

# Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

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

Preparing our hearts for worship...

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose"

~ Jim Elliot

October 5, 2025

# Sunday Morning Worship October 5, 2025

# Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Agnus Dei

Alleluia, Alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia, Alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia!

Holy, Holy, are You Lord God Almighty!
Worthy is the Lamb—worthy is the Lamb
You are holy, holy, are you Lord God Almighty!
Worthy is the Lamb—worthy is the Lamb, Amen.

#### Welcome and Announcements

Butch Bigham

\*Call to Worship 1

Psalm 47:5-7

Pedro Pollorena

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

Invocation<sup>2</sup>

\*Opening Song of Praise 3

At the Cross

Oh Lord You've searched me, You know my way—even when I fail You, I know You love me.
Your holy presence, surrounding me—in every season, I know You love me,

I know you love me.

(Chorus)

At the cross I bow my knee where Your blood was shed for me There's no greater love than this You have overcome the grave, Your glory fills the highest place What can separate me now.

You go before me, You shield my way, Your hand upholds me I know You love me, I know You love me

(Bridge)

You tore the veil, You made a way—when You said that it is done (x2)

And when the earth fades, Falls from my eyes, and You stand before me, I know You love me, I know You love me (chorus)

\*Confession of Faith 4

The Apostles' Creed

Donn DeHart

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;

<sup>\*</sup> If you are able please stand

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven;

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;\*
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* catholic with a lower case 'c' refers to the universal Church

## \*Gloria Patri <sup>5</sup>

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

Come Unto Jesus

(Please follow the lyrics as the Praise Team sings)

Come unto Jesus all you who are weary, come to the mercy seat fervently kneel Here bring your wounded hearts broken and needy Come unto Jesus mighty to heal

Joy of the comfortless Light for the straying, hope of the penitent Peace in our strife Here speaks the Comforter tenderly saying My yoke is easy my burden is light

(Chorus)

Come unto Jesus, come unto Jesus—lay down your burdens He is enough Come unto Jesus rest in His love

Come taste the Bread of Life broken for sinners, drink from the cup of His promise made sure

Feast at His table as sons and as daughters, grace overflowing is yours evermore (chorus)

Come now and follow Him this life forsaking, all that was gain count as nothing but loss Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading

Come unto Jesus take up your cross

Come unto Jesus take up your cross

Life everlasting He offers to us! (chorus)

<sup>\*</sup> If you are able please stand

## 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.

Pastoral Prayer

Steve Smith

The Lord's Prayer 8

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,

Γhy 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,

orever. Amen.

New Testament Scripture

John 11:17-27

Rev. Jeff Morrison

Proclamation of the Word 9 "The Resurrection and the Life" Rev. Jeff Morrison

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 10

Song of Response

Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship to sing the song of ages to the Lamb And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Chorus)

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest, Your name stands above them all All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions

Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry, "Holy" All creations cries, "Holy"

You are lifted high, holy—Holy forever!

f you've been forgiven, if you've been redeemed, sing the song forever to the Lamb f you walk in freedom, if you bear His name, sing the song forever to the Lamb We'll sing the song forever and amen

We'll sing the song forever and amen (chorus)

And the angels cry, "Holy" All creation cries, "Holy"
You are lifted high, holy—Holy forever!
Hear your people sing, "Holy" to the King of kings, "Holy"
You will always be holy, holy forever—You will always be holy, holy forever

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. 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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#### **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 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!

Thank you to all who helped out with the WOC and their booth at the Pop Up Sale at Mint Hill Memorial Park yesterday morning! Thank you for serving to make our congregation known in the community!

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!

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, November 1 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.