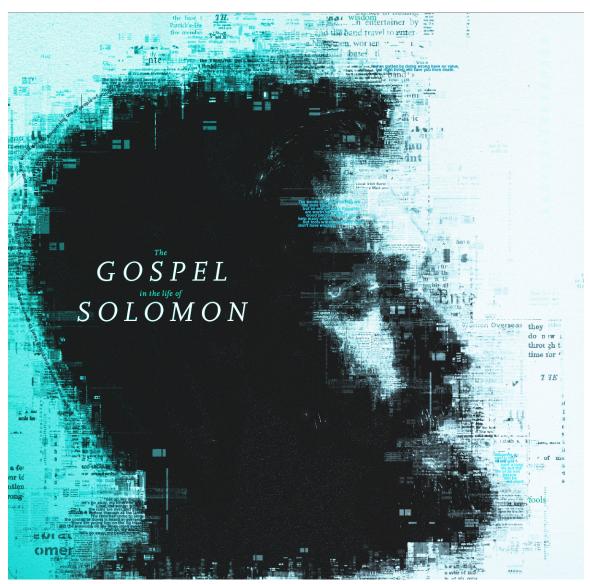


Grace changes everything



9AM, 10:45AM, & 5:15PM

MARCH 3, 2019

Welcome

A NOTE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

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.

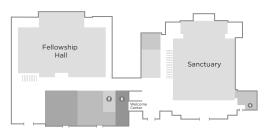
May this morning be good for your soul!

In his grace,

JAMES FORSYTH, SENIOR PASTOR

P.S. You're invited to have lunch with us and get to know our pastors, their families, and other newcomers! Details and dates are at mcleanpres.org/lunch.

BUILDING MAP (UPPER FLOOR)



Children & Student ministries downstairs; adult education at Cooper MS

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 - Pre-K at all service times.

Sunday School is available for K - 6 at 9AM, K - 12 at 10:45AM, and K - 3 during the sermon at 5:15PM.

Sunday nights include communities for 4th - 12th grade at 5PM. Find full details and schedules at mcleanpres.org/ kidsandstudents.

Service of Divine Worship

March 3, 2019 | 9:00AM, 10:45AM Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

hearts in God's presence as we prepare for worship

We rest our PRFLUDE

JESUS IS BETTER

We celebrate God's presence

WELCOME & INVOCATION

with us and ask for his Spirit to work powerfully among us

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to worship him in spirit and in truth.

PSALM 24:1-2, 9-10

Leader: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.

People: For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

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

SONGS OF PRAISE

COME. THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

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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

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

From the Book of Common Worship

God reminds us of his promise of forgiveness in Christ

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REVELATION 1:4-6

Leader: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

People: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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

GIVING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Because Christ has freed us from our sins by his blood, we now have peace with God and peace 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.

We give back to
God a portion
of what is
already his

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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.

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

SONG OF PREPARATION

JESUS IS BETTER

There is no other so sure and steady; my hope is held in your hand. When castles crumble and breath is fleeting, upon this rock I will stand, Upon this rock I will stand.

Chorus 1: Glory, glory, we have no other King but Jesus, Lord of all. We raise the anthem, our loudest praises ring. We crown him Lord of all.

Your kindly rule has shattered and broken the curse of sin's tyranny.

My life is hidden 'neath Heaven's shadow; your crimson flood covers me,

Your crimson flood covers me. **Chorus 1**

Bridge: In all my sorrows, Jesus is better; make my heart believe. In ev'ry vict'ry, Jesus is better; make my heart believe. Than any comfort, Jesus is better; make my heart believe. More than all riches, Jesus is better. Make my heart believe. Our souls declaring Jesus is better; make my heart believe. And our song eternal: Jesus is better; make my heart believe!

Chorus 2: Glory, glory, we have no other King but Jesus, Lord of all. Glory, glory, we have no other King but Jesus, Lord of all. We raise the anthem, our loudest praises ring. We crown him Lord of all. We crown him Lord of all.

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God speaks to us through the reading of his word SCRIPTURE READING

1 KINGS 1-2 (CHURCH BIBLE P. 279)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

God speaks to us through the preaching of his word SERMON

THE GOSPEL IN THE LIFE OF SOLOMON

1. Solomon's Rule

God gives us a visible sign to confirm his covenant promise in Christ

THE LORD'S SUPPER

During the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, true believers who repent of their sins and desire to live as followers of Christ, who revealed himself to be fully God and man in one person, are invited to partake. Children who have not been received by the Session into communing membership after a public confession of faith should refrain even though they may have personally received the Savior, because of the responsibility of the recipient to discern the Lord's body.

PRAYER OF FAITH FOR THOSE PARTAKING OF THE SACRAMENT

Gracious Lord, I do not presume to come to this your Table trusting in my own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. In my own righteousness I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But, by your grace, grant that I may draw near to you by faith; eat and drink in remembrance that you died for me. And grant that I may feed on you in my inner being by faith with great thanksgiving. Lord, please open the eyes of my heart that I may know the hope of your calling, the riches of the glory of my inheritance and the surpassing greatness of your power toward me in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Those who do not have a personal saving relationship with Jesus Christ are asked to refrain from partaking and are urged to use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN OBSERVING COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, I do not understand everything about this communion service. But I know that it is good. Jesus, when I feel hungry for the bread, please help me to hunger for you instead. When I wish I could taste the sweetness of the juice, please help me instead to think of the sweetness of your love. Lord Jesus, thank you that your broken body and your blood paid for my sin. I love you Lord. Amen.

We remember Christ's death, celebrate his resurrection, enjoy his presence, and anticipate his return

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

As soon as you receive the elements you may eat the bread and drink the cup in remembrance of Christ who died for you.

We respond to God's word through song

COMMUNION SONG

BEHOLD THE LAMB

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us—and we remember The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you—eat and remember; The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you—drink and remember He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond—and to remember Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.

As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!

And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

Around the table of the King.

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As recipients of God's grace, we give to help those in need

DEACONS' OFFERING

As we've received a tangible expression of God's love and kindness for us, we offer a tangible expression of care and concern for those in need within our flock and community. Please designate your gift by writing "Deacons' Offering" on your check or envelope and place your gift in the offering plate as you exit.

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

BEHOLD THE LAMB