

McIntosh Presbyterian Church



PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF JESUS

We are saved...

By GRACE. Through FAITH. For GOOD WORKS.

Ephesians 2:8-10

March 19, 2023

McIntosh, Florida

4th Sunday in Lent

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

March 19, 2023

Prelude

Debbie Ayers

Welcome

Tommy Lane

***Call to Worship**

Lamb of God

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1. Your only Son no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side.
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

2. Your gift of love they crucified.
They laughed and scorned Him as he died.
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. [Refrain]

Refrain

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God,
I love the Holy Lamb of God.

3. I was so lost I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side.

Oh wash me in His precious Blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be call a lamb of God. [Refrain]

PRAYERS FOR RECONCILIATION

Confession

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,

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

Here I am to Worship

Tim Hughes

Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made
this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with you.

You're all together lovely,
all together worthy,
all together wonderful to me.

Chorus

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that
You're my God.

King of all days,
oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus

Amazing Love (You are My King)

Billy James Foote

I'm forgiven,
because You were forsaken
I'm accepted,
You were condemned
I'm alive and well,
Your spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again.

Chorus
Amazing love, how can it be
that you my King would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true
now it's my joy to honor you
You in all I do, I honor You.

You are my King, Jesus You are my King
(2x)

Chorus

Above All

Lenny LeBlanc | Paul Baloche

Above all powers above all kings
Above all nature and
all created things
Above all wisdom and
all the ways of man
You were here before
the world began
Above all kingdoms
above all thrones
Above all wonders
the world has ever known

Above all wealth
and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure
what You're worth

Chorus
Crucified laid behind a stone
You lived to die rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all.

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

Special Music

Jesus Paid It All

Choir

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

New Testament Lesson

John 10:1-18 NIV

The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

¹ "Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me — ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 22

For the director of music. To the tune of "The Doe of the Morning." A psalm of David.

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? ² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.

³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises. ⁴ In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. ⁵ To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. ⁷ All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

⁸ "He trusts in the Lord," they say, "let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him." ⁹ Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast. ¹⁰ From birth I was cast on you; from my mother's womb you have been my God. ¹¹ Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

¹² Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me. ¹³ Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths wide against me. ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me.

¹⁵ My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶ Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet. ¹⁷ All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. ¹⁸ They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.

¹⁹ But you, Lord, do not be far from me. You are my strength; come quickly to help me. ²⁰ Deliver me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs. ²¹ Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

²² I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you. ²³ You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! ²⁴ For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

²⁵ From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows. ²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him — may your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, ²⁸ for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him — those who cannot keep themselves alive. ³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. ³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 27:46 NIV

⁴⁶ About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?")

Sermon

THE GREAT SHEPHERD: DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Rev. Dr. Bob Shettler

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

*Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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| 1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are. | Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray. |
| 2. We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray: | 3. Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee. |

4. Early let us seek Thy favor,
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill:

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

*Affirmation of Faith

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

Rev. Dr. Bob Shettler

*Congregational Response *Grace, Love, and Fellowship*

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May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the love of God, our Father
and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us – forever and ever, for evermore. Amen.

*The Postlude

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

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:

Stanley Beard (Althea's brother), **Jean Beck** and her daughter-caregiver, **Kathy Beck, Tiffany Blount** (Liz's friend, medical issues), **Jim Brantley, Becky Broce** (breast cancer), **Lisa Cartier** (Art & Althea's daughter, breast cancer), **Mrs. Coffey** (Chris Tuttle's mother), **Ted Copeland** (hip replacement), **Katie Dailey, Sally Dowlen** (Susan's sister), **Mark DuPree** (cancer), **Dan Ezell** (cancer), **Father** of Caroline's friend, **Razia** (stroke), **Tami French's family upon her death** (Aleida), **Clyde and Patti Gallo** (broken bones and surgery), **Benjamin and Ugne Gould** (Rebekah's brother & wife) in Lithuania, **Marcia Graham** (auto accident), **Susan Holloway, Jean Hart, Gloria Kennedy and family, Kloe** (Jim and Randa's great, great niece), **David Kerr** (Suzanne's brother, recovering from surgery), **Nicole Keys, Tommy and Caroline Lane, Zachary Lane, Royal Luke** (arterial blockage) **and his family, Ivan Marden** (Liz's friend), **Desi McCloud** (cancer), **Pete & Linda McCullers, Vicki McDonald** (RSD), **Conner Magee** (baby needing surgery), **Becky McCroan** (Randa's sister in Shands), **Deborah Morris** and family, **Flo Orlik** (Liz Beilock's friend), **Roy Owens** (took a fall, hurt back), **Susan Holloway's son-in-law, John Pardue** (stroke) **and his wife, Tracy, Corky Robinson** (Glenda's sister-in-law), **Asher Scherer** (brain surgery), **Morgan Schrack**

(missionary aviator), **Will Sindledecker** (Suzanne's son), **Sondra Spradling** (Nancy's daughter), **Kelly Taylor** (knee replacement surgery), **Margie Taylor** (Suzanne's friend – heart attack) **Chris Tuttle** (Don's wife) and **Bobby Tuttle** (Don's son, Glenda Jones' son-in-law), **Erin Vranizan** (cancer), **Karen Ward** (VBS teacher in Shands), **Buddy Watson**. **Remember to pray for our country, our political leadership, our veterans and service personnel, the persecuted Christians worldwide, global victims of COVID-19 trials, first responders, teachers, students, and those traveling. DON'T forget to pray for each other; the Conflict in Ukraine and all affected peoples and countries, and Victims of human trafficking (served by Creative Gainesville).** Please pray for the ministry and the staff of **Camp Montgomery**.

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.

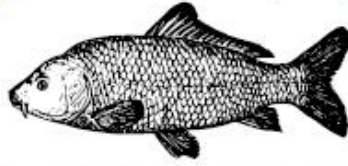
Announcements:

- **If you have anything you would like to contribute to the newsletter**, please, send it to Martha Calkins at fnubookie@gmail.com.
- **The MPC worship service can be found at**
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm5tUuBbI7IUjlQu2sccJdQ>

Camp Montgomery

- **Lenten Fish Fry** will be **Friday, March 3rd**, and every Friday evening during Lent, from **4:30 to 7:30 pm**. Fish Meal Deal (w/ cheese grits, collards, scratch-made hush puppies, drink & dessert) -- \$15; Fish & Shrimp Meal Deal -- \$20; Kids 10 & under, -- \$8. (See flyer below.)
- **Summer Camp:** Registration is LIVE for Summer Camp: Overnight Camp, Family Camp, You & Me Camp, and Day Camp! <https://montgomerycenter.net/about/summer/>
- **Now Hiring!** We are working to fill our summer staff. Qualified applicants should apply here: <https://forms.gle/DMBbM9wRoQ55beV68>
- **Please pray for the ministry of Montgomery** and all of our staff.
- **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 32664.

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FISH FRY

—♦ FRIDAYS ♦—

JOIN US FOR OUR 2ND ANNUAL
LENTEN FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

SERVED WITH CHEESE GRITS, COLLARDS, &
SCRATCH-MADE HUSHPUPIES, DRINK & DESSERT

Fish Meal Deal \$15

Fish & Shrimp Meal Deal \$20

Kids Meal \$8 (10 & under)

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