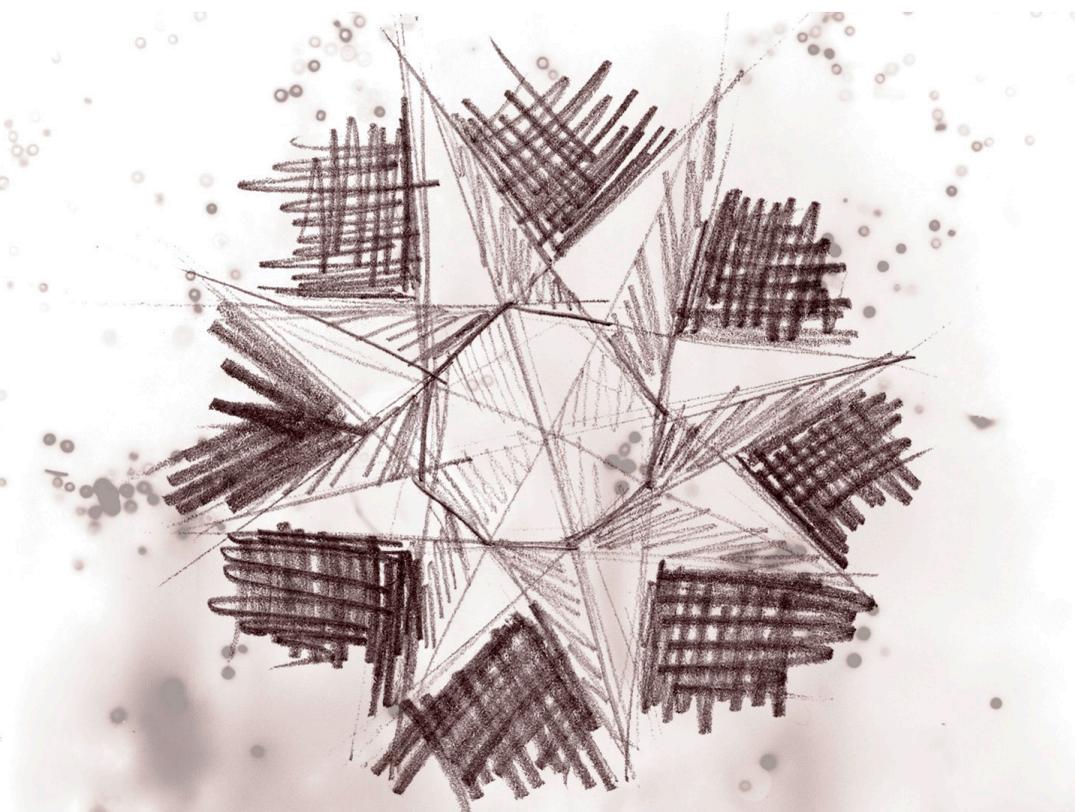




**MCLEAN
PRESBYTERIAN**

*Grace changes
everything*



ALL OUR EXPECTATIONS

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

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, 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

DECEMBER 3, 2017 | 9:00AM, 10:45AM

Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

*We rest our
hearts in God's
presence*

PRELUDE

ALL GLORY BE FOREVER

*We celebrate
God's presence
with us*

WELCOME & INVOCATION

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 113

Leader: Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore!

**People: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!
The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!**

Leader: Who is like the Lord our God,
who is seated on high,
who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?

**People: He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.
He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the Lord!**

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

SONGS OF PRAISE

CREATION SINGS THE FATHER'S SONG

Creation sings the Father's song; he calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day, till evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow; his breath upon this spinning globe;
He charts the eagle's flight, commands the newborn baby's cry.

**Chorus: Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing: "Hallelujah!"
Fill the earth with songs of worship, tell the wonders of creation's King.**

Creation gazed upon his face; the ageless One in time's embrace,
Unveiled the Father's plan of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth, whose blameless life would break the curse,
Whose death would set us free to live with him eternally. **Chorus**

Creation longs for his return, when Christ shall reign upon the earth;
The bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age.
When he renews the land and sky, all heav'n will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme: the glory of our God and King! **Chorus 2x**

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COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, on this first Sunday in Advent we begin a spiritual journey as we anticipate Christmas day, a reminder of the birth of our Savior. As we come to meet with you, we realize that you are holy and we are not. Forgive us for our sin, and forgive us for not trusting you in all things. Forgive us for leaving a season of thankfulness and immediately focusing on what we think we need. Help us to be satisfied in you. As we celebrate your first coming, let us be mindful of the reality of your second coming. Allow this reality to change our lives. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

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

GIVING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Because our sin has been covered and 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 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

○ LOVING FATHER OF THE STARS

Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

O Loving Father of the stars, who spoke and there was light,
Send to us your promised Son to end the curse of night;
For in his eyes will shine the dawn to burn in us a living song.
Morning Star, shine in us, fill us with light. Come, O come, Emmanuel.

For long the world had wandered in shadows and in fear.
A promise burned in faithful hearts that Christ would soon appear.
Come, bring the hope of glory near, bind the wound and dry the tear.
Morning Star, shine in us, come, O come, Emmanuel.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us with your light.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Come and fill our empty lives. Our hearts, as one, are open wide.
Morning Star, burn in us. Fill us with heaven's light. Come, O come, Emmanuel.

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COME AND WORSHIP

Worship Team (Fellowship Hall)

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er the earth.
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth.

**Chorus: Come and worship; come and worship; come and worship;
Worship Christ the newborn king.**

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night.
God with man is now residing. Yonder shines the infant light. **Chorus 2x**

Saints before the altar bending, watching, long in hope and fear.
Suddenly, the Lord descending in his temple shall appear. **Chorus 2x**

Worship Christ the newborn king.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

1 SAMUEL 1:1-20

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

ALL GLORY BE FOREVER



1. We had turned from God to sin's dis-grace; we chose the path to
2. Ev-'ry bond of sin that held us fast is left in Je-sus'
3. Now our fu-ture's fixed, our jour-ney clear; God will not let us



hell. Per-fect law of God condemned our race, for all in A-dam
grave. We've been freed from all that gripped our past, from Sa-tan's rule and
go. Ev-'ry trial that tempts our hearts to fear he'll use to give us



fell; But the right-eous ness_ of God ap-peared and the
reign; We've been raised to life_ to breathe his grace as_
hope. All cre-a-tion groans as we a-wait what our



world found hope a-gain; For the right-eous one has come
cap-tives now re-claimed. All our guilt is gone, all our
eyes have longed to see; Ev-'ry pain and e-vil we've



down to bear all the curse of sin and_ death.
striv-ings ceased, we're a-live to seek his_ fame.
long en-dured will be crushed by Christ our_ King.

CHORUS



Now to him who's seat-ed on the throne, All glo-ry be for-



ev-er! Oh, the depths of wis-dom, grace, and pow'r, All



glo-ry be for-ev-er! All glo-ry be for-ev-er.

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SERMON

ADVENT: ALL OUR EXPECTATIONS

1. Hannah: When Dreams Come True

We respond to God's word through song

SONG OF SENDING

BY FAITH

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the pow'r of his promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.

**Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward,
'Til the race is finished and the work is done.
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.**

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth. **Chorus**

By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible, to all who call upon his name. **Chorus 2x**

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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!