

# The Savior will come...



But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah...  
from you shall come forth...  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose coming forth is from of old,  
from ancient days.

— Micah 5:2-5

## Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

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

*- 1 Peter 4:11*

Preparing our hearts for worship...

“The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger; in all our trials born to be our friend.  
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger. Behold your King; before Him lowly  
bend! Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!”

~ Placide Cappeau

December 7, 2025

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
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**Preparing Our Hearts for**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"

**Welcome and Announcements**

Butch Bigham

**\*Call to Worship**

*Psalm 145:1-3*

Butch Bigham

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

**Invocation**

**\*Opening Song of Praise**

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Come Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free, from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art, dear desire of every nation—joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King. Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious Kingdom bring By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone, by Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne

**Advent Scripture Reading**

*Micah 5:2-5*

Rev. Jeff Morrison

"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace."

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

*The Candle of Peace*

**\*Confession of Faith**

*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; 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

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

Offertory

*Behold the Lamb of God*

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

We who walk in darkness deep now see the light of morning  
The Mighty God, the Prince of Peace—a child to us is born

(Chorus)

Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away our sin  
Behold the Lamb of God, the life and light of men  
Behold the Lamb of God who died and rose again  
Behold the Lamb of God who comes to take away our sin

Wanderers in the wilderness, O hear a voice is crying  
Prepare the way, make straight the path, your King has come to die (chorus x 2)

\*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

*John 1:14-18*

Rev. Jeff Morrison

Proclamation of the Word

*"Allow Me To Introduce You..."*

Rev. Jeff Morrison

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

\*Song of Response

*Psalm 24 (The King of Glory)*

The King of Glory reigns over all the world, His mighty hand sustains the heavens and the earth.  
Who may come to Him, and seek His holy face?

He calls the pure in heart, all whose hands are clean, and those who love His name above all other things  
Humbly I will bow, and Jesus' Name confess

(Chorus)

He reigns, He reigns—Jesus the Lord! He reigns, He reigns—forevermore!

Swing wide you ancient gates, let the King come in—His glory never fades, our hearts delight in Him  
Every knee will bow—every tongue confess (chorus x 2)

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

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*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 Jeff brings us the Proclamation of the Word from the Gospel of John. We look forward to the word the Lord has given him!

**Sunday School:** The Adult Sunday School Class is 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!

**The next Men's Breakfast** will be on Saturday, January 3 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 this 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!

**Mark your calendars now for our Christmas Eve Service.** More details will be forthcoming. This is a wonderful time to invite friends and family!

**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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