

Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

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

Preparing our hearts for worship...

"God alone is enough, but without Him, nothing is enough for your happiness."

~ John Gibbon

October 12, 2025

Sunday Morning Worship October 12, 2025

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain—holy, holy is He Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

(Chorus)

Holy, holy is the Lord God Amighty Who was and is and is to come With all creation I sing praise to the King of Kings You are my everything and I will adore You

Filled with wonder—awestruck wonder, at the mention of Your name Jesus, your name is power—breath and living water—such a marvelous mystery. (Chorus x 2)

Welcome and Announcements

Butch Bigham

*Call to Worship 1

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."

Invocation 2

*Opening Song of Praise 3

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

(Chorus)

Christ alone, cornerstone—weak made strong in the Savior's love Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide his His face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (chorus x 2)

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne, faultless to stand before the throne.

*Confession of Sin 4

Donn DeHart

Most Merciful Father, we come before You today with heavy hearts and burdened minds. When we look into Your holiness our sins loom large in our eyes. So often we have rejected The Way and sought our own ways. We have abandoned The Truth and looked for guidance elsewhere. We have hoped that we might find life in something other than The Life. Father, for these and all our other sins we are deeply grieved. Forgive us our transgressions and cleanse our consciences that we may rest in Your love and grace. We ask these things all in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon ⁵

Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."

*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

Ancient of Days

(Please sing along with the Praise Team!)

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall, there is still one King reigning over all So I will not fear for this truth remains: That my God is, the Ancient of Days

(Chorus)

None above Him, none before Him—all of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand—all the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name, for my God is, the Ancient of Days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul—
He is here with me, I am not alone
O His love is sure, and He knows my name, for my God is, the Ancient of Days!
(chorus)

Though I may not see what the future brings—
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King
Then my joy complete standing face to face in the presence of the Ancient of Days
(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. 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 14:1-6

Rev. Jeff Morrison

*Proclamation of the Word 10

"The Way, the Truth

and the Life"

Rev. Jeff Morrison

*Song of Response

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing—let mercy fall on me Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior—the hope of nations

(Chorus)

Savior, He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save

Forever, Author of Salvation—He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures—fill my life again I give my life to follow, everything I believe in, now I surrender (Chorus)

(Bridge):

Shine your light and let the whole world see—we're singing For the glory of the risen King—Jesus!

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*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 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!

Thanks to all who came out for Meal and Movie Night last night! Our next Meal and Movie night will be on Saturday, November 8 at *6:00 p.m. *(This new time will be permanent.) Mark your calendars!

The WOC Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 19 immediately after worship at the home of Anne Depaoli. Please bring a dish to share and come join us! All women of the church are welcome!

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.