



Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

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

- 1 Peter 4:11

Preparing our hearts for worship...

**"The glory of God's faithfulness is that no sin of ours
has ever made Him unfaithful."**

~ Charles Spurgeon

September 29, 2024

Sunday Morning Worship

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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Psalm 24 (The King of Glory)

The King of Glory reigns over all the world
His mighty hand sustains the heavens and the earth.
Who may come to Him, and seek His holy face?

He calls the pure in heart, all whose hands are clean
And those who love His name above all other things
Humbly I will bow, and Jesus' Name confess

(Chorus)

He reigns, He reigns—Jesus the Lord!
He reigns, He reigns—forevermore!

Swing wide you ancient gates, let the King come in
His glory never fades, our hearts delight in Him
Every knee will bow—every tongue confess (chorus x 2)

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jeff Morrison

*Call to Worship¹

Psalm 16:7-8, 11

**I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart
instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at
my right hand, I shall not be shaken... You make known to me the
path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

The Invocation²

*Opening Song of Praise³

Press On

Where two or three are gathered in the name of the Lord
He is here, He is here in our midst
And we will sing together, be renewed by the Word
When we part, may we go in His peace

(Chorus)

Press on all you saints—press on till the end
Christ with us, ever with us until He comes again
Press on all you saints, run and run to win
Christ with us ever with us until He comes again

Now let the Word be scattered like the seed on the soil
Day by day, watch it grow in His care
And may you be a shelter as you reach to the lost
Glad in hope, calm in pain, true in prayer (chorus)

And may He find us waiting with our lamps burning still
Keeping watch through the night 'til He comes
For soon it will be morning and the sun will appear
Christ who brought us this far brings us home (chorus)

* Please stand if you are able.

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Q. 1. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him.

***Gloria Patri** ⁵

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 ⁶

Offertory

Holy Forever

(The congregation is invited to sing along!)

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

(Chorus)

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest, Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions
Your name stands above them all
And the angels cry, "Holy" All creation cries, "Holy"
You are lifted high, holy—Holy forever!

If you've been forgiven, if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom, if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen (chorus)

***Doxology** ⁷

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 ⁸

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 3:19-24* Rev. Jeff Morrison

Proclamation of the Word ⁹ *"The Matter of the Heart"* Rev. Jeff Morrison

*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 ¹⁰

**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. Confession 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.

10. 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
worshipping 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 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 WOC Bible Study will meet this Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. We continue our study of Hebrews. All women are welcome! Please join us!

The Men's Breakfast will be on October, the 5th, at 7:00 a.m. All men are welcome. Join us for a great breakfast, study of the Word and good fellowship!

Also, the WOC is participating in a Pop-Up Sale at Veterans Park in Mint Hill on Saturday, October 5. Times TBA. Any of the men who can help the ladies set up for this sale would be greatly appreciated!

Our next Meal and Movie Night will be on Saturday, October 12 beginning with supper at **5:30 p.m.**, and the documentary *Driving Thru History The Gospels* ® will begin at **6:00 p.m.** Our menu will be horsdevours (finger foods!).

A reminder that Pastor Jeff is available on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. If you need to see him, please let him know so he can schedule a time to meet with you. **His phone number is 704-804-1921.**