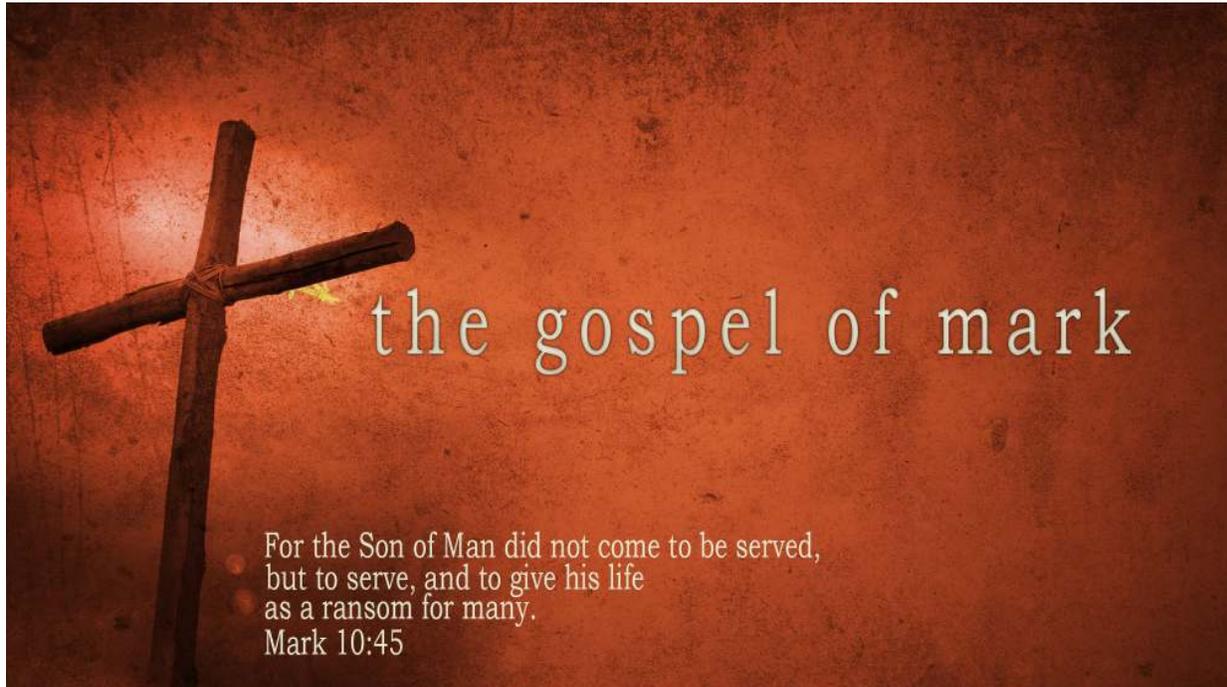




MITCHELL ROAD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA



The Lord's Day—May 21, 2017

- 8:45 am Worship Service in Sanctuary
 Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
 - 10:00 am Biblical Foundations Sunday School
 - 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
 Emmanuel Church Plant Service in Sanctuary
 - 5:30 pm Evensong in Sanctuary
 Community Groups in homes around Greenville
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● **W**elcome to Mitchell Road! We're glad you're here as we celebrate Christ together on this Lord's Day! Join us for lunch today at our all-church picnic at the Youth Center beginning at 11:00 am and continuing until 1:30 pm. No sign up is necessary! The Fudd Truck will be here with lots of chicken, burgers, and hot dogs. Everyone is welcome - even if today is the first time you've joined us! If you are visiting, please fill out a Connection Card located in the back of your bulletin. We're glad you're here!

*"Did you ever stop to think that God is going to be as pleased to have you with Him in Heaven as you are to be there?"
— A.W. Tozer*

We have forsaken God and his commandments in many ways. Like any relationship, when we sin against someone there is a chasm. In Christianity, however, the way back is not by trying to right a wrong but rather admit the wrong. As Frederick Beuchner eloquently says, "To confess your sins to God is not to tell [God] anything [God] doesn't already know. Until you confess them, however, they are the abyss between you. When you confess them, they become the bridge."

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Worship In Spirit and Truth

Please use the quiet music of the prelude to prepare yourself for worship.

Prelude *This Joyful Eastertide* Michael Burkhardt

*Call to Worship Psalm 138:6-8 ESV

Leader For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.

People: **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.**

All: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

*Prayer of Adoration

** Please stand if you are able.*

Parents, please escort underage children leaving the service.

*Songs of Worship

"Psalm 117"

Praise the Lord all you na - tions ex - tol him all you peo - ples,
for great is his love for us Praise the Lord he is faith - ful
His love en - dures for - e - ver and great is his love for us.
9
1. Sing a song of praise to God en - throned on high,
11 2. Bold - ly shout his praise for he has res - cued us,
Bow be - fore the King of the an - gels.
Sin and death no more can en - slave us.
His mer - cy and His love, his ju - stice will be known,
15 His beau - ty and his pow'r, dis - played at Cal - va - ry,
lift a song of praise to the Lord!
lift a song of praise to the Lord!

"Psalm 117" Words and Music: Jered McKenna, 2013

¹ "Welcome, happy morning!" Age to age shall say:
Hell today is vanquished; heaven is won today.
Lo! the Dead is living, God for evermore!
Him, their true Creator, all his works adore.

