



Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

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

- 1 Peter 4:11

Preparing our hearts for worship...

**"Gratitude is an offering precious in the sight of God,
and it is one that the poorest of us can make and be not
poorer but richer for having made it."**

~ A. W. Tozer

October 26, 2025

Sunday Morning Worship
October 26, 2025
Reformation Sunday

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

More Love, More Power

More love, more power, more of You in my life
More love, more power, more of You in my life

And I will worship You, with all of my heart,
I will worship You, with all of my mind
I will worship You, with all of my strength—for You are my Lord (repeat all)

Welcome and Announcements

Butch Bigham

***Call to Worship ¹**

Psalm 118:28-29

Rev. Pedro Polloreña

**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.**

**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Invocation ²

***Opening Song of Praise ³**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing
Our Helper He amidst the flood, of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be, Christ Jesus, it is He
The Lord of Hosts His name from age to age the same
And He must win the battle

And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him
His rage we can endure, for lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell Him

That word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also
The body they may kill God's truth abideth still
His Kingdom is forever!

***Confession of Faith ⁴**

The Heidelberg Catechism

Donn DeHart

Q21. What is true faith?

** If you are able please stand*

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A. True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in His Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

***Gloria Patri ⁵**

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

Musical Offering

Goodness, Love and Mercy

Praise Team

(New Song - Follow along with the lyrics and worship!)

Oh Lord, You're my Shepherd, You make me lie in fields of green
You lead me by the still waters, You restore righteousness to me
Though I walk through the valley, I will fear no evil thing
For You are with me—and You comfort me

Chorus:

Surely goodness, love and mercy will follow wherever I go
Surely goodness, love and mercy will follow wherever I go
Surely goodness, love and mercy will follow wherever I go (repeat verse & chorus)

Bridge:

I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever
I said I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever! (repeat, then chorus)

***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,
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.**

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Song of Response

All the People Said Amen

You are not alone if you are lonely—when you're feeling frail, you're not the only
 We are all the same in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free
 It's all you got to lean on but thank God, it's all you need

(Chorus)
 And all the people said Amen, whoa, and all the people said Amen
 Give thanks to the Lord, for his love never ends—and all the people said Amen

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter
 Weak or strong, we know love is what we're after
 We're all broken, but we're all in this together—God knows we stumble and fall
 And he so loved the world he sent his son to save us all (chorus)

(Bridge)
 Blessed are the poor spirits who are torn apart
 Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
 Blessed are the people lonely for another start
 For this is a kingdom, the kingdom of God (chorus x 2)

Benediction ¹⁰

**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. 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
worshipping the Savior.*

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Sam Hanes, Sue Johnson

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 brings us the Proclamation of the Word out of Psalm 54. We look forward to the word the Lord has given him!

Sunday School: The Adult Sunday School Class led by Rev. Pedro Polloreña, continues the study of the book, “*The Mortification of Sin*,” by John Owen. 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!

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!

Our next Meal and Movie night will be on Saturday, November 8 at *6:00 p.m. (This new time will be permanent.) Spaghetti is on the menu! A sign-up sheet will soon be available in the foyer Mark your calendars!

Mark your calendars for the Holiday Pop-Up Sale on Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Novant Health Mint Hill Medical Center, (8201 Healthcare Ln, Charlotte 28215). Our WOC is participating in this fun event. Come on out and support Mint Hill Presbyterian Church as we share with people in the community!

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.