

McIntosh Presbyterian Church



PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF JESUS

We are saved...

By GRACE. Through FAITH. For GOOD WORKS.

Ephesians 2:8-10

November 28, 2021

McIntosh, Florida

First Sunday of Advent

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

Prelude

Debbie Ayers

Welcome

Tommy Lane

Call to Worship

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Bert Ayers

Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Candle of HOPE

Responsive Reading

Linda Gail McCollum & Martha Caulkins

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! Amen.

Special Music

We Wait

Choir

Confession

Call to Repentance

Assurance of Pardon

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.

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

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

Chorus

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

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.

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.

Prayer of Dedication for the Lord's Tithes and our Offerings

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-5; 10-19; 29-31

Comfort for God's People

1 Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.
2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the Lord's
hand
double for all her sins.
3 A voice of one calling:
"In the wilderness prepare
the way for the Lord;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.
4 Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,

the rugged places a plain.
5 And the glory of the Lord will be
revealed,
and all people will see it together.
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."
10 See, the Sovereign Lord comes with
power,
and he rules with a mighty arm. See,
his reward is with him, and his
recompense accompanies him.
11 He tends his flock like a shepherd: He
gathers the lambs in his arms and
carries them close to his heart; he
gently leads those that have young.
12 Who has measured the waters in the

hollow of his hand, or with the breadth
of his hand marked off the heavens?
Who has held the dust of the earth in a
basket, or weighed the mountains on
the scales and the hills in a balance?

13 Who can fathom the Spirit of the Lord,
or instruct the Lord as his counselor?

14 Whom did the Lord consult to enlighten
him, and who taught him the right way?
Who was it that taught him knowledge,
or showed him the path of
understanding?

15 Surely the nations are like a drop in a
bucket; they are regarded as dust on the
scales; he weighs the islands as though
they were fine dust.

16 Lebanon is not sufficient for altar fires,
nor its animals enough for burnt offerings.

17 Before him all the nations are as nothing;
they are regarded by him as worthless
and less than nothing.

18 With whom, then, will you compare God?
To what image will you liken him?

19 As for an idol, a metalworker casts it,
and a goldsmith overlays it with gold
and fashions silver chains for it.

29 He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.

30 Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;

31 but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

***Hymn**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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1. 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.

2. 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.

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

New Testament Lesson

Romans 8:18-28; Hebrews 8:1-13

Gospel Lesson

John 1:1-17

Sermon

"HERE. TAKE MINE."

Tommy Lane

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

1. Take the name of Jesus with you,
 Child of sorrow and of woe;
 It will; joy and comfort give you—
 Take it, then, where'er you go.

Refrain:

Precious name, O how sweet!
 Hope of earth and joy of heav'n;
 Precious name, O how sweet!
 Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.

2. Take the name of Jesus ever,
 As a shield from every snare;
 If temptations round you gather,
 Breathe that holy name in prayer.
 [Refrain]

3. O the precious name of Jesus!
 How it thrills our souls with joy,
 When His loving arms receive us
 And His songs our tongues employ!
 [Refrain]

4. At the name of Jesus bowing,
 Falling prostrate at His feet;
 King of kings in heav'n we'll crown Him
 When our journey is complete. [Refrain]

***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.

***The Charge and Blessing** Chorus to *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Gloria in Excelsis Deo.

***The Postlude**

*Those that are able may stand. All hymns are from the Celebration Hymnal.

The Lord's Prayer

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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), **Jean Beck** and her daughter-caregiver, **Kathy Beck**, **Tiffany Blount** (Liz's friend, medical issues), **Becky Broce** (breast cancer), **Lisa Cartier** (Art & Althea's daughter, breast cancer), **Mrs. Coffey** (Chris Tuttle's mother), **Katie Dailey**, **Maria Di Mella**, **Sally Dowlen** (Susan's sister), **Dan Ezell** (cancer), Martha Caulkins' friend **Rosalie Falato** (cancer), **Tami French's family upon her death** (Aleida), **Alice Garwood**, **Marcia Graham** (auto accident), **Susan Holloway**, **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 Family**, **Pete & Linda McCullers**, **Vicki McDonald** (RSD), **Conner Magee** (baby needing surgery), **Deborah Morris** and family, **Roy Owens and his nephew, Trent**, **Corky Robinson** (Glenda's sister-in-law), **Will Sindledecker** (Suzanne's son), **Sondra Spradling** (Nancy's daughter), **Don Tuttle** (is doing better) (Also, **Chris Tuttle** (Don's wife) and **Bobby Tuttle** (Don's son, Glenda Jones' son-in-law), **Erin Vranizan** (cancer), **Buddy Watson**, **Monica Williams**, **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@lphllc.net or Bert Ayers at bayers@lphllc.net.

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.

Announcements:

- **Montgomery Center** - Winter Camp 2021 Registration is now open! December 21st to the 23rd for campers entering grades 2 through 12. Cost is \$200. Scholarships are available.
- The MPC worship service can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm5tUuBb17IUjQu2sccJdQ>.

- 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."