



Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

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

- 1 Peter 4:11

Preparing our hearts for worship...

"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world."

~ C.S. Lewis

August 23, 2026

Sunday Morning Worship
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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord—open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You—I want to see You (repeat)

To see You high and lifted up, shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy (repeat all)

(Ending)
Holy, holy, holy—Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, I want to see you

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jeff Morrison

***Call to Worship**

Psalms 150:1-6

Rev. Pedro Pollorena

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!
Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

Invocation

***Opening Song of Praise**

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

(Chorus)
Christ alone, cornerstone—weak made strong in the Savior's love—Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (chorus x 2)

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne, faultless to stand before the throne.

***Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Donn DeHart

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

All:
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.

* Please stand if you are able.

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Worship Through Giving

***Prayer of Dedication for Tithes and Offerings**

Rev. Jeff Morrison

Offertory

The Church's One Foundation

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

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word:
from heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with the God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

***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 Peter 2:4-6

Rev. Jeff Morrison

Proclamation of the Word

"Living Stones"

Rev. Jeff Morrison

***Song of Response**

Who You Say We Are

Oh, how great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called the children of God
Oh, how great was the cost the Father was willing to pay so we could be called the children of God

(Chorus)

And all that we can say is thank you, thank you! And all that we can say is thank you, thank you!
We are Your sons, we are Your daughters—Hallelujah, we are who You say we are!
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father! Hallelujah, we are who You say we are!
Hallelujah, we are who You say we are!

Oh how great is Your amazing grace that took us as orphans and slaves and made us Your heirs and gave us Your name
There's nothing more that we could ever do—You finished it all on the cross, and rose from the grave and brought us with You!
(chorus)

***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 1 Peter 2:4-6. We look forward to the word the Lord has given him!

Sunday School: The Adult Sunday School Class (led by Pastor Jeff and Pastor Pedro) resumes on Sunday, September 13. We are studying the book of Judges. Everyone is welcome!

The Men's Breakfast resumes on Saturday, September 5 at 8:00 a.m. Come and be fed physically and spiritually! All men are welcome!

Our Meal and Movie Night resumes on Saturday, September 12. Our menu will be POTLUCK! We begin eating at 6:00 p.m., and the movie will begin at 6:30 p.m. The movie is TBA.

The WOC Bible Study group resumes on Tuesday, September 15 at 10:15 a.m. We are continuing our study of the Gospel of Mark, led by Dr. Michael Kruger via video study. All ladies are welcome!

The 2026 General Synod of the ARP Church set the week of September 13, 2026, as a season of prayer and fasting for the purpose that the Lord of the Harvest would raise up laborers that we so desperately desire. (Please see flyer on bulletin board for more details on how to pray.)

Please see Cathy Morrison if you would be willing to serve as a backup with the children on Sunday mornings. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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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