



MCLEAN  
PRESBYTERIAN

*Grace changes  
everything*

# UNDERSTANDING GOD'S LOVE FOR US

WHAT  
WHERE  
WHY  
WHEN  
HOW

*We exist to glorify and enjoy God by making disciples who make a difference through grace-filled worship, community, and missions.*  
[www.mcleanpres.org](http://www.mcleanpres.org)

**9AM, 10:45AM & 5:15PM**  
1020 BALLS HILL ROAD  
MCLEAN, VA 22101

# Welcome

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## A NOTE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

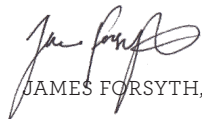
*We are so glad  
you are here!*

We're all at different stages in our relationship with God. He may be the priority of your life, it may have been a while since you connected with him, or you may be exploring these things for the first time. At McLean Presbyterian, we celebrate God's grace: Jesus came to give us life – today and for eternity. This offer is made to us all; whatever your background, we're delighted you're here!

We'd love to connect with you this morning. Fill out the *Hello!* card and place it in the offering plate, then stop by our Welcome Center after the service. When you leave, head to your right to enjoy some coffee, meet new people, and learn how our church can become your home.

May this morning be good for your soul!

In his grace,



JAMES FORSYTH, SENIOR PASTOR

P.S. You're invited to join our pastors for lunch at one of our homes. Come get to know our families and other newcomers. Details and dates are at [mcleanpres.org](http://mcleanpres.org).

## FOR YOUR FAMILY

While you worship, your children will be loved and taught in an engaging environment. Classrooms are located on the lower floor; the nursing mothers' room is on the left as you exit the Sanctuary. Jr. High (grades 7 - 8) meets at Cooper, 977 Balls Hill Road. Shuttles are available in front of the church.

For more details, visit the Family Welcome Desk, located downstairs.

**Nursery** is offered for ages 0 - 4 years at all service times.

**Sunday School** is offered for ages K - 6th grade at 9am and K - 12th grade at 10:45am.

**Sunday nights** include special communities for 4th - 12th grades. D3 (grades 4 - 6) meets at 5pm two times a month, while Breakthrough (grades 7 - 12) meets at 5pm each week. Jr. High Breakthrough meets at Cooper every other week; visit [mcleanpres.org/students](http://mcleanpres.org/students) for an up-to-date schedule and to sign up for text reminders.

# Service of Divine Worship

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**SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 | 9:00AM, 10:45AM**

*Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall*

*We rest our  
hearts in God's  
presence as  
we prepare for  
worship*

## PRELUDE

*We celebrate  
God's presence  
with us and ask  
for his Spirit to  
work powerfully  
among us*

## WELCOME & INVOCATION

*God invites us  
to worship him  
in spirit and  
in truth*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### PSALM 9:1-2

Leader: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

**People: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

*We sing praises  
to God for who  
he is and for  
what he has  
done*

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him.  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him,  
Gladly fore'er we adore him, gladly fore'er we adore him.

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### MAN OF SORROWS

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by his own betrayed.  
The sin of man and wrath of God has been on Jesus laid.

Silent as he stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned,  
Bowing to the Father's will, he took a crown of thorns.

**Chorus: Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation, where your love poured out over me.  
Now my soul cries out, hallelujah, praise and honor unto thee.**

Sent of heaven, God's own Son, to purchase and redeem,  
And reconcile the very ones who nailed him to that tree. **Chorus**

*Bridge: Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full by the precious blood that my Jesus spilled.  
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me. Whom the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.*  
(repeat) **Chorus**

See the stone is rolled away, behold the empty tomb.  
Hallelujah, God be praised, he's risen from the grave! **Chorus**  
**Praise and honor unto thee**

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### BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,  
For God the just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,  
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable "I Am", the King of glory and of grace.  
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with his blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with his blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God, with Christ my Savior and my God.

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*We acknowledge  
our need of  
forgiveness and  
renewal through  
the cleansing  
blood of Jesus*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

**Mighty and merciful Father, we humbly confess that we are broken rebels. You indeed are King of Creation, yet often we love and trust the things you have made more than we love and trust you. You are the Fountain of Living Water, yet we have sought life in lesser things: our possessions, our achievements, our relationships. We are quick to take for granted all you have given to us, and we are slow to express our gratitude to you, our Great Redeemer. By your kindness, lead us to repentance. By your Spirit, grant us faith to rest in your grace and delight in your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior we pray. Amen.**

*God reminds us  
of his promise of  
forgiveness  
in Christ*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### HEBREWS 10:19-22

Since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

*We enjoy and  
extend the  
peace of the  
gospel to one  
another*

## GIVING OF THE PEACE

**Leader:** Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. May the peace of Christ be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

*We give thanks  
to God and  
bring our needs  
to him*

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*You can join us in praying for our community and world this morning; the Flock Notes are on page 9 in your worship guide. If you would like to submit a prayer request, fill out the prayer request card and place it in the offering plate.*

*If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, men and women from our leadership will be available in the front.*

*As recipients  
of his grace, we  
give back to  
God a portion  
of what is  
already his*

## PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*We want to be a generous community. In response to the grace we've received, we seek to give cheerfully, diligently, proportionately, and sacrificially (2 Cor 8:1-15). Many of our people give online (mcleanpres.org); you can also place your gift in the offering plate.*

*Please also fill out the Keeping Connected pad and pass it down your row and back.*

## OFFERTORY

### PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

*Chancel Choir (Sanctuary), Congregation (Fellowship Hall)*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Father-like, he tends and spares us, well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely as his mercy goes.

Angels help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace. Amen.

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*God speaks  
to us through  
the reading  
of his word*

## SCRIPTURE READING

### ROMANS 5:1-8

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*We ready our hearts to receive the preaching of God's word*

## SONG OF PREPARATION

### HERE IS LOVE

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving kindness as the flood.  
When the Prince of life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.  
Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise?  
He can never be forgotten throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide.  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love like mighty rivers poured incessant from above.  
Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

**Chorus: Grace takes my sin, calls me friend, pays my debt completely.  
Love rescued me, seated me with my King forevermore.**

Let me all your love accepting, love you ever all my days.  
Let me seek your kingdom only and my life be to your praise.  
You alone shall be my glory, nothing in the world I see.  
You have cleansed and sanctified me, God himself has set me free. **Chorus 2x**

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*God speaks to us through the preaching of his word*

## SERMON

### UNDERSTANDING GOD'S LOVE FOR US

1. Understanding God's Love for Us

*We respond to God's word through song*

## SONG OF SENDING

### IN CHRIST ALONE

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 pow'r 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;  
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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*God sends us out with his blessing*

## BENEDICTION

### 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

Leader: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

**People: Amen. Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**