

# McIntosh Presbyterian Church



## **PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF JESUS**

We are saved...

By GRACE. Through FAITH. For GOOD WORKS.

**Ephesians 2:8-10**

September 8, 2024

McIntosh, Florida

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 8, 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

### *His Eye is On the Sparrow*

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1. Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home,  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Refrain:

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

2. "Let not your heart be troubled," His tender words I hear,  
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubt and fear;  
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. [Refrain]
3. Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. [Refrain]

### PRAYERS FOR RECONCILIATION

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### 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**

*Blessed Be Your Name*

Beth Redman/Matt Redman

**Blessed** be your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where the streams  
of abundance flow  
Blessed be your name

**Blessed** be your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk  
through the wilderness  
Blessed by your name

**Pre Chorus**

Ev'ry blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say...

**Chorus**

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed by your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be your glorious name

**Blessed** be your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be your name

**Blessed** be your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be your name

**Pre Chorus & Chorus**

**Bridge**

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord  
Blessed be your name

*Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord*

Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You (2x)  
To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your Power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy  
I want to see You.

**Holy, Holy, Holy**  
Holy, Holy, Holy  
Holy, Holy, Holy  
I want to see You.

# Seek Ye First

**Matthew 6:33**

**Seek** ye first the kingdom of God  
and His righteousness  
And all these things  
shall be added unto you  
Allelu, alleluia.

**Ask** and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door  
shall be opened unto you  
Allelu, alleluia.

**Man** does not live by bread alone  
but by every word  
That proceeds  
from the mouth of God  
Allelu, alleluia.

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

**Rev. Dr. Bob Shettler**

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## **ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD**

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### **Old Testament Lesson:**

**Isaiah 40:28-31** NIV

<sup>28</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. <sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. <sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> 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.

### **New Testament Lesson:**

**2 Thessalonians 3:3-5** NIV

<sup>3</sup> But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. <sup>4</sup> We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. <sup>5</sup> May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

### **Gospel Lesson:**

**John 10:1-10** NIV

**The Good Shepherd and His Sheep**

<sup>1</sup> "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. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

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

**Sermon**

**RECIPE FOR LIFE**

**Pastor Tommy Lane**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**LeRoy Newton**, Guitar/Vocals

**\*Hymn**

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

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1. I am weak, but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2. Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but  
Thee. [Refrain]

3. When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.  
[Refrain]

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

**\*The Charge and Blessing**

**Pastor Tommy Lane**

**\*The Postlude**

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\*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](mailto:tlane@lphllc.net) or Bert Ayers at [bayers@lphllc.net](mailto: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 is TODAY!** Please, feel free to stay and fellowship.

- **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](http://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](mailto:drbobs2k@gmail.com)

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