

Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

"...that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."
- 1 Peter 4:11

Preparing our hearts for worship...

"Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love, and the future to God's providence."

~ St. Augustine of Hippo

August 3, 2025

Sunday Morning Worship August 3, 2025

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

He Knows My Name

I have a Maker, He formed my heart Before even time began my life was in His hand

(Chorus)

He knows my name, He knows my ev'ry thought He sees each tear that falls, and hears me when I call

I have a Father, He calls me His own He'll never leave me no matter where I go (chorus)

(Tag) He hears me when I call

Welcome and Announcements

Butch Bigham

*Call to Worship 1

Psalm 149:1-4

Pedro Pollorena

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King! Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre! For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

Invocation²

*Opening Song of Praise 3

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)

Q18. What are God's works of providence?

A. God's works of providence are his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures; ordering them, and all their actions, to his own glory.

*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

Butch Bigham

Worship through Giving 6

Offertory

Ancient of Days

(Please song along with us and glorify the Lord!)

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall, there is still one King reigning over all So I will not fear for this truth remains: That my God is, the Ancient of Days

(Chorus)

None above Him, none before Him—all of time in His hands For His throne it shall remain and ever stand—all the power, all the glory I will trust in His name, for my God is, the Ancient of Days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul—
He is here with me, I am not alone
O His love is sure, and He knows my name, for my God is, the Ancient of Days!
(chorus)

Though I may not see what the future brings—
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King
Then my joy complete standing face to face in the presence of the Ancient of Days (chorus x 2)

*Doxology 7

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 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.

Old Testament Scripture

Psalm 10

Rev. Jeff Morrison

*Proclamation of the Word 9 "Where Are You, Lord?"

Rev. Jeff Morrison

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 10

*Song of Response

The Reason

There's a reason for this hope—there's a reason for this peace that I know One worthy of all praise—Jesus yes it's Jesus

(Chorus)

I will lift my hands up, I will raise my voice high

I will shout out Your love till the day that I die

Ev'rything that I have, all my worship I bring

You're the reason I live, You're the reason I sing!

You're the reason I live, You're the reason I sing!

For the vict'ry over sin, for the goodness of Your grace each day I will bow and bless Your name—Jesus I thank You Jesus (chorus, bridge)

(Bridge)

Hallelujah, hallelujah

You're the reason I live—You're the reason I sing

When my time on earth is through, when my final breath has left these lungs I'll forever be with You—where the song goes on and on (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.

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 togther 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. 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
- 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 will bring us the message from Psalm 10. We look forward to the word the Lord has given him!

The funeral service for Meeta Turner, Connie Venhue's mother, will be held at Morning Star Lutheran Church, 12509 Idlewild Road, Mint Hill, on Tuesday, August 5. Visitation will be from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., with the service beginning at 11:00 a.m. The family appreciates all your prayers very much.

Sunday School: The Adult Sunday School Class led by Pedro Pollorena, on the book, "The Mortification of Sin," by John Owen, is on break for the summer. We will resume in September.

The WOC Bible Study group is on break for the summer. We will begin meeting again in September.

The WOC will host the Summer Craft Workshop on Tuesday, August 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the church. Invite friends, family and neighbors. Several crafts will be offered for that day. Mark your calendar!

Our Meal and a Movie Night with more of *Drive Thru History - The Gospels* ® will resume in September. We will have a potluck dinner that night, so be thinking now of what you'd like to share!

Men's Breakfast is now on break for the summer. The men will resume the Breakfast and Bible study the first Saturday in September.

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.

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