

McIntosh Presbyterian Church



PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF JESUS

We are saved...

By GRACE. Through FAITH. For GOOD WORKS.

April 21, 2024

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, Announcements, and Prayer

Tommy Lane

Prelude

Debbie Ayers

*Call to Worship

At Calvary

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1. Years I spent in vanity and pride,
Caring not my Lord was crucified,
Knowing not it was for me He died
On Calvary.

2. By God's Word at last my sin I learned;
Then I trembled at the law I'd spurned,
Till my guilty soul imploring turned
To Calvary. [Refrain]

Refrain:

Mercy there was great, and grace was free;
Pardon there was multiplied to me;
There my burdened soul found liberty
At Calvary.

3. Now I've giv'n to Jesus everything,
Now I gladly own Him as my King,
Now my raptured soul can only sing
Of Calvary! [Refrain]

4. Oh, the love that drew salvation's plan!
Oh, the grace that brought it down to man!
Oh, the mighty gulf that God did span
At Calvary! [Refrain]

PRAYERS FOR RECONCILIATION

Confession

Tommy Lane

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

Psalm 119:105

Chorus

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

Chorus (2X)

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

Tommy Lane

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34 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. ³³ "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

New Testament Lesson Hebrews 8:1-13 NIV The High Priest of a New Covenant

¹ Now the main point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ² and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being. ³ Every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer. ⁴ If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, for there are already priests who offer the gifts prescribed by the law. ⁵ They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." ⁶ But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises. ⁷ For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. ⁸ But God found fault with the people and said: "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. ⁹ 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 did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord. ¹⁰ This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ¹¹ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. ¹² For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." ¹³ By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear.

Hebrews 9:26b NIV

^{26b} But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Special Music

'Til the Storm Passes Over

Choir

Gospel Lesson

Mark 15:33-39 NIV

The Death of Jesus

³³ At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). ³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah." ³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said. ³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. ³⁸ The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

Sermon

IT'S HARD TO THROW AWAY OLD STUFF

TOMMY LANE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn**

I Am Thine, O Lord

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1. I am Thine, O Lord,
 I have heard Thy voice,
 And it told Thy love to me;
 But I long to rise in the arms of faith
 And be closer drawn to Thee.

2. Consecrate me now
 to Thy service, Lord,
 By the power of grace divine;
 Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
 And my will be lost in Thine.

Refrain
 Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord,
 To the cross where Thou hast died.
 Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord,
 To Thy precious, bleeding side.

3. O the pure delight of a single hour
 That before Thy throne I spend,
 When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God
 I commune as friend with friend!

4. There are depths of love that I cannot know
 Till I cross the narrow sea;
 There are heights of joy that I may not reach
 Till I rest in peace with Thee.

Refrain
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 To the cross where Thou hast died.
 Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord,
 To Thy precious, bleeding side.

***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 , 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 Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered

under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead 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**

His Name is Wonderful

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His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord;
He is the mighty King, Master of everything, His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty god is He;
Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him; His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

***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** (convalesing), **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), **Larry Goodwin (Ann)** (in hospital), **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** (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), **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, 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:

- **Montgomery is gearing up for summer camp!** Registration is **LIVE!**
- **We are hiring summer staff (and volunteers), lifeguards, challenge course facilitators, and swim instructors.** Interested applicants should complete the form here: <https://forms.gle/L1hPMPFxxGGzPjToC7> or email program@montgomerycenter.org
- **Family Fun Day is June 1st from 1pm to 4pm.** The day includes an open swim, archery, cabin tours, and a chance to meet our summer staff.
- **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>

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