



Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

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

- 1 Peter 4:11

Preparing our hearts for worship...

"Is there one who says, 'Well, thank God, I have seen that light'? Then, dear brother, be grateful and give thanks. We are, none of us, as thankful as we ought to be for the light that shines in the face of Jesus Christ."

~ Charles Spurgeon

September 14, 2025

Sunday Morning Worship

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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Thy Word

(Chorus)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

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When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near, please be near me to the end (chorus)

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet, my heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side—I will love You to the end (chorus)

Welcome and Announcements

Butch Bigham

*Call to Worship ¹

Psalm 145:21

Pedro Polloreña

**“My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.”**

Invocation ²

*Opening Song of Praise ³

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You—hope of a life spent with You

(Chorus)

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came to the earth You created—all for love's sake became poor

(chorus)

(Bridge)

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross

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Confession of Sin ⁴

Donn DeHart

Most merciful Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

** If you are able please stand*

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“And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.”

*Gloria Patri ⁶

Henry Greateorex

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

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

Turn your eyes to the hillside where justice and mercy embrace
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased.

(Chorus)
Jesus, to You we lift our eyes—Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.

Turn your eyes to the morning and see Christ the lion awake
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins.

Turn your eyes to the heavens, our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout
All glory to Jesus alone! (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.

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.

New Testament Scripture

John 8:12

Rev. Jeff Morrison

Proclamation of the Word ¹⁰ *"The Light of the World"*

Rev. Jeff Morrison

Song of Response

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
 This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
 My Comforter, my all in all—here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
 For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live.

Here in the ground His body lay, Light of the World by darkness slain;
 When bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
 And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 For I am His and He is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me
 From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
 No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand
 Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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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Butch Bigham, Tom Vehue

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 continues the "I Am" series 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!

Thank you to everyone who came out for Meal and Movie Night! We had a great time of fellowship, good food, and good entertainment with a message! **Our next date will be on Saturday, October 11 at *6:00 p.m. *(This new time will be permanent.)** The menu is TBA.

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.**