



Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

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

- 1 Peter 4:11

Preparing our hearts for worship...

"Adversities are momentary; sorrow may abide for a night, but joy comes in the morning. This short storm will end in an everlasting calm. We must measure afflictions by their outcome, not how they hurt."

~ Thomas Brooks

February 9, 2025

Sunday Morning Worship

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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Lord, I Need You

Lord I come, I confess—bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart—You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus:

Lord, I need You, oh I need You—ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free, holiness is Christ in me (chorus)

Bridge:

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You, Jesus you're my hope and stay
(chorus)

Welcome and Announcements

Butch Bigham

*Call to Worship ¹

Psalm 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 ²

*Opening Song of Praise ³

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

My God is slow to anger when I go astray—bless the Lord, O my soul
For all of my betrayals, He will not repay—bless the Lord, O my soul
Through mercy and compassion His great love is proved
He covers my transgressions like the snow
As far as east from west are all my sins removed, bless the Lord, O my soul!

He saved me from the pit when I had lost all hope—bless the Lord, O my soul
From endless springs of kindness all His blessings flow—bless the Lord, O my soul
Our days will fade like flowers and are quickly spent
And like the wind our years will come and go
Everlasting favor is His covenant, bless the Lord, O my soul!

Merciful and gracious is my God to me—bless the Lord, O my soul
And I will tell His goodness through eternity—bless the Lord, O my soul
And bless the Lord, you angels, all you heav'nly hosts
And every living creature here below
Praise the Father, praise the Son, and Holy Ghost, bless the Lord, O my soul!

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And every living creature here below
Praise the Father, praise the Son, and Holy Ghost
Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless the Lord, O my soul!

* Please stand if you are able.

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Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon ⁵

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

*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

Scars

(The congregation is welcome to sing along with us!)

Waking up to a new sunrise, looking back from the other side
I can see now with open eyes
Darkest water and deepest pain, I wouldn't trade it for anything
Cause my brokenness brought me to You, and these wounds are a story You'll use

(Chorus)

So I'm thankful for the scars 'cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart
And I know they'll always tell of who You are,
So forever I am thankful for the scars

Now I'm standing in confidence with the strength of Your faithfulness
And I'm not who I was before—no, I don't have to fear anymore (chorus)

(Bridge)

I can see, I can see how You delivered me
In Your hands, In Your feet, I found my victory (repeat, then chorus x 2)

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

Colossians 1:21-23

Rev. Jeff Morrison

Proclamation of the Word ¹⁰*"Reconciled"*

Rev. Jeff Morrison

Song of Response

Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken? **(We do)** Do you feel the shadows deepen? **(We do)**
 But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? **(We do)**
 Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **(We do)**

Is all creation groaning? **(It is)** Is a new creation coming? **(It is)**
 Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **(It is)**
 Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **(It is)**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
 Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
 The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
 He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
 Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory
 Is He worthy of this? (He is)

Does the Father truly love us? **(He does)** Does the Spirit move among us? **(He does)**
 And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? **(He does)**
 Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **(He does)**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
 Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
 The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
 He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
 From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue—
 He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son
 Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory
 Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
 Is He worthy of this?— He is!
 Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
 He is! — He is!

Benediction ¹¹*Please stand if you are able.*

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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. 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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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 will be continuing in the book of Colossians. We look forward to the word the Lord has given him!

Sunday School: The Adult Sunday School Class continues the study of the book of Revelation. Please join us! The class begins at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

The WOC Bible Study continues this Tuesday, at which time we will continue with our study of Hebrews. This is such a rich study! Please plan to join us!

The next Men's Breakfast will be on March 1 at 8:00 a.m. All men are welcome. Join us for a great breakfast, study of the Word and good fellowship!

Thank you to all who came out for our Meal and Movie Night! We enjoyed good food, a good documentary and great fellowship! **Our next Meal and Movie Night will be March 8.** Menu is TBA!

The next quarterly meeting of the WOC will be held on Sunday, March 30. Please mark that date on your calendar! **A reminder, WOC dues are now being collected for 2025.**

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.**

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.