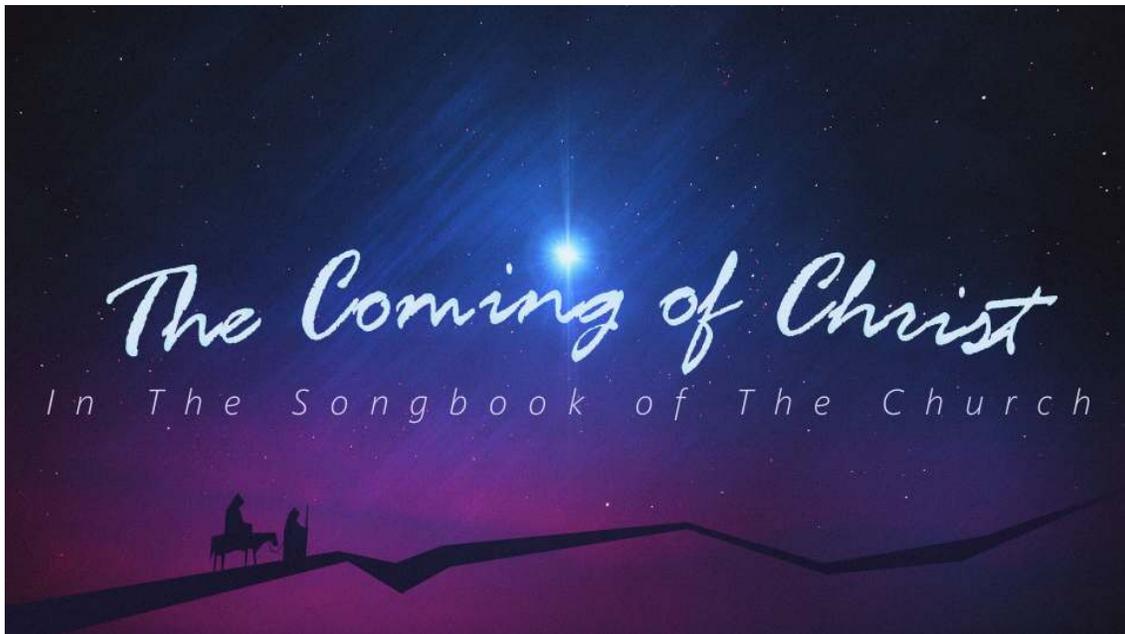




MITCHELL ROAD  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA



**December 10, 2017**

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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  
6:00 pm    “Everlasting Father” children’s concert followed by reception

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*“The earth has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it always is young,  
the heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair, and its soul full of music breaks the air,  
when the song of angels is sung.”*

*Phillips Brooks*

**T**he birth of children promotes a new hope of life. As we celebrate Christ, we realize that Christ was born not just for life, but also for death. Our God was born that he might die. **J**I Packer says it this way: "The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity—hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory—because at the Father's will Jesus became poor, and was born in a stable so that thirty years later He might hang on a cross." Our hope this season is that our God has come to save. He is humbled and exalted, so today let us humble ourselves in order to make his name great.

## Worship In Spirit and Truth

\*Song of Entrance

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Advent Introit

Cherub's Choir Offering (11:00)

"Mary, Did You Know?"

Lowry/Greene

Baptism (11:00)

Finley Alexander Humphries

*son of Chris and Anna Margaret Humphries*

*assisted by Ruling Elder Jeff Henry*

\*Call to Worship—Isaiah 55:1-2

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Songs of Worship

"All Things New"

"What Child Is This?"

Affirmation—Shorter Catechism No. 27-28

How was Christ our Savior humiliated?

**Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.**

How was Christ our Savior exalted?

**Christ's exaltation consisted in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.**

Confession—Philippians 2:3-8

*\* Please stand if you are able .*

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

Grace and Peace—Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

**And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Tithes and Offerings

*K4-K5 Children may leave  
once they've given their tithes and offerings.*

## Hearing God's Word

Community Life

Scripture Reading—

New Testament—Matthew 2:16-18

Old Testament—Psalm 89

Congregation's Response

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon—Andy Lewis

"Strong Arm of Salvation"

## Responding to God

\*Song of Worship

"Mighty to Save"

\*Benediction

Assisting in Worship today:

ANDY LEWIS, Lead Teaching Pastor

CURTIS DUBOSE, Equipping the Church Pastor

JERED MCKENNA, Worship Leader/Tech Coordinator

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

<sup>1</sup> Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth;

*Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

<sup>4</sup> Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear;

<sup>5</sup> All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
Evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:

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"All Things New"

Come, Lord, and tar - ry not; Bring the long looked for  
Come, for cre - a - tion groans. Im - pa - tient of thy

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day: O why these years of wait - ing here, These a - ges of de -  
stay, Worn out with these long years of ill, These a - ges of de -

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cay? Come for thy saints still wait. Dai - ly a - scends their  
lay. Come, for love wax - es cold. Its steps are faint and

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sigh. The Spi - rit and the Bride say "Come," Does thou not hear the  
slow. Faith now is lost in un - be - lief, Hope's lamp burns dim and

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cry? O come and make all things new! Come and make all things  
low.

