



Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

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

- 1 Peter 4:11

Preparing our hearts for worship...

"Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it."

~ Charles Spurgeon

August 31, 2025

Sunday Morning Worship

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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Jesus Lover of My Soul

Jesus lover of my soul
Jesus I will never let You go
You've taken me from the miry clay
You've set my feet upon the rock
And now I know

I love You I need You
Though my world may fall
I'll never let You go
My Savior my closest Friend
I will worship You until the very end

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jeff Morrison

*Call to Worship ¹

Psalm 95:1-3

Pedro Polloreña

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his
presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of
praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Invocation ²

*Opening Song of Praise ³

Rejoice!

Rejoice in the Lord now and always, sing it again we rejoice
Delight in the love He has shown us, gratefully lift up your voice
His gentleness among us will join our hearts with praise
We gather in His goodness, a family of grace

(Chorus)

With each breath He's given, praise the Lord!
In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord!
Throughout every season I am sure
We have every reason to praise the Lord!

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing, praying for all that you need
Come with a song of thanksgiving, lay your requests at His feet
His peace will fall upon us to guard our hearts and minds
In Christ who reigns eternal, the Shepherd of our lives (chorus)

Rejoice in the Lord now and always, tell of the good He has done
Worship the Lord to remember all of the joy yet to come
The hope that burns within us the dark cannot destroy
With praise that's never ending, we say again rejoice (chorus)

** If you are able please stand*

Confession of Sin ⁴

Donn DeHart

Most merciful God, we humbly admit that we desperately need Your help. We confess that we have wandered from Your way: we have sinned greatly, and we have failed to do what is right. You alone, O Lord, can save us. Have mercy on us Father: wipe away our sins and teach us to forgive one another. Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon ⁵

Psalm 130:3-4

“If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.”

***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**

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Worship through Giving ⁷

Offertory

Hymn of Heaven

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

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven,
where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the One who bled to save me
and walk with Him for all eternity

Chorus:

There will be a day when all will bow before Him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with Him who died and rose again—Holy, holy is the Lord!

And every prayer we prayed in desperation,
the songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it
when He returns to wipe away our tears (chorus)

And on that Day, we join the Resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain"
"Forever He shall reign!" (chorus)

***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*

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The Lord's Prayer⁹

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

Psalms 14

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*Proclamation of the Word¹⁰ *"The Legacy of Folly"*

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*Song of Response

Goodness of God

I love you Lord, oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

(Chorus)

All my life You have been faithful, all my life You have been so, so good!
When ev'ry breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend
I have lived in the goodness of God (chorus)

(Bridge)

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now—I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me (chorus)

*Benediction¹¹

**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
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 will bring us the message from Psalm 14. 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, will resume next Sunday, September 7, at 9:00 a.m. Please join us!

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

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.**