

The Lord's Day—March 11, 2018

8:45 am Worship Service in Sanctuary
 Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Sunday School Communities
11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm Evensong in Sanctuary
 Community Groups

*Man with all his shrewdness is as stupid about understanding by himself the mysteries of God,
as an mule is incapable of understanding musical harmony.*
John Calvin

Glorification -Our earthly lives at times surprise and disappoint us, leaving us longing for more. But the Christian's goal is not merely his or her own death as an escape; it is the glorious return of Christ and the consummation of His Kingdom. This event is our glorification (Col. 3:4). One day, we will be brought into the immediate presence of God. One day, we will experience the full finished work of Christ as our resurrected bodies become a reality. One day, every knee will bow and every tongue will confess His Lordship; His glory will be seen, and He will indeed be glorified -- and we will share in His glory, never separated from Him for all eternity, but like Him...and we ourselves, wholly new! The whole church will experience this at the same time - what a joy it is to be His people, right now, but also for eternity. Let's worship Him now!

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Worship In Spirit and Truth

Prelude

The prelude is a musical bridge from our busy lives to entering this hour of worship. How we enter may vary- some may share their joy, welcoming and encouraging others; others may need comfort, or to quietly settle their hearts and minds. God is honored in all these ways as we share and receive the grace and peace of Christ. Our service will begin when the prelude ends.

*Call to Worship

Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery; He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam; come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery; Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes.

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery" Words and Music: Papa, Boswell, Bleecker
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** Please stand if you are able.*

Parents, please escort underage children leaving the service.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Adoration

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry tribe and ev'ry tongue before him prostrate fall.
Join in the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all!
Join in the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all!

Words: Edward Perronet, Public Domain, 1779; Music: Oliver Holden, Public Domain, 1793

Confession and Silent Prayer

Deuteronomy 8:5-6 ESV

Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

Words of Grace and Peace

Hebrews 12:5-7 ESV

And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem *And Can It Be*

Dan Forrest

*Pulpit Hymn

*During the
song children
K4/K5 may
leave for
Children's
Church.*

¹Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Hymnal, 100

³Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

⁴Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
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Hearing God's Word

Community Life

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 19:1-9 (Pew Bible, page 578)

New Testament Reading: I Corinthians 4 (Pew Bible, page 1213)

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Church: Mysteries of God

Andy Lewis

Responding to God

*Hymn of Response

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner condemned, unclean.

*How marvelous! how wonderful! and my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!*

He took my sins and my sorrows, he made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

Words and Music: Charles Gabriel, Public Domain, 1903

*Benediction

Postlude *Fanfare on 'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing'* Alice Jordan

Assisting in Worship Today:
ANDY LEWIS, Lead Teaching Pastor
CURTIS DUBOSE, Equipping the Church Pastor
DAN FORREST, Artist in Residence
JASON YON, Choral Director and Local Ministry Liaison
RITA HASSIG, Organist

HOLY WEEK: March 25-April 1

Palm Sunday: Celebrate Christ's triumphal entry during our worship services with our annual palm processional led by our children.

Palm Sunday Evening, March 25, 6:30 pm: A Celebration of Music in Worship, Sanctuary: Andy Lewis, Jered McKenna, Dan Forrest and Jason Yon will lead us through songs and hymns as we sing together and learn how music can teach us God's truth and transform us more into the image of Christ. The worship band will combine with choir, piano, organ, and our primary instrument- our singing congregation- for a unified night of celebration, conviction, confession, and prayer, as we prepare for Holy Week. Nursery is available for birth - age 3 with registration. Deadline: March 19.

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Fellowship Hall: Bring the whole family and join us around the tables in the Fellowship Hall for a special communion service and meal as we celebrate Christ's last supper with His disciples. Registration is required for everyone attending; child care is provided for ages birth - 3 for the service portion of the evening only (6:00-7:00pm). Be sure to register online for both the event and for childcare. (There was a waiting list for this event last year, so register early!) Deadline: March 25. (Ages 13 and older, \$7; ages 4-12, \$4; age 3 and under, no cost. No family max.)

**If you are unable to join us for the service and dinner in the Fellowship Hall, there will be a live video feed into the Sanctuary and communion offered from 6:00-7:00 pm. No registration needed for this service, only for childcare.*

Good Friday Communion Service, March 30, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary: This service of darkness commemorates the last hours of Jesus' Earthly ministry. This year's service will focus on the Christ as the Lamb of God, sacrificed for us at Passover, through related Scripture, music, and poignant symbolism. Nursery is provided for ages birth - 3, but registration is required. Deadline: March 25

Resurrection Sunday, April 1: We will celebrate Christ's resurrection during three worship services in the Sanctuary at 8:45, 10:00, and 11:15 am. Come early or stay a little longer for our Easter Celebration Reception in the Fellowship Hall between 9:30-11:30 am. There will be no Sunday School, Children's Church or Evensong on Easter Sunday.

