

# Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

"...that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."
- 1 Peter 4:11

Preparing our hearts for worship...

"But because they belong to Christ and have recognized Him as Lord and Master of their lives, their owner and manager, they are permeated by a deep, quiet, settled peace that is beautiful to behold."

~ Phillip Keller, A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23

**September 28, 2025** 

## Sunday Morning Worship September 28, 2025

### Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

He Knows My Name

I have a Maker, He formed my heart Before even time began my life was in His hand

(Chorus)

He knows my name, He knows my ev'ry thought He sees each tear that falls, and hears me when I call I have a Father, He calls me His own He'll never leave me no matter where I go (chorus)

(Tag) He hears me when I call

Welcome and Announcements

Sam Hanes

\*Call to Worship 1

Ezekiel 34:14-15

Pedro Pollorena

"I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God."

Invocation<sup>2</sup>

\*Opening Song of Praise 3

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship You

(Chorus)

Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing—power and majesty, praise to the King Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name I sing for joy at the work of Your hands—forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand Nothing compares to the promise I have in You (repeat verse & chorus)

\*Confession of Sin 4

Donn DeHart

O Great and Mighty God, in a world of deep darkness You are our light. In the storm that batters us You alone are our safe harbor. In the battle that rages You are our refuge, the cleft of the rock in which we are hidden. In the day of judgment You have become our strong tower, the sole safe haven to which we flee. Father, our sins are many and they are great. Forgive us, Father, for trusting in ourselves rather than running to You for what only You can give. We make this request in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

#### \*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

Sam Hanes

Worship through Giving 7

## Musical Offering

The Lord is My Shepherd

(Please follow the lyrics as the Praise Team sings)

The Lord is my shepherd of all that I need He makes me lie down where the pastures are green Besides quiet waters He leads me to rest And guides me on paths of His righteousness

(Refrain)

This He has done His great name to display Alleluia, alleluia Alleluia, Amen.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death Because you are with me, no evil I dread Your rod and your staff ever comfort my soul In banquets of mercy my cup overflows (refrain)

He refreshes my soul! He refreshes my soul! (repeat)

Surely Your goodness and glorious grace Will follow me closely in all of my ways For surely Your goodness and glorious grace Will follow me closely in all of my ways I'll dwell in the house of the Lord all my days I'll dwell in the house of the Lord all my days

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Amen. Amen, Amen.

## \*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 10:11-21

Pedro Pollorena

\*Proclamation of the Word 10

"The Good Shepherd"

Pedro Pollorena

\*Song of Response

Our God Will Go Before Us

Our God will go before us and guide us by His presence What confidence this promise is—we will never walk alone

Through unknown paths, through shadows our hearts fear not tomorrow For every step His faithfulness is the truth that lights our way

(Chorus)

Our God will go before us—the Lord of Hosts is with us O praise the One who leads us on for His grace will bring us Home

Though evil forms against us, all heaven will defend us
The gates of hell shall not prevail for the battle is the Lord's (chorus)

Now send us with Your presence and lead us on to heaven Where songs of sorrow strain no more and our every breath is praise And our every breath is praise! (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 brother Pedro Pollorena 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 Pollorena, 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!

Come out and support our WOC at the Madness Pop-Up Market on Saturday, October 4, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., at Mint Hill Memorial Park (which is right beyond the overpass on Hwy 218).

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!

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, brunswick stew, or your favorite!! Mark your calendars!

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.