

McIntosh Presbyterian Church



PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF JESUS

We are saved...

By GRACE. Through FAITH. For GOOD WORKS.

Ephesians 2:8-10

September 1, 2024

McIntosh, Florida

Labor Day Sunday

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

McIntosh Presbyterian Church

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 1, 2024

Ringing of the Bell Gathering

Doxology

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer

Pastor Tommy Lane

*Call to Worship

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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1. Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise His name - I'm fixed upon it
Name of God's redeeming love.
2. Hitherto Thy love has blest me;
Thou hast bro't me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bo't me with His precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord
Incline thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR RECONCILIATION

Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Shettler

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, The power, and the glory, forever. 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

Thy Word

Ps 119:105

Chorus

The Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path
The Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path

When I feel afraid,
think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
and nothing will I fear
as long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Chorus

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
my heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
and hold me to Your side
and I will love you to the end

Chorus

Nothing I will fear
as long as you are near
Please, be near me to the end
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path (3x)

It's By Grace

It's by grace, I have been saved
Through faith not of myself
It's a gift of Almighty God
It's by grace I've been saved
I was dead in my transgressions
I was dead in my sin

I was dead until my God
Made me alive in Christ
Freedom
Christ has set me free
Freedom
It's by grace I've been saved

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Chris Tomlin | John Newton | Louie Giglio

Amazing grace
how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
was blind but now I see.

T'was grace that taught
my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Chorus

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God my Savior
has ransomed me,

And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

The earth shall soon
dissolve like snow;
The sun forbear to shine.
but God who called me here below
Will be forever mine.

Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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

Rev. Dr. Bob Shettler

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-32 NIV

³¹ "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord.

New Testament Lesson: Ephesians 4:31-32 NIV

³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35 NIV The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" ²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. ²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' ³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Sermon

The Essential 'If-Then'

Pastor Tommy Lane

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn**

Wonderful Words of Life

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| <p>1. Sing them over again to me,
Wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their beauty see,
Wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty
Teach me faith and duty.</p> | <p>2. Christ, the blessed one, gives to all
Wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call,
Wonderful words of life;
All so freely given,
Wooing us to heaven. [Refrain]</p> |
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Refrain:

Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life;
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life.

3. Sweetly echo the gospel call,
Wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all,
Wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior,
Sanctify forever. [Refrain]

***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 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:

Ruthie and Norman Atkins (pastors in Citra - spiritual attacks & death in the family), **Stanley Beard** (Althea's brother), **Jean Beck** and her daughter-caregiver, **Kathy Beck, Nitya Bernstein** (recovering at home), **Tiffany Blount** (Liz's friend, medical issues), **Jim Brantley, Lisa Cartier** (Art & Althea's daughter, breast cancer), **Mrs. Coffey** (Chris Tuttle's mother), **Reagan Cutich** (Hodgkins Lymphoma), **Katie Dailey, Dan Ezell** (cancer), **Father** of Caroline's friend, Razia (stroke), **Benjamin and Ugne Gould** (Rebekah's brother & wife) in Lithuania, **Marcia Graham** (auto accident), **Larry Goodwin (Ann)** (in hospital), **Doug Guillian** (hip replacement), **Karen Guillian** (ulnar nerve regeneration), **Susan Holloway, Jean Hart, Glenda Jones, Gloria Kennedy and family, Kloe** (Jim and Randa's great, great niece), **Nicole Keys, Zachary Lane, Aleida Levine** (recovering at home), **Desi McCloud** (cancer), **Pete McCullers, Vicki McDonald** (RSD), **Conner Magee** (surgery), **Becky McCroan** (Randa's sister), **Deborah Morris** and family, **Flo Orlik** (Liz Beilock's friend), **Roy Owens, Susan Holloway's son-in-law, John Pardue** (stroke) **and his wife, Tracy, Corky Robinson** (Glenda's sister-in-law), **Jim and Randa Sandoval, Asher Scherer** (brain surgery), **Morgan Schrack** (missionary aviator), **Suzanne Sindledecker** (breast cancer), **Will Sindledecker** (Suzanne's son), **Sondra Spradling** (Nancy's daughter), **Chris Tuttle** (Don's wife) and **Bobby Tuttle** (Don's son, Glenda Jones' son-in-law), **Erin Vranizan** (cancer), **Buddy Watson**.

Remember to pray for our country, our political leadership, our veterans and service personnel, the persecuted Christians worldwide (especially in Pakistan, India, Nigeria, and Afghanistan at the moment), first responders, teachers, students, and those traveling.

DON'T forget to pray for each other; the Conflict in Israel, the hostages, and all affected peoples and countries, and Victims of human trafficking (served by Creative Gainesville), and the residents and missing children of Lahaina, Hawaii. 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:

- **Our monthly Communion and Dinner-on-the-Grounds** has been moved to **September 8th**.
- **Bible Study - Fall 2024**, *Seven Realities of Experiencing God* will begin on Wednesday, September 11 @ 5:30 with pizza. Study will begin at 6:30 until 8:00. [Details are below.]
- **Sunday, September 29th-5:00 PM**. Mark your calendar for an upcoming concert at McIntosh Christian Church. The Crutchfield Family will be in concert. The concert is free. A love offering will be taken.
- **If you have anything you would like to contribute to the newsletter**, please, send it to Martha Calkins at [fnubookie@gmail.com](mailto:f nubookie@gmail.com). If you'd like to receive it by email each month, make sure Martha has your email address.
- **The MPC worship service can be found at**
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm5tUuBbI7IUjlQu2sccJdQ>

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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Bible Study Fall 2024

McIntosh Presbyterian Church

Seven Realities of Experiencing God

You are invited to join us for the study of the “*Seven Realities of Experiencing God*,” for eight weeks this fall. After the introduction to the study, week one, we will study the Seven Realities of Experiencing God, one at a time for seven weeks.

Between the teachings, there will be five daily devotions for you to read, study and experience.

The study will be led by Connie and Bob Shettler. Connie will lead the women, and Bob will lead the men. We will meet at McIntosh Presbyterian Church on Wednesday nights (the schedule is below). Pizza will be served at 5:30 PM, and the Bible Study will begin at 6:30 PM and go in till 8:00. PM. Childcare will be provided.

Each participant will need the book, “*Seven Realities of Experiencing God*,” by Henry and Richard Blackaby. The books will be available and cost \$15.00.

Here is the Wednesday night schedule:

September 11	Introduction to each other and the God-Centered Life
September 18	Reality One: God's Work
September 25	Reality Two: Relationship
October 2	Reality Three: Invitation
October 16	Reality Four: God Speaks
November 6	Reality Five: Crisis of belief
November 13	Reality Six: Adjust
November 20	Reality Seven: Obey and Experience

Sign up at drbobs2k@gmail.com

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