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new! O come and make all things new! Build up this ru - ined

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earth. Come and make all things new.

“What Child Is This?”

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant king, to own him;  
The King of Kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

*Words: William Dix, Public Domain, 1865 Music: 16th c. Trad English*

“Mighty to Save”

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing, let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Saviour, the hope of nations.

*Saviour, he can move the mountains;  
My God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.  
Forever, author of salvation,  
He rose and conquered the grave,  
Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in, now I surrender.

Shine your light and let the whole world see,  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus.  
Shine your light and let the whole world see,  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

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## Advent at Mitchell Road

**Advent Reader:** There are only a few copies of the Advent Reader left if you would like to pick one up in the Commons Area. The Advent Reader is also available electronically through pdf at [mitchellroad.org/advent](http://mitchellroad.org/advent).

### Sunday Evenings – “And His Name Shall Be Called...”

- ❖ **...Everlasting Father**—Tonight at 6:00—7:30 pm (including post-service event)  
The children’s choir will share with us about the joy of their Everlasting Father as they give their offering of praise. This will be followed by an exciting time of Christmas treats, entertainment and preparing goodie bags to take to our neighbors next week as we go caroling! This is a great way to help children think of others this season.
  
- ❖ **...Prince of Peace**—December 17 at 6:00—7:30 pm (including caroling)  
Join us for an upbeat and worshipful time of prayer and praise for the whole family. After this short service we will take the good news of our Prince of Peace as we go caroling and present goodie bags to our Mitchell Road neighbors across the street. Wear your warm coat and walking shoes and join us for this festive event!

### Christmas Eve at Mitchell Road

#### ❖ Morning Services

9:00 am in the Sanctuary

10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

*Nursery for ages 0-3 available. No Sunday School or Children’s Church.*

#### ❖ Evening Services

4:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

5:30 pm - Sanctuary

7:00 pm - Sanctuary

*Child care is not available, but cry rooms will be open.*

### Christmas Shoeboxes

Thank you to everyone who has taken a name of a child from the display in the Commons Area. All wrapped shoeboxes are due today! If you forgot yours today, please bring to the church office by tomorrow morning!



### Andrew Peterson Concert February 9, 7:30-9:30 pm

Experience an evening of music with Andrew Peterson and inspirational stories from Jonathan Rogers, celebrating creativity, hope, and faith. Authors of the books "The Wingfeather Saga" and "The Wilderking Trilogy", Andrew and Jonathan will also be signing copies of their books after the concert. Friday, February 9, 7:30 - 9:30 pm at MRPC. Tickets available at:

[Eventbrite.com/andrewpeterson](http://Eventbrite.com/andrewpeterson)

### Congregational Meeting December 17

Next Sunday, December 17, we will have a congregational meeting at the end of each service for the election of elders and deacons. Nominee bios are available at the Welcome Center. Pick up officer bios and begin to pray for these men as you prepare to vote on December 17.

## 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 [gshffield@mitchellroad.org](mailto:gshffield@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:** These small groups meet throughout the week. Email [gshffield@mitchellroad.org](mailto:gshffield@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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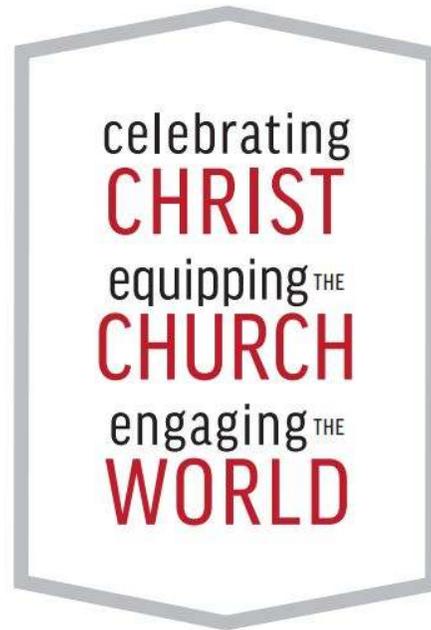
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**Be "In The Know":**

- [mitchellroad.org](http://mitchellroad.org) (main site)
- [mitchellroadym.org](http://mitchellroadym.org) (youth)
- [mitchellroadcm.org](http://mitchellroadcm.org) (children)
- [mitchellroadmissions.org](http://mitchellroadmissions.org) (missions)
- [mitchellroadchristian.org](http://mitchellroadchristian.org) (Christian Academy)
- [greenvillefellows.org](http://greenvillefellows.org) (Greenville Fellows)
- [cogreenville.org](http://cogreenville.org) (Campus Outreach)

