



**MCLEAN
PRESBYTERIAN**

*Grace changes
everything*

GRACE-FILLED WORSHIP, COMMUNITY & MISSIONS

THIS MATTERS

WHY WE CARE ABOUT WHAT WE DO

We exist to glorify and enjoy God by making disciples who make a difference through grace-filled worship, community, and missions.
www.mcleanpres.org

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

Welcome

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.

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 MS, 977 Balls Hill Road. Shuttles are available in front of the church.

Visit the Family Welcome Desk downstairs or mcleanpres.org for schedules and details.

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

Sunday nights include 4th - 12th grade communities at 5PM: Grades 4 - 6 meet twice a month for D3. Grades 7 - 12 meet weekly; every other week grades 7 - 8 meet at Cooper MS.

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

Service of Divine Worship

NOVEMBER 12, 2017 | 9:00AM, 10:45AM

Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

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

PRELUDE

HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD

*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 98:1-3

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

People: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Leader: The Lord has made known his salvation. He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

People: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

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

SONGS OF PRAISE

COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

Come, people of the risen King who delight to bring him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

**Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. **Chorus**

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing, shore to shore we hear them call,
The truth that cries through ev'ry age, "Our God is all in all!" **Chorus 2x**

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OUR GREAT GOD

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
Your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around your glorious throne,
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

**Chorus: Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sov'reign God. **Chorus**

Let ev'ry creature in the sea and ev'ry flying bird,
Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth,
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by his Word. **Chorus 2x**

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, we come to you in the midst of our busyness. Please give us rest. We confess that we do not worship you as we should. We trust our own plans over yours and our own knowledge over your wisdom. Our hearts come wearied by our sin. Lord, forgive us and heal us. Lift our eyes from our sin and place them back on Christ. Let us see Jesus clearly, and guide us by your Spirit. Give us the faith we need to believe your gospel and to trust your promises. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 JOHN 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

GIVING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Because our sin has been forgiven, we now have peace with God and with one another. May the peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

*We celebrate
God's work in
our community
and world*

TESTIMONY OF GOD'S GRACE

Project Belong

*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

JERUSALEM, MY HAPPY HOME

Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrow have an end? Thy joys, when shall I see?

O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee, no sorrow may be found, no grief, no pain, no toil.

Thy gardens and thy gallant walks continually are green.
There, grow such sweet and pleasant flowers as nowhere else are seen.

There, trees forevermore bear fruit and evermore do spring.
There, evermore do angels sit and evermore do sing.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, God grant that I may see
Thine endless joy and of the same partaker ever be.

16th century British tune, 'Land of Rest'. Arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar 2011 Hope Publishing

COME AWAY FROM RUSH AND HURRY

Congregation (Fellowship Hall)

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace.
From our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace.
Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's face.

In the pastures of God's goodness, we lie down to rest our souls.
From the waters of God's mercy, we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence, all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.

Come then, children, with your burdens—life's confusions, fears and pain—
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead his kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them—he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-12

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

HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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God speaks to us through the preaching of his word

SERMON

THIS MATTERS: WHY WE CARE ABOUT WHAT WE DO

4. Grace-Filled Community

We respond to God's word through song

SONG OF SENDING

O GREAT GOD

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,
Did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your Word to me
Through the gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify your Name through me.

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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!

We go out with joy and purpose in the Lord

POSTLUDE