



Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

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

- 1 Peter 4:11

Preparing our hearts for worship...

"If you believe in a God who controls the big things, you have to believe in a God who controls the little things. It is we, of course, to whom things look 'little' or 'big.'"

~ Elisabeth Elliot

March 17, 2024

Sunday Morning Worship

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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You—hope of a life spent with You

(Chorus)

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created—all for love's sake became poor (chorus)

(Bridge)

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross
I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross (chorus x 2)

Welcome and Announcements

Butch Bigham

*Call to Worship ¹

Psalm 57:7-11

**My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody! Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!
I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!**

The Invocation ²

*Opening Song of Praise ³

Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleaning this my plea: Nothing but the blood of Jesus (chorus)

Nothing can for sin atone—nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus (chorus)

This is all my hope and peace: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness: Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (chorus x 2)

* Please stand if you are able.

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Prayer of Confession ⁴

Donn DeHart

Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon ⁵

Proverbs 28:13

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”

***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

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross—my sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life—I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything—no gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart—His wounds have paid my ransom

***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.

* Please stand if you are able.

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 4:14-20* Rev. Jeff Morrison

Proclamation of the Word ¹⁰ *"A Shared Life"* Rev. Jeff Morrison

***Song of Response** *Amazing Love (I'm Forgiven)*

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again

(Chorus)
Amazing love but how can it be?
That you, my King would die for me
Amazing love but I know it's true
That it's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again (chorus)

You are my king
Jesus, You are my king
You are my king
Jesus, You are my king (chorus x 2)

***Benediction** ¹¹

**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.**

* Please stand if you are able.

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. Scriptural 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.

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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 concludes the series on 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 finishing up in Romans 5. This study is so rich! We meet in the church. **All women are welcome!** Please join us! Our next study will be the book of Hebrews.

On Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m., we will have a Maundy Thursday Service when we will celebrate the **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**, and remember the events that followed that night in Jesus' earthly life. Please join us for this very special time of worship.

Our Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, March 31, will begin 7:00 a.m. (outside at the cross, weather permitting), then we will have a time of fellowship as we enjoy a wonderful **Easter Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.**, followed by celebrating our Risen Lord at the **Resurrection Service at 9:00 a.m.** We hope to see you there!

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!

Our next Meal and Movie will be Saturday, April 13 at 5:30 p.m. Our menu will be a **pot luck dinner**. Share your favorite dish! We will continue with *Driving Thru History*®, *The Gospels*, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

A reminder that Pastor Jeff is now spending Wednesdays here at the church. Please see him if you wish to pray with him, or just talk! He is here from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Please talk to him about his schedule on those days.