



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 look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you
look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth only
soft soap and wishful thinking to begin,
and in the end, despair."**

~ C. S. Lewis

August 10, 2025

Sunday Morning Worship

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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Jesus Strong and Kind

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him
No one else can satisfy, I should come to Him

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to Him
No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him

(Chorus)

For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus—Jesus, strong and kind

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him
No one else can be my shield, I should come to Him (chorus)

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me
And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me (chorus)

Welcome and Announcements

Butch Bigham

*Call to Worship¹

Psalm 57:7-10

Pedro Pollorena

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.**

Invocation²

*Opening Song of Praise³

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King lift up your voice and with us sing

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood come and rejoice in His great love

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Christ has defeated every sin, cast all your burdens now on Him

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

** If you are able please stand*

He shall return in pow'r to reign, heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Confession of Sin ⁴**

Donn DeHart

Our Father, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown to ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Lord God, have mercy on us and make us whole. In Jesus Christ our Savior's name, Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon ⁵**

Isaiah 55:6-7

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

***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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the Name! I'm fixed upon it, Name of Thy redeeming love

Hitherto Thy love has blessed me, Thou hast brought me to this place
And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

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Oh that day when freed from sinning I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen how I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, bring Thy promises to pass
For I know thy pow'r will keep me till I'm home with Thee at last

***Doxology ⁸**

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

Rev. Jeff Morrison

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.

Old Testament Scripture

Psalm 11

Rev. Jeff Morrison

***Proclamation of the Word ¹⁰ “When the Bottom Falls Out”** Rev. Jeff Morrison

***Song of Response**

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! On what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest—I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long.

***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.

** If you are able please stand*

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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. Confession of Sins - 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 sins 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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**Officers of the Month: August
Steve Smith, Alex Depaoli**

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!

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

The WOC will host the Summer Craft Workshop this Tuesday, August 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the church. Invite friends, family and neighbors. Several crafts will be offered for that day. Come join us! *(Set up for this event will be on Monday at 3:00 p.m. if you would like to help.)*

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

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.