



Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

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

- 1 Peter 4:11

Preparing our hearts for worship...

"A rule I have had for years is: to treat the Lord Jesus Christ as a personal friend. His is not a creed, a mere doctrine, but it is He Himself we have."

~ Dwight Moody

September 21, 2025

Sunday Morning Worship

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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Jesus You Alone

Who is the great King of glory, seated on high in the heavens, oh Jesus You alone
You are the Lord God Almighty, strong in compassion and mercy, oh Jesus You alone

Chorus 1

I've searched the world for a love that could fill my heart
Nothing compares to the wonder of who You are
Holy all the earth singing, Holy all the angels cry
Holy Jesus You alone—Jesus You alone

You set the stars in the heavens, You set the world into motion, oh Jesus You alone
You breathed Your life in creation. You walked among Your created. oh Jesus You alone

Chorus 2

I've searched the world for a love that could fill my heart
Nothing compares to the wonder of who You are
Holy all the earth singing. Holy all the angels cry Holy
Jesus You alone—Jesus You alone
Worthy all creation sings, worthy all the heavens
Exalt Thee, Jesus You alone—Jesus You alone

You shed Your blood for salvation, You broke the curse for our freedom
Jesus You alone
You rose from death with the morning, You'll come again in Your glory
Oh Jesus You alone
Oh Jesus You alone (sing Chorus 2)

Welcome and Announcements

Butch Bigham

*Call to Worship¹

Psalm 148:11-13

Pedro Pollorena

**“Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and maidens together, old men and children! Let them praise
the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth
and heaven.”**

Invocation²

*Opening Song of Praise³

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore—
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

** If you are able please stand*

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What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(Chorus)
Praise the Lord—His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (repeat chorus)

Confession of Sin ⁴

Donn DeHart

Lord Jesus, we have sinned times without number, and been guilty of
pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek You in our daily lives. Our sins and
shortcomings present us with a list of accusations, but we thank You that they
will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from
every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the
brightness of Your grace in us, everything that prevents us taking delight in
You. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon ⁵

Psalm 32:3-5

"For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by
the heat of summer. *Selah*
I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will
confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the
iniquity of my sin." *Selah*

*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 to Jesus (Rest in Him)*
(Please song along with us and glorify the Lord!)

Are you weary, heavy laden? Come and lay your burdens down
Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you—rest in Him
He is gentle, he is lowly, He delights to bring us peace
Tender shepherd, mighty Savior—rest in Him

(Chorus)
How sure, His compassion for us, oh how deep is His love,
So come, come to Jesus, and rest in Him

Are you hopeless, are you guilty, caught in shame for all your sin?
He pursues you, to forgive you—rest in Him
He has paid for every failure, mercy flows in endless streams
Come and follow, freedom calls you—rest in Him (chorus)

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Are you waiting, in your sorrows for this broken world to heal?
He is coming, soon returning—rest in Him
We will see Him, we will know Him, O what heights of grace revealed
From His kindness, every promise then fulfilled
Trust in Jesus, He will keep us to the end (chorus x 2)

***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

Steve Smith

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 10:1-10

Rev. Jeff Morrison

***Proclamation of the Word ¹⁰ “The Gate of the Sheep”**

Rev. Jeff Morrison

***Song of Response**

The Lord is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me and pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground—the Lord is my salvation
I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun—the Lord is my salvation.

(Chorus)

Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won The Lord is my salvation

My hope is hidden in the Lord—He flows each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come—the Lord is my salvation.
In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days—the Lord is my salvation.
And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home—the Lord is my salvation. (Chorus)

(Bridge)

Glory be to God the Father—Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit—The Lord is our salvation (repeat)

***Benediction ¹¹**

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, continues. **We meet at 9:00 a.m.** Please join us!

The WOC Bible Study group continues with their study of the book of Hebrews on Tuesdays, at 10:15 a.m. All women are welcome! Please join us for this rich study!

Our next date for Meal and Movie Night will be on Saturday, October 11 at *6:00 p.m. *(This new time will be permanent.) The menu is “fall stews” which includes chili, brunsrick stew, or your favorite!! Mark your calendars!

The next Men’s Breakfast 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.

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.