

McIntosh Presbyterian Church



PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF JESUS

We are saved...

By GRACE. Through FAITH. For GOOD WORKS.

November 19, 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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Welcome

Tommy Lane

Prelude

Debbie Ayers

Call to Worship

Romans 15:5-13 NIV

Responsive Reading

One: ⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had,

All: ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

One: ⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

All: ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed

One: ⁹ and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

All: As it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name."

One: ¹⁰ Again, it says, "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."

All: ¹¹ And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him."

One: ¹² And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope."

All: ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Hymn

We Gather Together

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1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be Thine!
3. We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be;
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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.

*Praise Time

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Praise Team

I Will Enter His Gates

I will enter His gates
with thanksgiving in my heart
I will enter His courts with Praise
I will say this is the day
that the Lord has made
I will rejoice for
He has made me glad.

Chorus
He has made me glad
He has made me glad
I will rejoice for
He has made me glad (2x)

Come Into His Presence

Lynn Baird

Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart
and give Him praise
and give Him Praise

Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart
Your voices raise
Your voices raise

Give glory and honor and power unto Him,
Jesus the name above all names.

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son (2x)

And now, let the weak say "I am strong",
let the poor say "I am rich"
because of what the Lord has done for us
Give thanks

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

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

Special Music

It is Well with My Soul

Dr. Russ Robinson

Written by Horatio Spafford - 1873

Vocals and Instruments

Old Testament Lesson**Psalm 145 NIV****A psalm of praise. Of David**

¹ I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

² Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. ³ Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. ⁴ One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. ⁵ They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty — and I will meditate on your wonderful works. ⁶ They tell of the power of your awesome works — and I will proclaim your great deeds. ⁷ They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. ⁸ The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. ⁹ The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. ¹⁰ All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you. ¹¹ They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, ¹² so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. ¹⁶ You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. ¹⁷ The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. ¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. ¹⁹ He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. ²⁰ The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. ²¹ My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

Gospel Lesson**Luke 19:11-27 NIV****The Parable of the Ten Minas**

¹¹ While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. ¹² He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. ¹³ So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.' ¹⁴ "But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.' ¹⁵ "He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it. ¹⁶ "The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.' ¹⁷ "'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.' ¹⁸ "The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.' ¹⁹ "His master answered, 'You take charge of five cities.' ²⁰ "Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. ²¹ I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.' ²² "His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? ²³ Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?' ²⁴ "Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.' ²⁵ "'Sir,' they said, 'he already has ten!' ²⁶ "He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ²⁷ But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and kill them in front of me.'"

Sermon**THANKSGIVING. A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE****Tommy Lane****RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD****Pastoral Prayer**

1. From the first bright light of morning
To the last warm glow of dusk;
Every breath we take is sacred,
For it is God's gift to us.

2. In the season of our plenty,
In the season of our need;
We will find His grace sufficient,
We will find His love complete. [Refrain]

Refrain

In thanksgiving, let us praise Him;
In thanksgiving let us sing
Songs of praise and adoration
To our gracious Lord and King.

3. Safe within His hand that guides us,
Hidden in His healing wings;
Day by day His love provides us
Every good and perfect thing. [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 Charge and Blessing**

Tommy Lane

***Congregational Response**

Give Thanks

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Give thanks with a grateful heart - Give thanks to the holy One - Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (2x) And now, let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us, Give thanks

***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, Jimmy Jones** (by-pass surgery) and **Glenda Jones, Gloria Kennedy and family, Kloey** (Jim and Randa's great, great niece), **Nicole Keys, Tommy and Caroline Lane, Zachary Lane, Aleida Levin** (hospital rehab), **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 Israel 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:

- **To hear Dr. Robinson's *It is Well with My Soul* from his recording studio**, go to the link below. It is on his Inspirational Hymns 2023 collection along with seven other favorites. Just type this link into your browser. It's free of charge. <https://on.soundcloud.com/EtN2V>
- **Community Thanksgiving Service is TONIGHT @ 5PM - Potluck Supper** at MPC Fellowship Hall, followed by **the service** at McIntosh Christian Church **@ 6PM**.
- **Friday after Thanksgiving** - 6:30PM Hangin' O' the Green and Chili Buffet. We'll decorate the Sanctuary and enjoy a chili supper.
- **LeRoy and Carol send thanks** to all who so generously gave to the Thanksgiving turkey fund. Please, read their thank you note below.
- **The Community Christmas Music service** at Community Presbyterian is on December 10th. Details to follow.
- **Light Up McIntosh** will be Saturday, December 16th. Stay tuned for details
- **Our choir will present An Old-Fashioned Christmas on Sunday evening, December 17th @ 6:00pm.**
- **Christmas Eve Service will be at 5:00.**

- **If you have anything you would like to contribute to the newsletter**, please, send it to Martha Calkins at fnubookie@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>

Montgomery Center

- **3rd Annual Christmas Gala** at Montgomery Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center is on December 2nd. Details to follow.

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.

Letter of Thanks

On behalf of HIS Compassion Food Bank, Carol and LeRoy extend their deepest gratitude for your generous donation towards Thanksgiving turkeys. Your support has been a beacon of hope, and we are truly blessed and humbled by the trust you have placed in us as stewards of these valuable resources.

Thanks to compassionate individuals like you, HIS Compassion Food Bank is making a significant impact. Your donation will enable us to provide Thanksgiving meals to 290 families in need. It is through acts of kindness like yours that we can fulfill our mission of not only providing nourishment but also lifting spirits with hope and promise.

HIS Compassion Food Bank relies entirely on donations to sustain our charitable efforts, and your contribution plays a vital role in keeping this mission alive. In 2022, we proudly served over 21 million pounds of food and household items to those less fortunate, reaching multiple towns, including Reddick, through drive-through food pickups and supplying church pantries and various agencies.

Your commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of others resonates deeply with our mission. Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your compassion and support. Together, we are making a lasting impact on the lives of those in need.

With sincere appreciation,

Carol and LeRoy

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