



Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

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

- 1 Peter 4:11

Preparing our hearts for worship...

**"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of
grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help
in time of need."**

~ Hebrews 4:16

August 17, 2025

Sunday Morning Worship

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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Holy and Anointed One

Jesus, Jesus—holy and anointed One, Jesus
Jesus, Jesus—Risen and exalted One, Jesus

Your name is like honey on my lips
Your Spirit like water to my soul
Your word is a lamp unto my feet
Jesus, I love You, I love You (repeat all)

Welcome and Announcements

Butch Bigham

*Call to Worship ¹

Psalm 66:16-20

Pedro Polloreña

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the LORD would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

Invocation ²

*Opening Song of Praise ³

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)

Confession of Sin ⁴

Donn DeHart

If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. I wait for you, O Lord, my soul waits, and in your word I put my hope. My soul waits for you, O Lord, more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be

** If you are able please stand*

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your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew and empower us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your kingdom of love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon ⁵

Luke 1:68-69; Matt. 1:21; 1 Chor. 5:7

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us. You shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.”

***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

Run to Jesus

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

Has your grief brought you low, has your faith lost its hold
Your Deliverer knows what your need is
He endured every test, He has felt your distress
As you weep He has wept—run to Jesus!

Is your shame all you see, are your sins dark and deep
Your High Priest lives to plead your forgiveness
What you owed He has paid, what was dead He has raised
All your guilt for His grace—Run to Jesus!

(Chorus 1)

He will lift your head, He will be your rest
What you owed He has paid, what was dead He has raised
All your guilt for His grace—run to Jesus!

Though the journey is long, though the night tarries on
Your Redeemer is strong in your weakness
He will carry you through, He is faithful and true
He will make all things new—run to Jesus!

(Chorus 2)

He will lift your head, He will be your rest
He will lift your head, He will be your rest
He will carry you through, He is faithful and true
He will make all things new—run to Jesus!

***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.**

** If you are able please stand*

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 12

Pedro Polloreña

***Proclamation of the Word** ¹⁰ *"Cry Your Heart Out"*

Pedro Polloreña

***Song of Response**

All the People Said Amen

You are not alone if you are lonely—when you're feeling frail, you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on but thank God, it's all you need

(Chorus)

And all the people said Amen, whoa, and all the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord, for his love never ends—and all the people said Amen!

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter, weak or strong, we know love is what we're after
We're all broken, but we're all in this together—God knows we stumble and fall
And he so loved the world he sent his son to save us all (chorus)

(Bridge)

Blessed are the poor spirits who are torn apart
Blessed are the prosecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people lonely for another start
For this is a kingdom, the kingdom of God (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. 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 Pedro Pollorenea will bring us the message from Psalm 12. We look forward to the word the Lord has given him!

Sunday School: The Adult Sunday School Class led by Pedro Pollorenea, on the book, "The Mortification of Sin," by John Owen, is on break for the summer. We will resume on September 7.

The WOC Bible Study group is on break for the summer. Our date to resume is forthcoming.

The WOC would like to thank all who helped out in the Craft Workshop this past Tuesday. Lots of pretty ornaments were made, and a lot of fun was had by all!

Our Meal and a Movie Night with more of *Drive Thru History - The Gospels* ® will resume on September 13 at 6:00 p.m. (This new time will be permanent.) We will have a potluck dinner that night, so be thinking now of what you'd like to share! Our documentary will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast will begin again on Saturday, September 6 at 8:00 a.m.. All the men of the church are welcome! Come and be fed on the Word and a great breakfast!

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.