Hymnal, 268

² Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,
Thou, from heav'n beholding human nature's fall,
Of the Father's Godhead true and only Son,
Manhood to deliver, manhood didst put on.

³ Thou, of life the author, death didst undergo,
Tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;
Come then, True and Faithful, now fulfill thy word,
'Tis thine own third morning; rise, O buried Lord.

⁴ Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;
Thine that now are fallen raise to life again;
Show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
Bring again our daylight; day returns with thee.

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

Confession and Renewal

Psalm 119:86-87 ESV

All your commandments are sure; they persecute me with falsehood; help me! They have almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken your precepts.

Song of Confession

Hymnal, 689

¹ **Be still, my soul:** the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still my soul: your best your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

² Be still my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious, shall be bright at last.
Be still my soul: the winds and waves still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Words of Grace and Peace

Psalm 119:88-90 ESV

In your steadfast love give me life, that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth. For-
ever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to
all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Fairest Lord Jesus

Derek Hakes

*Pulpit Hymn

Hymnal, 599

¹ Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

² We are Thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

³ Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Let us early turn to Thee.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Let us early turn to Thee.

Hearing God's Word

Community Life

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 22:1-8 (pew Bible, p. 580)

New Testament Reading: Mark 15:33-47 (pew Bible p. 1085)

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Looking for the Kingdom

Andy Lewis

Responding to God

Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Parting Hymn

Hymnal, 81

¹ O love of God, how strong and true, eternal, and yet ever new,
Uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought!
O love of God, how deep and great! Far deeper than man's deepest hate;
Self-fed, self-kindled like the light, changeless, eternal, infinite.

⁴ O love of God, our shield and stay through all the perils of our way!
Eternal love, in you we rest, forever safe, for ever blest.
We will exalt you, God and King, and we will ever praise your name;
We will extol you ev'ry day, and evermore your praise proclaim.

*Benediction

Postlude

The Strife Is O'er

Edward Broughton

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given
in memory of the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Michael T. Hortis
by their children.*

Assisting in Worship Today:
ANDY LEWIS, Senior Pastor
NEEL SKELTON, Director of Youth Ministries
JASON YON, Interim Choir Director
RITA HASSIG, Organist

Church Picnic—Today from 11:00—1:30 pm

Please join us after church today outside the Youth and Athletic Center for a church picnic! The Fudd Truck will be here with burger and chicken options. The grassy area and playground will be open for children to play. Come and eat or just stop by and say hello to friends before you go!

Greenville Fellows – Host Families Needed!

The Greenville Fellows is an intense nine month leadership program that our church sponsors. We are looking for Host families for our incoming class for the fall!

Please contact Katherine Hultstrand at hultstrandc@bellsouth.net if you are interested. For more information about the Greenville Fellows, visit greenvillefellows.org.

Come Paint with Us on June 13!

On Tuesday, June 13 at 7:00 pm our Director of Women's Discipleship, Sarah Warren, will be hosting a pottery painting night led by MRCA art teacher, Sarah Johnson.

Visit mitchellroad.org/event-registration for more details and to choose your project!

Welcome, Interns

The youth ministry is getting ready for an exciting summer with the arrival of two 2-year and eight summer interns. Yes, that is 10 young adults pouring into our middle and high school youth this summer! Additionally, the children's ministry is welcoming two summer interns. Please pray for them as they bring their youthful energy and love for the Lord in ministering to our children!

Two year youth interns: Andrew Martin and Rebekah Jarratt

Youth Summer Interns: Maggie McAtee, Jake Lewis, Sean Bland, Austyn Gorski, Cecily Gaffney, Andrew Kinzer, Will Gilmer, and Blythe Coker

Children's Summer Interns: Marissa Gaffney and Brianna Cannon Carver

International Opportunities

Conversation Partners Needed
IFace, a local ministry that serves international students in Greenville, is looking for friendly people to serve as conversation partners during the summer. Volunteers meet with their partner once a week and talk with them in English. There is a one-time training. Contact LeaAnn Wright at leaann@iface.org or visit their website ifacegreenville.org/volunteer to sign up or learn more (click on the training link).

English as A Second Language
Each Wednesday night, MRPC hosts English as a Second Language classes free of charge to our surrounding community. There are several ways for you to get involved with this unique outreach opportunity:

Teacher Assistant: No experience necessary, full training provided, and a great way to make an impact in the lives of people from all over the world!

Child Care: Help provide care for children of our students aged 4-13. Contact Marty Harrison at 864-275-7416 if you would like to join us, or visit mitchellroadmissions.org to learn more!



If your child is graduating from High School or College this spring, please let us know by emailing souten@mitchellroad.org TODAY with their name and school. We will be listing them in an upcoming bulletin!

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 nreed@mitchellroad.org.

Sunday School classes: For a list of classes stop by the Information Desk 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 or Women: These small groups meet throughout the week. Email nreed@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.

Connect with us...

**I want to receive more information about
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:

DOB: ___/___/___

Email:

Spouse:

DOB: ___/___/___

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 Information Desk in the commons.

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- mitchellroad.org (main site)*
- mitchellroadym.org (youth)*
- mitchellroadcm.org (children)*
- mitchellroadmissions.org (missions)*
- mitchellroadchristian.org (Christian Academy)*
- greenvillefellows.org (Greenville Fellows)*
- cogreenville.org (Campus Outreach)*

