



Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

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

- 1 Peter 4:11

Preparing our hearts for worship...

"One who has been touched by grace will no longer look on those who stray as "those evil people" or "those poor people who need our help." Grace teaches us that God loves because of who God is, not because of who we are."

~ Phillips Brooks

September 7, 2025

Sunday Morning Worship

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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Welcome and Announcements

Butch Bigham

*Call to Worship ¹

Psalm 89:1-2

Pedro Polloreña

**"I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD forever; with my mouth I will
make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, "Steadfast love
will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."**

Invocation ²

*Opening Song of Praise ³

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice—all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice—trembles at His voice

(Chorus)

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God!

Age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end—beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One—Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb—Lion and the Lamb (chorus)

Bridge:

Name above all names, worthy of our praise

My heart will sing how great is our God! (chorus x 2)

* If you are able please stand

Q 96. What is the Lord’s supper?

A. The Lord’s supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ’s appointment, his death is shewed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.

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

Joyfully we join You at Your table
Pleading not our righteousness
By Your wealth of mercy, we are able
Now to feast in confidence

(Chorus)
Take this bread and eat
Take this cup and drink
Remember how He loved us
Rejoice and keep the feast

Who is fit to feast with such a Savior?
Who His sandals could untie?
Who are we that He would show us favor
Granting us this gift of life? (chorus)

Happy sign of friendship and reunion
With the blessed Three-in-One
Foretaste of that glorious communion
Vision of the world to come (chorus)

***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.

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.

New Testament Scripture

John 6:25-35

Rev. Jeff Morrison

***Proclamation of the Word ⁹ “The Bread of Heaven”**

Rev. Jeff Morrison

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ¹⁰

***Song of Response**

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer—there is no more for heaven now to give.
 He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
 To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His.
 Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine," yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Saviour He will stay.
 I labour on in weakness and rejoicing—for in my need, His power is displayed.
 To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me, through the deepest valley He will lead.
 Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome—yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven. The future sure, the price it has been paid.
 For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.
 To this I hold, my sin has been defeated! Jesus now and ever is my plea!
 Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free," yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me Home.
 And day by day I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
 To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him!
 When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat—yet not I, but through Christ in me.

***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.**

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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 the Gospel of John. 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, has resumed! We meet at 9:00 a.m. Please join us!

The WOC Bible Study group will resume their study of the book of Hebrews on Tuesday, September 16, at 10:15 a.m. All women are welcome! Please join us for this rich study!

Our Meal and a Movie Night with more of *Drive Thru History - The Gospels* ® will be next Saturday, 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 has also resumed! Our next time will be on Saturday, October 4 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.

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 together 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.

**Mint Hill Presbyterian Church exists to Glorify God
by seeking the lost, making disciples, and
worshiping the Savior.
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