



Christ is born!

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given; and the
government shall be upon
his shoulder, and his name shall
be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace

— Isaiah 9:6

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

- 1 Peter 4:11

Preparing our hearts for worship...

“We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God.”

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

December 28, 2025

Sunday Morning Worship
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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Come Behold the Wondrous Myst'ry

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King—He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness now the light of life has come—Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry He the perfect Son of Man—In His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man—Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry slain by death the God of life—But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord He is alive!
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Welcome and Announcements

Butch Bigham

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 107:1-3

Rev. Pedro Pollorena

**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the
LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east
and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Invocation

***Opening Song of Praise**

O Come All Ye Faithful

O Come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant—O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and adore Him, born the King of angels

(Chorus)

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him—O come let us adore Him—Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation—Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God, all glory in the highest (chorus)

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee born this happy morning—Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing (chorus)

***Confession of Sin**

Donn DeHart

Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:6-8

“For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

***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

What Child is This
(We invite you to sing and worship with us!)

What child is this, who, laid to rest On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him praise The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian fear for sinners here the silent word is pleading
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own Him
The King of Kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him
Raise, raise the song on high while Mary sings a lullaby
Joy, joy, for Christ is born—the Babe, the Son of Mary!

*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

2 Timothy 4:1-5

Rev. Pedro Pollorena

Proclamation of the Word

"A Last Request"

Rev. Pedro Pollorena

*Song of Response

He Shall Reign Forevermore

In the bleak mid-winter, all creation groans, for a world in darkness, frozen like a stone, light is breaking in a stable for a throne

(Chorus)
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore—And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
Unto us a child is born, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords—And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore!

If I were a wise man, I would travel far, if I were a shepherd, I would do my part, but poor as I am, I will give to Him my heart
(chorus)

(Bridge)
Here within a manger lies the One who made the starry skys—this baby born for sacrifice—Christ the Messiah!
Into our hopes into our fears, the Savior of the world appears, the promise of eternal years—Christ the Messiah! (chorus)

*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 Pedro brings us the Proclamation of the Word from 2 Timothy 4:1-5. We look forward to the word the Lord has given him!

Mark your calendar that there will be a Congregational Meeting today immediately following worship. We will elect new officers and review the budget.

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!

On Monday, January 5, we will be taking down the Chrismon Tree and the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary, since Epiphany Sunday is January 4. Anyone who can come help will be appreciated!

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!

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.

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by seeking the lost, making disciples,
and worshiping the Savior.*

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