

McIntosh Presbyterian Church



PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF JESUS

We are saved...

By GRACE. Through FAITH. For GOOD WORKS.

Ephesians 2:8-10

November 29, 2020

McIntosh, Florida

We seek to be a church where thinking people believe and believing people think.

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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Debbie Ayers

Welcome

Tommy Lane

Invocation

Bert Ayers

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Candle of HOPE

C.J. & Jeff Kligora

One: The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the *coming* of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ *is* coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of **HOPE**, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

While the First candle is lit, the congregation sings these words to the tune of *O Come Let Us Adore Him* (Adeste Fideles)

We're waiting for You, Jesus

Oh, give us HOPE for Christmas

Prepare us for Your coming... Christ the Lord.

Isaiah 64:1-5, 8-9 *Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! 2. As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! 3. For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. 4. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. 5. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? 8. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9. Do not be angry beyond measure, O Lord; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look upon us, we pray, for we are all your people.*

All: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ. We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder, And set aside time to offer quiet thanks.

One: The good news of Advent is this: Christ is coming. Christ is always coming. Prepare!
Prepare the way of the Lord!

PRAYERS FOR RECONCILIATION

Confession

Tommy Lane

Call to Repentance

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.
You are the potter, I am the clay, mold me and make me.
This is what I pray.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

Gloria Patri

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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.

Praise Time

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Praise Team

Lord, I lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your name on high
Lord, I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth
to show the way
From the earth to the cross
my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high

All in All

Dennis Jernigan

1. You are my strength
when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my All in All
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my All in all

2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again, I bless Your name
You are my All in All
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my All in All

Chorus

Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

How Far Love Goes

You gave up a throne for a manger
Traded a crown for a cross
Laid down your life for a stranger
And for all who are broken and lost

Chorus

You came down from the heavens
So we would know
How deep, how high
How long and how wide
And how far love goes

You went to the darkest of places
Walked down the loneliest roads
You looked into lost empty faces
And told us we're never alone

Presentation of the Lord's Tithes and our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight
[Refrain]

Chorus

Bridge

To the ends of the earth
You have been You have searched
For the ones so far from home
Jesus, You paid the price
What a great sacrifice
You have made
To call us Your own

Chorus

Tag How deep, how high
How long and how wide
And how far love goes

3 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go.
[Refrain]

4 O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's
peace. [Refrain]

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Joel 2:21-27

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel Lesson

Mark 13:24-37

Sermon

REDEEMING THE LOCUST YEARS

Tommy Lane

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

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.

Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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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.

The Charge and Blessing

Chorus to *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Gloria in Excelsis Deo.

*The Postlude

If you have never responded to God's Love by committing your life to Jesus, we invite you to make that response and commitment today. If you are looking for a church home where you can worship, serve Christ and enjoy the fellowship of the Faith, we sincerely invite you to join us. Regardless of where you are on your Faith journey, we encourage you to unite with us and help us practice the presence of Jesus. Please speak to one of the Pastors or Elders.

Prayer List: Andrea Arnow (cancer), **John Ayres**, **Stanley Beard** (Althea's brother), **Griselda Asuncion DeCastro Boler** (Liz's and Suzanne's friend's mother), **Becky Broce** (breast cancer), **Lisa Cartier** (Art & Althea's daughter, breast cancer), **the family of Nancy Erney**, **Maria Di Mella**, **Sally Dowlen** (Susan's sister), **Dan Ezell** (cancer), **Felda Fisher**, **Tami French** (Aleida), **Alice Garwood**, **Marcia Graham** (auto accident), **Susan Holloway**, **Katie and Thomas Hoover**, **Jean Hart**, **Jerry & Gloria Kennedy**, **Kloey** (Jim and Randa's great, great niece), **Nicole Keys**, **Zachary Lane**, **Ivan Marden** (Liz's friend), **Desi McCloud** (cancer), **Linda Gail and the McCollum and Family**, **Pete & Linda McCullers**, **Vicki McDonald** (RSD), **Conner Magee** (baby needing surgery), **Betty Mulligan**, **Roy Owens and family**, **Judy Shelly** (Jim Sandoval's sister, cancer), **Sondra Spradling** (Nancy's daughter), **Don Tuttle** (Bladder cancer / chemo) (Also, **Chris** (Don's wife) and **Bobby** (Don's son, Glenda Jones' son-in-law), **Melody Vickers**, **Erin Vranizan** (cancer), **Buddy Watson**, **our country**, **our political leadership**, **our veterans** and **service personnel**, **the persecuted Christian church**, **global COVID-19 victims and healthcare workers**, **first responders**, **teachers**, **students**, and **those traveling**. DON'T forget to pray for each other.

To add or subtract a name to the Prayer List, please email by Thursday noon. Tommy Lane at tlane@psginc.co or Bert Ayers at bayers@psginc.co.

At MPC, we are:

- **Scripture-based** – The Holy Scripture is the inspired written Word of God, which with the Word Incarnate serves as the authority for our life and work.
- **Grace-filled** – Grace is emphasized because it is God's unique and all-sufficient gift of salvation, forgiveness, and renewal for all who would trust Jesus.
- **Sacramental** – God works through His Word and the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion to bring us His Grace. Forgiven people of all ages, all races, and all nations are brought together by one Lord Jesus Christ to give glory to God.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done in 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, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements:

- We will decorate the Church after worship TODAY.
- The MPC worship service can also be found at <http://facebook.com/mcpres>.
- If you have need of help during this period, please call Tommy @ 352 870 0008 or email him @ tlane@psginc.co.
- If you wish to make an offering toward the Jesus Work done by MPC, you can do so via our website @ www.mcintoshchurch.org, or mail us at PO Box 385, McIntosh Florida.

“At MPC, our only agenda is Grace, and it is not hidden.”