

The Promise of a Savior



Long ago, at many times and in
many ways, God spoke to our
fathers by the prophets, but
in these last days he has
spoken to us by his Son...

— Hebrews 1:1-2a

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

- 1 Peter 4:11

Preparing our hearts for worship...

“The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord.”

~ Henry Nouwen

November 30, 2025

Sunday Morning Worship
November 30, 2025

Preparing Our Hearts for

O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appears
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell Thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us Thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel! (repeat last line)

Welcome and Announcements

Butch Bigham

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 130:5-7

Rev. Pedro Pollorena

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

Invocation

***Opening Song of Praise**

Advent Hymn

Christ whose glory fills the skies—Christ the everlasting light, the Son of Righteousness arise and triumph o're these shades of night

Come thou long awaited One in the fullness of your love, and loose this heart bound up by shame, and I will never be the same

(Chorus)

So here I wait in hope of You, all my soul's longing through and through, Dayspring from on high be near—Day Star in my heart appear

Dark and cheerless is the morn until Your love in me is born, and joyless is the evening song, until Emmanuel has come (chorus x 2)

Advent Scripture Reading

Hebrews 1:1-2

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“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.”

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Candle of Hope

***Confession of Sin**

Psalm 103: 8-14

Donn DeHart

“The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.”

***Gloria Patri**

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.

Worship Through Giving

Offertory

Coming Soon

(We invite you to sing and worship with us!)

Lift your eyes to the heavens, the King is coming soon—On His head are many crowns
And we wait for His returning when all will be made new—We will hear that trumpet sound

(Chorus 1)

On the day of the Lord every knee will bow, every eye will see the Savior coming on the clouds
He will judge the nations, the living and the dead, all who are asleep in Christ will surely rise again
We don't know when but we believe it's true—He is coming soon

Like a thief in the night, no one knows the hour, until then we watch and pray

Come Lord Jesus come—Come and reign in power, hear the Bride and Spirit say! (chorus 1)

(Chorus 2)

On the day of the Lord the final word is this—Darkness will be trampled on and vengeance will be His
On His robe is written The Name above all Names—He'll be riding on a white horse and followed by the saints
We don't know when but we believe it's true—He is coming soon!

*Doxology

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

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

Luke 17:11-19

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Proclamation of the Word

"A Grateful Heart"

Rev. Pedro Pollorena

*Song of Response

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, and hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer who crushed the power of sin and death, my only Savior before the holy Judge
The Lamb who is my righteousness—the Lamb who is my righteousness

I will glory in my Redeemer, my life He bought, my love He owns
I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in Him alone
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place, though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by His grace—my feet are firm, held by His grace

I will glory in my Redeemer who carries me on eagles' wings
He crowns my life with lovingkindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me, it will be paradise
His face forever to behold, His face forever to behold, His face forever to behold

*Benediction

* Please stand if you are able.

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Steve Smith, Alex Depaoli

*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 are happy to pray with you.*

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 Pedro brings us the Proclamation of the Word from the Gospel of Luke. We look forward to the word the Lord has given him!

Sunday School: The Adult Sunday School Class led by Rev. Pedro Pollorena, wrapped up the study of the book, *"The Mortification of Self"* by John Owen. We will be on break until January. More details forthcoming about our next study in Sunday School.

The WOC Bible Study group is now on break until the first of the year. More details will be forthcoming as to what scripture we will study when we resume in January. All women are welcome!

Thank you to all who came out to help decorate the Chrismon Tree and our sanctuary for the Christmas season! We had fun and good fellowship! (Special thanks to Butch and Gloria for setting the tree up for us!)

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, December 6 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 Saturday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. Our menu will be chili and Brunswick stew. Come out and be fed on the Word, good fellowship and good food!

The WOC Christmas gathering will be held at the home of Gloria Bigham on Sunday, December 14 immediately following worship. We will find out who our secret sisters are at that time. If you are not part of the secret sister program, please come! There will be a gift for everyone. Please bring a festive dish to share (*come anyway if you aren't prepared with a dish!*) and get ready for wonderful fellowship with your sisters!

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.

Mint Hill Presbyterian Church exists to glorify God by seeking the lost, making disciples, and worshiping the Savior.

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