

McIntosh Presbyterian Church



PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF JESUS

We are saved...

By GRACE. Through FAITH. For GOOD WORKS.

April 28, 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**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

PRAYERS FOR RECONCILIATION

Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Shettler

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

Seek Ye First

Matthew 6:33

Seek ye first the kingdom of god
and his righteousness
And all these things
shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia

Man does not live by bread alone
but by every word
That proceeds
from the mouth of God
Allelu, alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door
shall be opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia

As The Deer

Ps 42:1

As the deer panteth for the water,
so my soul longeth after thee
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship thee

Chorus

You alone are my strength,
my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship thee

You're my friend and
You are my brother
even though You are a King
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.

I want you more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
and the apple of my eye.

All in All

Dennis Jernigan

You are my strength
when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my All in All
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my All in all

Chorus

Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again, I bless Your name
You are my All in All
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my All in All.

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lessons

Psalm 30 NIV

A psalm. A song. For the dedication of the temple. Of David.

¹ I will exalt you, Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me. ² Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me. ³ You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit. ⁴ Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name. ⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. ⁶ When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken." ⁷ Lord, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed. ⁸ To you, Lord, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy: ⁹ "What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?" ¹⁰ Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me; Lord, be my help." ¹¹ You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, ¹² that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. Lord my God, I will praise you forever.

Psalm 90:1-2 NIV

A prayer of Moses the man of God.

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. ² Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

New Testament Lesson

Acts 9:1-20 NIV

Saul's Conversion

¹ Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." ⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. ¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. ¹¹ The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." ¹³ "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

Special Music

Whispering Hope

Duet, Linda Gail McCollum

Althea Dunscombe

Gospel Lesson

John 21:1-19 NIV

Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish

¹ Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵ He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered.

⁶ He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Jesus Reinstates Peter

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else

will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.”¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

Sermon

**THE LIBERATION OF APPROPRIATE SURRENDER;
THE WILLINGNESS TO LEARN NEW THINGS**

Tommy Lane

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn**

I Surrender All

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1. All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all,
I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow;
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,
Take me, Jesus, take me now.
[Refrain]

3. All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me,
May I know Thy power divine.
[Refrain]

4. All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.
[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 , 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

***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** (convalescing), **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:

- **Next week is Communion and Lunch.** Please, plan to stay and fellowship.
- **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/L1hPMPFxGGzPjToC7> 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."