

McIntosh Presbyterian Church



PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF JESUS

We are saved...

By GRACE. Through FAITH. For GOOD WORKS.

May 12, 2024

Ephesians 2:8-10

McIntosh, Florida



Happy Mother's Day

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

May 12, 2024

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer

Tommy Lane

Prelude

Debbie Ayers

*Call to Worship

A Christian Home

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1. O give us homes built firm upon the Savior,
Where Christ is Head, and Counsellor and Guide;
Where ev'ry child is taught His love and favor
And gives his heart to Christ, the crucified:
How sweet to know that tho' his footsteps waver
His faithful Lord is walking by his side!
2. O give us homes with godly fathers, mothers,
Who always place their hope and trust in Him;
Whose tender patience turmoil never bothers,
Whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim;
A home where each finds joy in serving others,
And love still shines, tho' days be dark and grim.
3. O give us homes where Christ is Lord and Master,
The Bible read, the precious hymns still sung;
Where prayer comes first in peace or in disaster,
And praise is natural speech to ev'ry tongue;
Where mountains move before a faith that's vaster,
And Christ sufficient is for old and young.
4. O Lord, our God, our homes are Thine forever!
We trust to Thee their problems, toil, and care;
Their bonds of love no enemy can sever
If Thou art always Lord and Master there:
Be Thou the center of our least endeavor:
Be Thou our Guest, our hearts and homes to share.

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

Refiner's Fire

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
and precious silver

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
pure gold

Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for you, Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for you, my Master
Ready to do Your will

Trading My Sorrows

I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down
for the joy of the Lord

I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
for the joy of the Lord

Chorus

Yes Lord, Yes Lord, Yes, Yes, Lord
Yes Lord, Yes Lord, Yes, Yes, Lord
Yes Lord, Yes Lord, Yes, Yes, Lord
Amen

I am pressed but not crushed;
persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse
for his promise will endure
That his joy's gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow
may last for the night
His joy comes in the morning

The Power of Your Love

1. Lord I come to You,
let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace
– that I found in you
Lord I've come to know
the weaknesses I see in me
will be stripped away
– by the pow' r of Your love

Chorus

Hold me close
Let your love surround me
Bring me near
Draw me to Your side
And as I wait

- I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on
In the pow'r of Your love.
2. Lord unveil my eyes,
let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love
as You live in me
Lord renew my mind,
as Your will unfolds in my life
In living ev'ry day
by the pow'r of Your love

Chorus

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1:26-27 NIV

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 13 NIV

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Special Music

Song of Mother's Love

Duet, Kristen Hartley

Debbie Ayers

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:14-30 NIV

The Parable of the Bags of Gold

¹⁴ "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

²¹ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

²² "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' ²³ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You

have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' ²⁴ "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' ²⁶ "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. ²⁸ "So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Sermon

LOVE'S DEFINITION

Tommy Lane

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn**

It Is Well with My Soul

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1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Refrain:

3. My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain:

4. And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

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

***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:

- **Vacation Bible School** is rapidly approaching. See where they need help.
- **See Montgomery's summer camp schedule and register online** at <https://www.montgomerycenter.org/summer-camps-2024>
- **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](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."