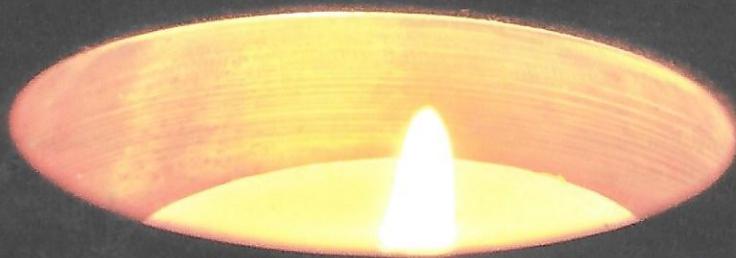


# The Gift from the Father



He is the radiance  
of the glory of God...and  
he upholds the universe by  
the word of his power.  
— Hebrews 1:3

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

*- 1 Peter 4:11*

Preparing our hearts for worship...

“It is staggering that God should love sinners; yet it is true. God loves creatures who have become unlovely and (one would have thought) unlovable.”

~ J.I.Packer

December 21, 2025

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

*O Savior of Our Fallen Race*

O Savior of our fallen race, O brightness of the Father's face,  
O Son who shared the Father's might before the world knew day or night,  
O Jesus, very Light of light, our constant star in sin's deep night:  
Now hear the prayers your people pray, throughout the world this holy day.

Remind us Lord of life and grace, how once, to save our fallen race,  
You put our human vesture on and came to us as Mary's son.  
Today, as year by year its light, brings to our world a promise bright,  
One precious truth outshines the sun: Salvation comes from you alone.

O Savior of our fallen race, the world will see your radiant face.  
For you who came to us before, will come again and all restore.  
Let songs of praise your name adorn, O Christ, Redeemer, virgin-born,  
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit evermore.

**Welcome and Announcements**

Butch Bigham

**\*Call to Worship**

*Psalm 21:13*

Butch Bigham

Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength!  
We will sing and praise your power.

**Invocation**

**\*Opening Song of Praise**

*Adore*

You stepped down from heaven, humbly You came  
God of all creation, here with us  
In a starlit manger, Emmanuel, light of the world, here to save

Chorus:

Adore, come let us adore, O come let us adore Him, the Lord  
Worship Christ the Lord—let all that is in within us adore.

Wise men bring their treasures, shepherds bow low  
Angel voices sing of peace on earth  
What have I to offer to heaven's King—I will bring my life, my love, my all (chorus)

Bridge:

Angels sing, praises ring, to the newborn King  
Peace on earth, here with us, joy (repeat then chorus x 2)

**Advent Scripture Reading**

*Philippians 2:5-11*

Rev. Jeff Morrison

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

*The Candle of Love*  
Linda Shelden

\* Please stand if you are able.

Leader: *What is the heart of the Gospel?*

The People: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." John 3:16-17

\*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

Musical Offering

*How Low Was Our Redeemer Brought*

(We invite you to listen to the lyrics and worship with us!)

\*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

*1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

Rev. Jeff Morrison

Proclamation of the Word

*"When Love Came Down"*

Rev. Jeff Morrison

\*Song of Response

*Good Christian Men Rejoice*

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice; Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ was born today;  
Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart, and soul, and voice; Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath ope'd the heav'nly door, and man is blessed evermore. Christ was born for this! Christ as born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice; Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one, and calls you all, to gain His everlasting hall: Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

\*Benediction

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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 1 Corinthians 13. 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.

Please join us this Wednesday evening, December 24 for our Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m. This is a beautiful worship service and a wonderful time to invite friends and family to celebrate our Savior's birth!

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 Saturday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. Our menu is Butch's Barbeque and Baked Beans. We are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Come out and be fed on the Word, good fellowship and good food!

Mark your calendar that there will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 28 immediately following worship. We will elect new officers and review the budget.

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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