



## Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

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

*- 1 Peter 4:11*

**Preparing our hearts for worship...**

**"Without the Spirit of God we can do nothing. We are as ships without wind or chariots without steeds. Like branches without sap, we are withered. Like coals without fire, we are useless. As an offering without the sacrificial flame, we are unaccepted."**

**~ Charles Spurgeon**

**August 11, 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

Rev. Jeff Morrison

### \*Call to Worship <sup>1</sup>

*Psalms 28:6-7*

**Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.  
The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am  
helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

### The Invocation <sup>2</sup>

### \*Opening Song of Praise <sup>3</sup>

*Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow—blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness—blessed be Your name

Chorus:

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name!

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's 'all as it should be'—blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering—blessed be Your name (chorus)

Bridge:

You give and take away, You give and take away, My heart will choose to say,  
Lord, blessed be Your name (chorus x 2)

\* Please stand if you are able.

*Question: What does Jesus say to us concerning the Holy Spirit?*

**Answer:** “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you...” “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”

*(John 14:15-17, 25-26)*

**\*Gloria Patri <sup>5</sup>**

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**

Rev. Jeff Morrison

**Worship through Giving <sup>6</sup>**

**Offertory**

*Blessed is the Man (Psalm 1)*

*(The congregation is invited to sing along!)*

Blessed is the man, the man who does not walk, in the counsel of the wicked  
Blessed is the man, who doesn't stand in the sinner's way,  
or sit in the seat of the mocker.  
Blessed is the man—blessed is the man.

Blessed is the man, that man for his delight, is in the law of the LORD,  
Blessed is the man, that man who meditates, on the word both day and night.

And he shall be like a tree that's planted by streams, which yields its fruit in its season;  
And whatever he does will prosper, all that he does succeeds;  
His leaf shall not wither.

Not so the wicked— they will be like chaff  
That the wind will blow away, away—that the wind will blow away.

Therefore the wicked man, in the judgment will not stand,  
Nor the sinners in the assembly of the righteous  
For God watches over the way, the way of godly men, but the way  
of the wicked—their way will perish.

Blessed is the man, that man for his delight, is in the law of the LORD.

**\*Doxology <sup>7</sup>**

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 <sup>8</sup>**

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**      *1 John 2:26-27*      Rev. Jeff Morrison

**Proclamation of the Word <sup>9</sup>**      *"Dependence on the  
Holy Spirit"*      Rev. Jeff Morrison

**\*Song of Response**      *Amen (Because He Lives)*

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One  
I believe I overcome by the power of His blood

(Chorus)

Amen, amen—I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives  
Amen, amen—let my song join the one that never ends  
Because He lives!

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name—He rolled the stone away (chorus)

(Bridge)

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives every fear is gone  
I know He holds my life my future in His hands (chorus x 2)

Tag: Because He lives—because He lives!

**\*Benediction <sup>10</sup>**

**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.**



## 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. Affirmation of Faith** - As Christians we are part of a family and tradition that extends far beyond our local church. When we confess our faith we use historic documents from our heritage to speak aloud together what it is that we believe about God and the world he has created. As we do this we are reminded of our connection with Christians who have gone on before us as well as with our Christian family around the world that shares this same faith.

**5. 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.

**6. 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.

**7. 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.

**8. 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.

**9. 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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**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 sermon series on 1 John.** We look forward to the word the Lord has given him!

**Sunday School: The Adult Sunday School Class continues with the study of the minor prophets.** The class begins at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

**The Men's Breakfast is on break until September.** Details will be forthcoming!

**The WOC Bible Study is planning to resume on Tuesday, August 20 at 10:15 a.m.** All women are welcome! Join us!

**Meal and Movie Nights are on break now for the summer.** We will resume these fun fellowship nights in September. Details TBA.

**A reminder that Pastor Jeff now spends 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. **His phone number is 704-804-1921.**

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

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