REGISTER FOR PALM SUNDAY EVENING NURSERY,
MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER AND NURSERY AND GOOD FRIDAY NURSERY AT
MITCHELLROAD.ORG/EVENT-REGISTRATION.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase Easter Lilies (\$9) to adorn our worship space in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete a form at the Welcome Center and attach your payment. Deadline: March 26. Lilies can be taken home after the Easter services.

Men's Retreat—April 13-14

We'll be staying at LookUp Lodge in Traveler's Rest- a great place to take some quiet time alone, sit and converse with some brothers, even take a splash in the lake! We'll be worshipping together and hearing from Mark Upton, pastor at Hope Community Church in Charlotte. The theme will be "Creativity. Calling. Culture." Register for \$80 at mitchellroad.org/event-registration. Deadline: March 25.

Sweet Movie Night

Senior adults, please join us to watch the movie "Wonder" followed by dessert on Thursday, March 15 from 6:00-9:00pm. There is no cost for movie night or dessert, but please RSVP at the Welcome Center so we can have enough seats and sweets for you!

Weekly Opportunities for Discipleship

We believe that discipleship is
experiencing Jesus' love for me in community,
loving Jesus with all of me, and
growing in this truth so that I might share him with others.

We invite you to find an opportunity for discipleship today!

Please visit mitchellroad.org for a calendar of current schedules.

Community

Community Groups: Sunday evenings in homes around Greenville. To find a group email gshelfield@mitchellroad.org.

Sunday School classes: For a list of classes stop by the Welcome Center or visit www.mitchellroad.org/adult-classes.

Evensong: Sunday evenings in the Sanctuary.

Children

Nursery: During worship services and Sunday School for birth— K3.

Children's Church (K4-K5): Children are dismissed during the worship services for a child-friendly time of songs, games, and a Bible lesson.

Sunday School: Classes for K4—grade 4.

Youth

Sunday School: Classes for grades 5-12

Senior High Night: Sunday evenings in the Youth Center

Tuesday Morning Prayer: Tuesday in the Youth Center

Junior High Night: Wednesday evenings in the Youth Center

Other Discipleship Opportunities:

Journey Groups for Men: These small groups meet throughout the week. Email gshelfield@mitchellroad.org.

Mentor Moms: Weekly group meeting for moms. Email swarren@mitchellroad.org.

Women's Bible Studies: Wednesday mornings or Wednesday evenings. Contact swarren@mitchellroad.org.

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Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church!**

Check all that apply:

- I am new to church
- I am new to MRPC
- I am a regular attender of MRPC
- I am a visitor from the Greenville area
- I am a visitor from outside the area

If you would like to join one of our mailing lists, or if you would like to update your information, please fill out the following information.

Name:

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Spouse's Email:

Children:

Mailing Address:

Preferred Phone:

I would like to receive more information about:

- Learning about Christianity
- Joining a Community Group
- Becoming a Church Member
- Serving on Sunday Mornings
- Women's/ Men's Ministry
- Mitchell Road Christian Academy

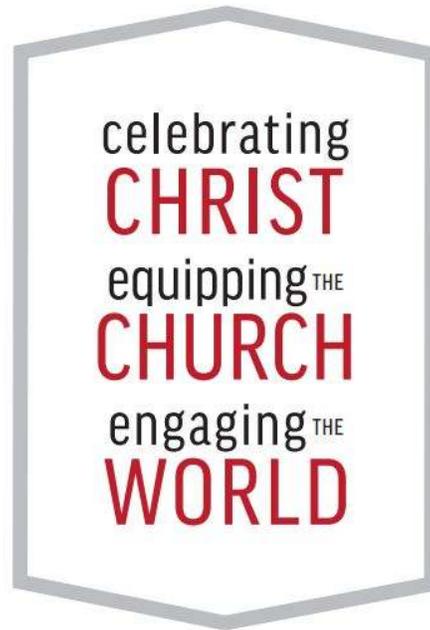
Please add me to the following Email Mailing Lists:

- This Week at Mitchell Road (weekly)
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- The Intercessor (weekly prayer letter)
- Senior Adult Ministry
- Young Adult Ministry

Questions or Prayer requests

Please place in offering or return to the Welcome Center in the commons.

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Be "In The Know":

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- mitchellroadcm.org*** (children)
- mitchellroadmissions.org*** (missions)
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