

# McIntosh Presbyterian Church



## **PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF JESUS**

We are saved...

By GRACE. Through FAITH. For GOOD WORKS.

**Ephesians 2:8-10**

May 4, 2025

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

May 4, 2025

### Ringing of the Bell

#### \*Gathering

*Doxology*

#### Welcome

**Bert Ayers**

#### \*Call to Worship

*He Lives*

**368**

1. I serve a risen Savior,  
He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living,  
Whatever men may say;  
I see His hand of mercy,  
I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him  
He's always near

2. In all the world around me,  
I see His loving care,  
And tho my heart grows weary  
I never will despair;  
I know that He is leading  
thru all the stormy blast,  
The day of His appearing  
will come at last

#### Chorus

He lives, He lives,  
Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives:  
He lives within my heart.

#### Chorus

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,  
Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to  
Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek Him,  
The help of all who find,  
None other is so loving,  
So good and kind.

#### Chorus

### PRAYERS FOR RECONCILIATION

#### Confession

*Spirit of the Living God*

**Rev. Dr. Bob Shettler**

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### 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*

**813**

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.

*My Life is in You, Lord*

**M**y life is in You, Lord  
 My strength is in You, Lord  
 My hope is in You, Lord  
 In You, it's in You (2x)

**I** will praise you with all of my life  
 I will praise you  
 with all of my strength  
 With all of my life,  
 with all of my strength,  
 all of my hope is in You

*Lord Reign in Me*

Brenton Brown

**O**ver all the earth You reign on high  
 Every mountain stream  
 every sunset sky  
 But my one request  
 Lord my only aim  
 Is that You'd reign in me again

**O**ver every thought over every word  
 May my life reflect  
 the beauty of my Lord  
 'Cause You mean more to me  
 Than any earthly thing  
 So won't You reign in me again

**Chorus**

Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r  
 Over all my dreams  
 in my darkest hour  
 You are the Lord of all I am  
 So won't You reign in me again

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*Draw Me Close*

**D**raw me close to You. Never let me go  
 I lay it all down again to hear You say  
 that I'm Your friend.

**Y**ou are my desire. No one else will do  
 'Cause nothing else can take Your place  
 To feel the warmth of Your embrace  
 Help me find the way  
 Bring me back to You

**Y**ou're all I want  
 You're all I've ever needed  
 You're all I want  
 Help me know You are near.

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**Prayer of Dedication for the Lord's Tithes and our Offerings****Bert Ayers****ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD****Special Music***He is My Peace***Choir**

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. <sup>4</sup> By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

<sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

**Gospel Lesson****Mark 9:14-29 NIV****Jesus Heals a Boy Possessed by an Impure Spirit**

<sup>14</sup> When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. <sup>15</sup> As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him. <sup>16</sup> "What are you arguing with them about?" he asked.

<sup>17</sup> A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. <sup>18</sup> Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not." <sup>19</sup> "You unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."

<sup>20</sup> So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup> Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. <sup>22</sup> "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

<sup>23</sup> "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

<sup>24</sup> Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

<sup>25</sup> When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." <sup>26</sup> The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." <sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up. <sup>28</sup> After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" <sup>29</sup> He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

**Sermon****FAITH, PRAYER, AND DOUBT****Rev. Dr. Bob Shettler****RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD****Pastoral Prayer****Sacrament of the Lord's Supper****\*Hymn***Jesus Paid It All***305**

1. I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."

Refrain:

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

2. Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone. [Refrain]

3. For nothing good have I  
Whereby Thy grace to claim;  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. [Refrain]

4. And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete,  
I'll lay my trophies down,  
All down at Jesus' feet. [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 universal 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**

**Rev. Dr. Bob Shettler**

### **\*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:**

**DON'T forget to pray for each other**, the Conflict in Israel, the hostages, all affected peoples and countries, and Victims of human trafficking (locally served by **ANew** (formerly *Created* Gainesville), Please pray for the ministry and the staff of Camp Montgomery.

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

### **People on our Prayer List:**

**Brian Hunter** (bone cancer), **Randa** (& Jim) **Sandoval** (broken bone), **Linda** (Mike) **Bergsgaard** (stroke), **Laurie Willis** (cancer), **Stanley Beard** (Althea's brother), **Jean Beck** and her daughter-caregiver, **Kathy Beck**, **Tiffany Blount** (Liz's friend, medical issues), **Jim Brantley**, **Austin & Evangela Brumfield** (missionary pilots), **Susan Byrne** (back problems), **Pete Callahan** (recovering from a broken hip), **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), **Susan Holloway**, **Glenda Jones**, **Gloria Kennedy**, **Kloey** (Jim and Randa's great, great niece), **Nicole Keys**, **Caroline Lane**, **Zachary Lane**, **Aleida Levine** (recovering at home), **Desi McCloud** (cancer), **Pete McCullers**, **Conner Magee** (surgery), **Becky McCroan** (Randa's sister), **Deborah Morris** and family, **Roy Owens**, **Corky Robinson** (Glenda's sister-in-law), **Dustin and Rebekah Rodgers and family** (recent family bereavement), **Asher Scherer** (brain surgery), **Missionary Aviators**, **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), **Cheryl Wallace** (heart attack/recovering), **Buddy Watson**.

**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:**

- **Shrimp Dinner at the Micanopy Mason Lodge – See flyer below.**
- **If you have anything you would like to contribute to the newsletter**, please, send it to Martha Calkins at [f nubookie@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.
- **SPREAD THE WORD! 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.

MICANOPY LODGE NO. 29

# Shrimp Festival

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KIDS PLATE AVAILABLE  
BENEFITING LODGE GENERAL FUNDS



**FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH, 5-7 PM**  
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*At MPC, our only agenda is Grace, and it is not hidden."*