



MITCHELL ROAD  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA



## *Peace in Suffering*

Join with me in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.  
2 Timothy 2:3

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### **The Lord's Day—August 13, 2017**

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- 8:45 am   Worship Service in Sanctuary  
            Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
  - 10:00 am   Sunday School Classes
  - 11:00 am   Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
  - 5:30 pm    Evensong Service in Sanctuary
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● **W**elcome to Mitchell Road! We're glad you've joined us as we celebrate Christ together today. At 10:00 am, join us for a Sunday School Class (listed at the Welcome Center). If you are a guest with us today, please complete the Connection Card in the back of the bulletin and return it in the offering plate or at the Welcome Center. We're glad you're here!

*"When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die."  
— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship*

**O**ur God is a powerful God. Although we suffer in this life, yet we reign. As we come to worship today, regardless of your feelings and emotions, we are called to worship a God who has conquered death, hell and the grave forever! Hallelujah our God reigns. Let us not forget this truth even in times of persecution. As Spurgeon points out the conquering Christ is what gives us confidence.

"Never did the church so much prosper and so truly thrive as when she was baptized in the blood. The ship of the church never sails so gloriously along as when the bloody spray of her martyrs falls on her deck. We must suffer and we must die, if we are ever to conquer this world for Christ."

Charles Spurgeon

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### Worship In Spirit and Truth

Prelude *Dearest Children, God Is Near Us* arr. James C. Kasen

\*Call to Worship Rev. 19:1-7 ESV

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants." Once more they cried out, "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever." And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great." Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;

\*Hymn of Praise Hymnal, 38

<sup>1</sup> Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

<sup>2</sup> Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

<sup>3</sup> Great Father of Glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

*\* Please stand if you are able.  
Parents, please escort underage children leaving the service.*

Sacrament of Baptism

Katherine Lauren Collins  
Charles Wilson Whatley Franklin Collins  
*children of Graham and Kelley Collins*  
*assisted by Ruling Elder Kevin Couch*

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Worship

<sup>1</sup>Holy, 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

<sup>3</sup>Holy, 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.

<sup>4</sup>Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Confession Lamentations 5:15-16  
The joy of our hearts has ceased;  
our dancing has been turned to mourning.  
The crown has fallen from our head;  
woe to us, for we have sinned!

Words of Grace and Peace Lamentations 5:21  
Restore us to yourself, O LORD, that we may be restored!  
Renew our days as of old—

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Do Not Be Afraid* Philip Stopford

\*Hymn of the Gospel Hymnal, 481

<sup>1</sup> O soul are you weary and troubled, no light in the darkness you see.  
There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free.

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.*

<sup>2</sup> Through death into life everlasting he passed, and we follow Him there.  
Over us sin no more hath dominion, for more than conquerors we are.

<sup>3</sup> His Word shall not fail you - he promised; believe him and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying, his perfect salvation to tell!

Community Life

### Hearing God's Word

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 107:1-9 (pew Bible p. 643)

New Testament Reading: I Corinthians 4:8-21 (pew Bible p. 1212)

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Enduring in Persecution* Andy Lewis

## Responding to God

\*Hymn of Response

BEACHER

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me; heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me while thy love is left to me;  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with thee.

\*Benediction

Postlude

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

arr. Paul Manz

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

Assisting in Worship Today:  
ANDY LEWIS, Lead Teaching Pastor  
CURTIS DUBOSE, Equipping the Church Pastor  
MARK REED, Executive Pastor  
CATIE MOYER, Guest Organist

# engaging<sup>THE</sup> WORLD

## Lemonade Stand Fundraiser

Thank you so much to all of those who have participated in the Lemonade Stand Fundraiser for the Mitchell Road Orphan Ministry. Your lemonade stand jar filled with coins, cash or check made out to Mitchell Road with "Adoption Fund" in the memo line can be returned to the Welcome Center desk beginning today.

## Miracle Hill Renewal Center

The Renewal Center is in need of long shorts for women. They also need donations of toiletry items: hand soap, shaving cream, hair spray, gel, mousse, contact solution and cases, women's sanitary products, air fresheners, and undergarments. Please drop off donations by the elevators at Mitchell Road.

## Good News Club (GNC)

Good News Club reaches dozens of unchurched elementary school children each year, and it takes lots of MRPC volunteers to make it a success! The club meets on Tuesdays at Mitchell Road Elementary School. If you have a passion for sharing the gospel with children, contact Cathy Miller at [cathymiller@juno.com](mailto:cathymiller@juno.com).

## English as a Second Language (ESL)

ESL classes meet each Wednesday night here at MRPC. We need teaching assistants, child care workers, and other volunteers. This is a great opportunity to reach the global community here in our own backyard! Contact Marty Harrison at 275-7416 for more information.

## Community Group Registration— Today in the Commons Area



Are you looking for a deeper community within the body of Mitchell Road? Community Groups meet on Sunday nights from 5:30 -7:00 pm in homes all around Greenville. The link to register is available at [mitchellroad.org/event-registration](http://mitchellroad.org/event-registration). You can also register in the Commons Area today or August 20. Community Groups begin on September 10. Don't miss this opportunity to grow, connect and fellowship!

## New Evensong Series begins tonight

Tonight in Evensong we begin a study in the book of Ruth. Ruth is set in the period of the book of Judges where "everyone did what was right in his own eyes." Our postmodern age is a very similar time. In all the apostasy and degeneracy, God was at work in the least likely circumstances and people to accomplish his purpose. There is plenty of "gospel" in Ruth to give us encouragement and hope.

## Next Sunday

### Promotion Sunday

Next Sunday, August 20 is Promotion Sunday in our Children's and Youth Ministries. It's time for them to "move up" to their next grade/class!

### Ministry Fair and Church-wide Picnic

Join us next Sunday, August 20 after worship and Sunday School classes, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm for our ministry fair. Come walk around and learn lots of ways that you can serve and get connected at Mitchell Road as well find out more about some local missions agencies. The Automatic Taco Truck and Fudd Truck will be here for you to purchase lunch, or you can pack a cooler for your family.

This is a great opportunity to see friends and meet new ones, so be sure to plan to stay with us after worship next week.

## 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](http://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](mailto:nreed@mitchellroad.org).

**Sunday School classes:** For a list of classes stop by the Welcome Center or visit [www.mitchellroad.org/adult-classes](http://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](mailto:nreed@mitchellroad.org).

**Mentor Moms:** Weekly group meeting for moms. Email [swarren@mitchellroad.org](mailto:swarren@mitchellroad.org).

**Women's Bible Studies:** Wednesday mornings or Wednesday evenings. Contact [swarren@mitchellroad.org](mailto: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**

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

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- [cogreenville.org](http://cogreenville.org) (Campus Outreach)*

