



MITCHELL ROAD  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

# Stewarding the Mysteries of God

*A study in 2 Corinthians*

The Lord's Day—August 12, 2018

8:45 am

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8:45 am	Worship Service in Sanctuary
10:00 am	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Sunday School Communities
11:15 am	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Evensong Service in Sanctuary

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The call to worship today reminds us that God is for us. Our selfishness often blinds us to this truth, and self-centered assessment leads to constant short-sightedness; we see only a single, narrow way that situations should resolve and it is usually for our comfort alone. Thank God that his ways are not our ways, and that he works his providence through his promises. Not only is God for us, but he has bottled up all of our tears and they are precious to him and do not go unnoticed. Let's respond to these truths with praise and worship of our great God. That is why we gather together today.

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### Worship In Spirit and Truth

Prelude

*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

Pritchard/arr. Graybeal

*The prelude is a gift from our musicians – a bridge from our busy lives to entering this hour of worship. Feel free to share and receive the grace and peace of Christ during this time, or to quiet your heart as needed.*

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 56:1-4, 8-11

Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me;  
all day long an attacker oppresses me;  
my enemies trample on me all day long,  
for many attack me proudly.  
When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.  
In God, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.  
What can flesh do to me?

You have kept count of my tossings;  
put my tears in your bottle.  
Are they not in your book?  
Then my enemies will turn back  
in the day when I call.  
This I know, that God is for me.  
In God, whose word I praise,  
in the LORD, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.  
What can man do to me?

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

*Parents, please escort underage children leaving the service.*

\*Song of Worship

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again.  
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand.  
'Til He returns, or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Worship

Hymnal, 521

<sup>1</sup>My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.*

<sup>2</sup>When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest upon unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry rough and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

<sup>3</sup>His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

<sup>4</sup>When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Confession and Prayer

Ephesians 2:1-3 ESV

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Grace and Peace

Ephesians 1:4-8

In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will — to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us.

*After they have given their tithes and offerings, K4/K5 may leave for Children’s Church.*

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*The Image of God*

Craig Courtney

*In the beginning God shaped and formed me.*

*I am skillfully and wonderfully made.*

*I am the image of my Creator.*

*In every part of me His likeness is displayed.*

*Life flows from life and love from loving;*

*gifts of the Father by nature and by grace.*

*A heart made glad, a soul unshaken;*

*unbounded joy, in every breath a song of praise.*

*For His own purpose, God shaped and formed me.*

*I have a place within His plan.*

*I am the image of my Creator.*

*My past and future are secure within His hand.*

*Life flows from life and love from loving;*

*gifts of the Father by nature and by grace.*

*A heart made glad, a soul unshaken;*

*unbounded joy, in every breath a song of praise.*

Community Life

## Hearing God's Word

### Scripture Reading

Old Testament Reading  
New Testament Reading

Psalm 89:46-90:1 (Pew Bible, page 630)  
2 Corinthians 1:12–2:4 (Pew Bible, page 1226)

### Congregation's Response

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.  
All: **Thanks be to God!**

### Sermon

*Story: His Seal and Spirit*

Andy Lewis

## Responding to God

### \* Hymn of Response

Hymnal, 335

<sup>1</sup> Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would gracious be;  
and with words that help and heal would thy life in mine reveal;  
and with actions bold and meek would for Christ my Savior speak.

<sup>2</sup> Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would truthful be;  
and with wisdom kind and clear let thy life in mine appear;  
and with actions brotherly speak my Lord's sincerity.

<sup>3</sup> Mighty Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would mighty be,  
mighty so as to prevail where unaided man must fail;  
ever by a mighty hope pressing on and bearing up.

<sup>4</sup> Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I myself would holy be;  
separate from sin, I would choose and cherish all things good,  
and whatever I can be, give to Him who gave me Thee!

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

*To God Be the Glory*

Jack Schaefer

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Eula Landreth, mother of Crella McElrath,  
by Rob and Crella McElrath.*

Assisting in Worship Today:  
ANDY LEWIS, Lead Teaching Pastor  
MARK REED, Executive Pastor  
JASON YON, Choral Director and Local Ministry Liaison  
RITA HASSIG, Organist

## **Sermon Notes:**

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### **Mitchell Road Prayer Goals—July—September 2018**

Core Value: Loving Community

- 7 Relationships reconciled
- 80% of people assimilated into Community Groups, Journey Groups or Sunday School Communities
- 15 MRPC families and singles serving as iFACE Friendship Partners for Furman or Clemson ICAR International students this school year.



### Community Group Registration begins today!

Are you looking for a place to belong, grow and serve within the body of Mitchell Road? Community Groups meet on Sunday nights from 5:30 -7:00 pm in homes all around Greenville. Childcare happens on site. Registration has begun! Register today or next Sunday in the Commons Area or online at [mitchellroad.org/event-registration](http://mitchellroad.org/event-registration). Community Groups begin September 9. Don't miss this opportunity to belong, grow and serve at Mitchell Road!

### Women's Ministry Kick off

Please join us Wednesday, September 5 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a Chocolate Soiree (yep, there is fruit and other tasty things to dip in these fountains of goodness). We are also thrilled to hear from Kimberly Apel as she shares how she has grown in her gospel identity through many phases of life: singleness, missionary, wife, and mom. We will also hear about women's discipleship opportunities for this year. No registration is required! Come and bring a friend!

### Men's Journey Groups

Journey Groups are weekly small groups that are offered at various times and locations around Greenville to allow men the opportunity to learn, study, pray, and grow together in relationship with God and fellow believers. Neel Skelton will be in the Commons Area on August 19 and August 26 from 10:00-11:00 am to answer questions and assist in registering for a Journey Group. You can also register by contacting Neel at [nskelton@mitchellroad.org](mailto:nskelton@mitchellroad.org).



### Summer Mission Updates

Everyone in the congregation is invited to join us on August 26 at 10:00 am for a special class in the Sanctuary highlighting each of our summer mission teams.

### Officer nominations

Please prayerfully consider men in our church who you would like to nominate to the office of elder or deacon. Please confirm his willingness to serve and then complete a form at the Welcome Center.

### Senior Adult Events

Ladies Lunch This Thursday  
Join us for lunch at Taziki's Mediterranean Café this Thursday, August 16 at 11:15 am. No need to register, but plan to come!

Second Annual Game Show Night  
August 30—Register by August 19  
Join us Thursday, August 30 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Youth Center for dinner and then let the games begin! We will start with Bingo and then the game shows will begin. There will be surprise guest hosts and prizes! Sign up at the Welcome Center (\$10) by August 19.

### Mark Your Calendar!

#### August 19

Children's Ministry Promotion Sunday  
Youth Parent Meeting (6:00pm)

#### August 26

Sr. High Night Kick off (Grades 9-12)

#### August 29

Jr. High Night Fall Kick off (Grades 7/8)

#### September 5

Women's Ministry Kickoff  
Children's and Youth Choirs Begin  
Heart2Heart & Fistbump Kickoff (Gr. 5/6)

#### September 9

Community Groups Begin  
Jr. High Journey Groups Begin

#### September 11 & 12

Mentor Moms begins

#### September 12

Sr. High Journey Groups Begin

#### September 21-23

Fall Conference Weekend

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