



Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

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

- 1 Peter 4:11

Preparing our hearts for worship...

"Gifts may make a man a scholar, but grace makes a man a believer."

~ Matthew Mead

March 3, 2024

Sunday Morning Worship

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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Welcome and Announcements

Butch Bigham

*Call to Worship ¹

Psalm 145:9-13

The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. All
your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless
you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious
splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations. [The LORD is
faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.]

The Invocation ²

*Opening Song of Praise ³

The Lord is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me and pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground—the Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun—the Lord is my salvation.

(Chorus)

Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won The Lord is my salvation

My hope is hidden in the Lord—He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come—the Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days—the Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home—the Lord is my salvation. (Chorus)

* Please stand if you are able.

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(Bridge)

Glory be to God the Father—Glory be to God the Son

Glory be to God the Spirit—The Lord is our salvation (repeat)

Prayer of Confession ⁴

Donn DeHart

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen

Assurance of Pardon ⁵

Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

***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

Come Unto Jesus

(The congregation is invited to sing with the praise team!)

Come unto Jesus all you who are weary—come to the mercy seat fervently kneel

Here bring your wounded hearts broken and needy

Come unto Jesus mighty to heal

Joy of the comfortless Light for the straying—hope of the penitent Peace in our strife

Here speaks the Comforter tenderly saying

My yoke is easy my burden is light

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(Chorus)

Come unto Jesus—come unto Jesus, lay down your burdens He is enough
Come unto Jesus rest in His love

Come taste the Bread of Life broken for sinners
Drink from the cup of His promise made sure
Feast at His table as sons and as daughters
Grace overflowing is yours evermore (chorus)

Come now and follow Him this life forsaking
All that was gain count as nothing but loss
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading
Come unto Jesus take up your cross
Come unto Jesus take up your cross
Life everlasting He offers to us (chorus)

***Doxology** ⁸

Old Hundredth

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.

New Testament Scripture

Philippians 4:10-13

Rev. Jeff Morrison

Proclamation of the Word ¹⁰

"The Secret"

Rev. Jeff Morrison

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ¹¹

***Song of Response**

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship You

(Chorus)

Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing—power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands—forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You (repeat verse & chorus)

***Benediction** ¹²

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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. Prayer for 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. The Lord's Supper** - The Lord's Supper is given to us by our Savior as a means of grace to nourish His people spiritually. We eat bread and drink juice as a witness to the power of God's love for His people in the death and resurrection of His Son. "When he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins'" Matthew 26:27-28
- 12. 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.

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by seeking the lost, making disciples, and
worshiping the Savior.
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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.

This morning Pastor Jeff continues in the book of Philippians. We look forward to the word the Lord has given him!

Sunday School: The Adult Sunday School Class continues in the study of the minor prophets. The class is taught by Pastor Jeff and we encourage you to try to attend! **We begin at 9:00 a.m. in the manse.**

The Women's Bible Study continues on Tuesdays, at 10:15 a.m., led by Donni DeHart. We are currently studying Romans 2. This study is so rich! We meet in the manse. **All women are welcome!** Come join us!

A reminder for the Women of the Church (WOC), Mary Stokes is collecting dues.

Our next Meal and Movie Night will be this Saturday, March 9. Our menu will be homemade pizza compliments of Donn DeHart! Please see the sign-up sheets in the foyer. We will begin eating as close to 5:30 p.m. as we can and will start watching *Drive Thru History - The Gospels* ® at 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship and good food! Invite a friend! **And move your clocks UP an hour!**

Calling All Men! Brothers, we are meeting for a monthly prayer breakfast here at the church. It is roughly an hour to gather together around God's Word and fellowship, a time to laugh and enjoy our brotherhood. Our next meeting will be **Saturday, April 6 at 8:00 a.m.** Come hungry for food, fellowship and good conversation around God's Word! Hope to see you there!

If you would like to know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, we invite you to speak to the pastor or one of our elders after the worship service. If you are in need of prayer, please don't hesitate to speak with the pastor. We would be happy to pray with you.