

The Lord's Day—December 10, 2017

- 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

The 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.

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Worship In Spirit and Truth

Prelude *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Alice Jordan

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle The Lewis Family

Advent Introit Hymnal, 194

³ O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Special Music Offering *Emmanuel Will Come* Mayo
Kingdom Kids

*Call to Worship Isaiah 55:1-2

"Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

** Please stand if you are able.*

Parents, please escort underage children leaving the service.

*Hymn of Approach

Hymnal, 198

¹ Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Saviour of the world is here.

⁴ Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heav'n's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

⁵ Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Advent Worship

Hymnal, 219

¹ All praise to thee, Eternal Lord, clothed in a garb of flesh and blood;
Choosing a manger for thy throne, while worlds on worlds are thine alone.

³ A little Child, thou art our Guest, that weary ones in thee may rest;
Forlorn and lowly is thy birth, that we may rise to heav'n from earth.

⁴ Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children of the light,
To make us, in the realms divine, like thine own angels round thee shine.

⁵ All this for us thy love hath done; by this to thee our love is won:
For this we tune our cheerful lays, and shout our thanks in ceaseless praise.

Affirmation of Faith

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 ESV

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Silent Prayer

*How have you behaved selfishly?
Where do you look to your own interests?
Where is there pride in your life?
Are you willing to serve God and others?*

Grace and Peace

Philippians 2:9-11 ESV

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.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Dan Forrest

*Hymn of Advent

Hymnal, 213

¹ 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.

² 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.

Hearing God's Word

Community Life

Scripture Readings

New Testament Reading: Matthew 2:16-18 (pew Bible p. 1026)

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 89 (pew Bible, p. 628)

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Strong Arm of Salvation

Andy Lewis

Responding to God

*Song of Worship

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;

We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne;

We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live;

He is Lord of above the universe, all praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings, Hallelujah to the Lamb;

Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.

Words and Music: Twila Paris ©1982 New Spring, Song No. 19038, CCLI No. 789870

*Benediction

Postlude

Assisting in Worship Today:

ANDY LEWIS, Lead Teaching Pastor

JEREMY HUFF, Pastoral Associate

DAN FORREST, Artist in Residence

JASON YON, Choral Director and Local Ministry Liaison

RITA HASSIG, Organist

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.

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

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 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.

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

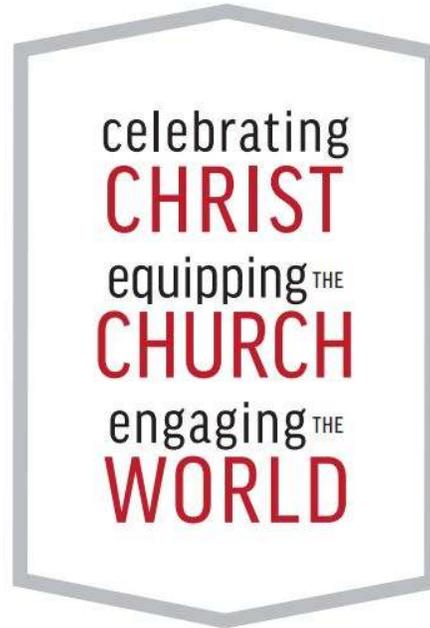
Please add me to the following Email Mailing Lists:

- 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 Welcome Center in the commons.

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Be "In The Know":

- 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)*

