

McIntosh Presbyterian Church



PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF JESUS

We are saved...

By GRACE. Through FAITH. For GOOD WORKS.

Ephesians 2:8-10

January 5, 2025

McIntosh, Florida

Epiphany Sunday

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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Ringing of the Bell

*Gathering

Doxology

Welcome

Pastor Tommy Lane

*Call to Worship

The First Noel (v. 2, 3, 5)

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2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel Noel Noel Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!

3. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far,
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star
Wherever it went.
Noel Noel Noel Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!

5. Then did they know assuredly
Within that house the King did lie:
One entered in then for to see,
And found the Babe in poverty:
Noel Noel Noel Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!

We Three Kings (v. 1, 2, 3)

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1. We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

3. Frankincense to offer have I.
Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising all men raising,
Worship Him, God on high.

2. Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign.

4. Myrrh is mine: Its bitter perfume
Breaths a life of gathering gloom.
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Chorus

O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light.

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Confession*There's Something About that Name (83)***Pastor Tommy Lane**

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; there's just something about that name.

Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all Heaven and earth proclaim

Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, But there's something about that name.

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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.

Praise Time*Page 26****Praise Team***How Far Love Goes*

You gave up a throne for a manger
Traded a crown for a cross
Laid down your life for a stranger
And for all who are broken and lost

Chorus

You came down from the heavens
So we would know
How deep, how high
How long and how wide
And how far love goes

You went to the darkest of places
Walked down the loneliest roads
You looked into lost empty faces
And told us we're never alone

Chorus**Bridge**

To the ends of the earth
You have been You have searched
For the ones so far from home
Jesus, You paid the price
What a great sacrifice
You have made
To call us Your own

Chorus**Tag**

How deep, how high
How long and how wide
And how far love goes

How Many Kings

Follow the star to a place unexpected
Would you believe
after all we've projected
A child in a manger?

Lowly and small the weakest of all
Unlikeliest hero
wrapped in His mother's shawl
Just a child
Is this who we've waited for?... 'cause...

Chorus

How many kings
 stepped down from their thrones
 How many lords
 have abandoned their homes
 How many greats
 have become the least for me
 How many gods
 have poured out their hearts
 To romance a world
 that is torn all apart
 How many fathers
 gave up their sons for me

Bringing out gifts
 for the newborn Savior
 All that we have
 whether costly or meek
 Because we believe
 Gold for His honor
 and frankincense for His pleasure
 And myrrh for the
 cross He'll suffer
 Do you believe
 Is this who we've waited for

Chorus

Ending

Only one did that for me
 All for me all for you

I Give My All

I give my heart to You, Lord
 I give my soul to You, Lord
 I give my mind,
 and I give my All to You, Oh Lord

I give my hands to You, Lord
 I give my strength to You, Lord
 I give my life,
 and I give my all to You, Oh Lord

Chorus

You alone are worthy of all I am
 For You have given me it all
 So the least I can do
 is give it back to You...

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

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn**

In the Bleak Midwinter

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1. In the bleak midwinter
 Frosty wind made moan
 Earth stood hard as iron
 Water like a stone
 Snow had fallen snow on snow
 Snow on snow
 In the bleak midwinter
 Long ago.
2. Our God heav'n cannot hold Him
 Nor earth sustain
 Heav'n and earth shall flee away
 When He comes to reign

- In the bleak midwinter
 A stable place sufficed
 The Lord God Almighty
 Jesus Christ.
3. Angels and archangels
 May have gathered there
 Cherubim and seraphim
 Thronged the air
 But His mother only
 In her maiden bliss
 Worshipped the Beloved
 With a kiss.

4. What can I give Him
Poor as I am
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb.

If I were a wise man
I would do my part
Yet what can I give Him
Give my heart.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12 NIV

The Magi Visit the Messiah

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Sermon

WISE MEN STILL WORSHIP HIM

Rev. Dr. Bob Shettler

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn**

As With Gladness Men of Old

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1. As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious God, may we
evermore be led to Thee.

3. As they offered gifts most rare
at that cradle rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy,
pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

2. As with joyful steps they sped
to that lowly cradle-bed,
there to bend the knee before
Him whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek Thy mercy-seat.

4. Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds Thy glory hide.

*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 universal Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Charge and Blessing

Rev. Dr. Bob Shettler

*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), **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**, **Susan Byrne** (back problems), **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), **Patty Gallo** and family (bereavement), **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, **Flo Orlik** (Liz Beilock's friend), **Roy Owens**, **Corky Robinson** (Glenda's sister-in-law), **Dustin and Rebekah Rodgers and family** (recent family bereavement), **Jim and Randa Sandoval**, **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**.

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.

DON'T forget to pray for each other, those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, the Conflict in Israel, the hostages, and all affected peoples and countries, and Victims of human trafficking (served by **ANEW** (formerly *Created* 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:

- **In preparation for Tommy's 20th anniversary in ministry here at MPC**, the Session has asked that we move the **monthly Communion & Dinner-on-the-grounds** to the day of that special event, **January 19th**. That means those activities will NOT be on the first Sunday as normally. Stay tuned for additional information as we get closer to that special day.
- **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, 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."