

McIntosh Presbyterian Church



PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF JESUS

We are saved...

By GRACE. Through FAITH. For GOOD WORKS.

September 17, 2023

Ephesians 2:8-10

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

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Prelude

Debbie Ayers

Welcome

Tommy Lane

Call to Worship

Psalm 138 NIV

Responsive Reading

One: ¹ I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

All: ² I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.

One: ³ When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.

All: ⁴ May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord, when they hear what you have decreed.

One: ⁵ May they sing of the ways of the Lord, for the glory of the Lord is great.

All: ⁶ Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.

One: ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me.

All: ⁸ The Lord will vindicate me; your love, Lord, endures forever — do not abandon the works of your hands.

***Song**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (v. 1 & 3)

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1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King!

3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.

In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Widely yet his mercy flows!

PRAYERS FOR RECONCILIATION

Confession

Tommy Lane

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.

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

Forever

Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord,
our God and King
His love endures forever
For he is good
He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
With a mighty hand and
outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, forever
From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
By His grace we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

Chorus

His love endures forever (4x)
Sing praise, Sing praise (2x)

Chorus

Nothing Back

All I've got, all I am,
all my dreams, all my plans
I'm holding back
I'm holding nothing back from You

And I surrender it all
I lay it before You
For all of my days,
I'll give You the glory
You've caused me to see,
my heart is divided
Lord take all of me,
for I have decided...

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

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

New Testament Lesson

2 Peter 1:1-9 NIV

¹ Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:

² Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³ His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

*Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (v. 1, 2, 4)

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1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
all Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

4. Finish then, Thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Thy great salvation
perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16 NIV The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

¹ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing.

⁴ He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' ⁵ So they went.

"He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' ⁷ "Because no one has hired us,' they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

⁸ "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

⁹ "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

¹³ "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

¹⁶ "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Sermon

KNOWING THE DEFINITION; MISSING THE ESSENCE

Tommy Lane

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn**

Just As I Am

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1. Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

***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**

Tommy Lane

***Congregational Response** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

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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.

*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), **Ted Copeland** (hip replacement), **Katie Dailey, Sally Dowlen** (Susan's sister), **Mark DuPree** (cancer), **Dan Ezell** (cancer), **Father** of Caroline's friend, **Razia** (stroke), **Benjamin and Ugne Gould** (Rebekah's brother & wife) in Lithuania, **Marcia Graham** (auto accident), **Susan Holloway, Jean Hart, Gloria Kennedy and family, Kloeey** (Jim and Randa's great, great niece), **Nicole Keys, Tommy and Caroline Lane, Zachary Lane, Desi McCloud** (cancer), **Pete & Linda 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), **Asher Scherer** (brain surgery), **Morgan Schrack** (missionary aviator), **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** (recovering at home), **Buddy Watson**.

Remember to pray for our country, our political leadership, our **veterans** and **service personnel,** the **persecuted Christians worldwide (especially in Pakistan, India and Afghanistan at the moment), 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 want listen to Dr. Robinson's Inspirational Hymns 2023 Album for "no charge"** that includes *Near the Cross*, Type this into your web browser: on.soundcloud.com/EtN2V
- **Here's a reminder about the Bible study series meeting on Tuesdays.** We will meet Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM for pizza and the study will begin at 7:00. The Classes will continue on Tuesdays (with a few exceptions*) until November 14. *- There will be no study sessions on Oct. 3rd, Oct. 17th, and Oct. 24th.
 - **Connie Shettler** will facilitate the study of *Ten Women of the Bible* by Max Lucado. The study will explore the lives of several women and their contributions to society. There will be study books and some homework. Each session will include discussion and application, not a lecture.
 - **Bob Shettler** will facilitate the men's study, *Foundations in Faith*. There will be three books used in this class: The Bible, Equipped, Basic Training in Apologetics and Evangelism, by Steven Garofalo, and Tactics, by Gregory Koukl. These books, along with the class Syllabus, will be available next week at the church.
- **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). Thank Martha for all her work on this important part of our ministry. Copies of the Newsletters are in the narthex. 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/UCm5tUuBbI7IUjlOu2sccJdQ>

Montgomery Center

- **Summer camp is over, but please, continue to pray for the ministry of Camp Montgomery** and all of their staff.
- **FISH 2.0**, will be held at Montgomery Center on September 22-23. We hope you make plans to attend.
 - This retreat will feature keynote speaker Michelle Thomas-Bush, a Montgomery alum, and workshops devoted to leadership and spiritual development. More information can be found on our website at <https://montgomerycenter.net/fish-2-0/>. Some of the below flyer can be found in the narthex.

The deadline to register has been extended! There's still time to register for this event.

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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*For all Volunteers and Professionals in
Church Ministry and Leadership*

Join us for FISH 2.0

SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2023

at Montgomery Center in Starke, Florida

*FISH 2.0 is for Sunday School teachers, Bible Study Leaders, Pastors, Deacons,
Elders, Youth Leaders, Christian Educators... all are welcome!*



REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 8!

www.bit.ly/fishsept2023

Choose 2 workshops at registration.

Topics include:

- *Spiritual Practices*
- *Mental Health*
- *Recreation for All Ages*
- *Exploring the Bible*
- *Conversations about Race*

Options Include:

*Thursday Sabbath,
Friday Experiential Keynote,
Saturday Workshops and Keynote
Come for one day or all!*

Keynotes by the Rev. Michelle Thomas-Bush



Michelle Thomas-Bush is the Associate Pastor of Youth and their Families at Myers Park Presbyterian Church. Michelle is also a Certified Enneagram Coach, coaching teams and individuals. She is creator of Big Ideas in Youth Ministry. Michelle and her husband Dave have two college students, Violet and Camden. Michelle served her first call at Fort King in Ocala and then served at Riverside in Jacksonville. Michelle, her husband Dave and their children Camden and Violet all have wonderful and abundant memories of Camp Montgomery.

Questions? Email office@montgomerycenter.org or call 352-473-4516

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