glory in my Redeemer who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the holy Judge, the Lamb who is my righteousness
The Lamb who is my righteousness

will glory in my Redeemer, my life He bought, my love He owns
have no longings for another—I'm satisfied in Him alone
will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by His grace
My feet are firm, held by His grace

will glory in my Redeemer who carries me on eagles' wings
He crowns my life with loving kindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing
will glory in my Redeemer who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me, it will be paradise—His face forever to behold
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And when He calls me, it will be paradise—
His face forever to behold, His face forever to behold, His face forever to behold!

* Benediction ¹¹

If you would like to know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior,
we invite you to speak to one of our elders after the worship service.
We would be happy to pray with you.

Service Guide

1. Call to Worship - We need to be called to come and worship God because our natural tendency is to worship everything except God. Our default is to worship the gift instead of the Giver. Therefore, God calls us to worship Him. God also calls us to worship Him because we struggle to believe that God truly wants us to draw near to him. The Call to Worship is God calling us to worship Him fully, truly and intimately. It focuses our attention on God and prepares us to meet with Him.

2. The Invocation - The invocation is a form of prayer where we ask God to be present with us in the service and to bless His worship.

3. Hymns and Songs - God's people sing not only as an expression of our love for God and our praise of Him, but also to remind ourselves of our place in God's redemptive story. The church is marked by its singing, from Israel's deliverance through the Psalms to our worship today. God's people lift their voice in song to praise God's name.

4. Confession of Sin - As Christians we are the first people to admit that we have sinned, that we aren't perfect, and that we need Jesus as our Savior. Without acknowledging our sinfulness and asking Christ to forgive us we have no hope of salvation. As we confess our sin together, hopefully we come to an ever-growing realization of the extent and heinousness of our sin and the greatness of our Savior to provide salvation at the great cost of His own suffering and death.

5. Assurance of Pardon - God proclaims through His revealed Word that people who have faith in the risen Christ as their Savior and Lord, who have humbled themselves in repentance before God, are no longer under condemnation. Christ has forgiven them. Christ proclaimed "It is finished," and God removes our sin from us as far as the East is from the West.

6. Gloria Patri - This doxology is an expression of praise sung to God. It not only praises God, but affirms what the Bible teaches us about our Trinitarian God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. One God in three persons; the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

7. Worship through Giving - "Give unto the LORD the glory due His name: Bring an offering, and come into His courts" Psalm 96:7-8. Giving is commanded by our God and is done from a cheerful heart, in response and thanksgiving for all He has given us.

8. Doxology - In singing this we admit through song that we are dependent on God for all things. We praise God through song for the many blessings that He has graciously given us even when we did not deserve them.

9. The Lord's Prayer - "One of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray...' And He said to them, 'When you pray, say:'" Luke 11:1-2. Jesus taught the disciples how to pray using a model prayer. We use the Lord's Prayer to remind us of God's will and to guide us as we pray to our heavenly Father.

10. The Word Proclaimed - Some view the sermon as a way to get principles for "right" living. Others see it as an interesting piece of intellectual challenge or an opportunity to gain inspiration for our lives. In reality, as we open the Scriptures we encounter Jesus Christ. Therefore, as you listen, pray that you will be open to His leading, exhortation, encouragement, and healing.

11. Benediction - God always gets the last word in our encounter with Him through worship. For Christians, it is always a word of blessing and a sending out to live our lives in the light of the reality of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is not a prayer. It is God's word of blessing upon your life.

*Mint Hill Presbyterian Church exists to Glorify God
by seeking the lost, making disciples, and
worshiping the Savior.*

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Donn DeHart, Helen Scheffel
Nursery and Children's Ministry today:
(See below in announcements)

Announcements

Welcome to Mint Hill Presbyterian! As our guest, if you have any needs or questions, please feel free to ask, and we will be happy to help. We also invite you to fill out a guest card in the lobby and give it to one of the greeters at the back or drop it in the offering plate.

Today we welcome Rod Culbertson back with us as he brings us the Proclamation of the Word. Rod is presently Associate Professor of Practical Theology and Dean of Student Development at the Charlotte, North Carolina campus of Reformed Theological Seminary. He married his wife, Cathy, in 1979 and they have four grown children and three grandchildren. Rod has earned a Doctor of Ministry degree at RTS and teaches courses in Leadership and Discipleship, Christian Devotion, Evangelism, and Campus Ministry, among others.

Nursery and Children's Church are not currently available for families with young children due to our distancing rules. If you have an infant that needs a nursery, there are nursery rooms located on the right and left sides of the sanctuary and parents are free to use them and remain with their children during the service. (The room as you look left when you come in the sanctuary is a nursing room.)

Sunday School: The Adult Sunday School is taught by Steve Smith, and meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Sunday School Classroom located in the church manse. All are welcome! The room has been set up so that social distancing can still be observed. *The class is now doing a character study on Joshua.* Please join us!

The WOC Bible Study will meet again when Donni DeHart is back up to being with us following her recent surgery. We will be continuing our study on *The Revelation*. We also follow the rules of social distancing. Please come and join us! We would love to have you!

On Sunday, February 14, Rev. Ken McMullen will install John Stroup to the office of Deacon.

Preaching Schedule:
February 7: Chad McKinnon
February 14: Ken McMullen