

Service Guide

1. Call to Worship - We need to be called to come and worship God because our natural tendency is to worship everything except God. Our default is to worship the gift instead of the Giver. Therefore, God calls us to worship Him. God also calls us to worship Him because we struggle to believe that God truly wants us to draw near to him. The Call to Worship is God calling us to worship Him fully, truly and intimately. It focuses our attention on God and prepares us to meet with Him.

2. The Invocation - The invocation is a form of prayer where we ask God to be present with us in the service and to bless His worship.

3. Hymns and Songs - God's people sing not only as an expression of our love for God and our praise of Him, but also to remind ourselves of our place in God's redemptive story. The church is marked by its singing, from Israel's deliverance through the Psalms to our worship today. God's people lift their voice in song to praise God's name.

4. Affirmation of Faith - A confession of faith is a short summary of what the bible teaches. We "confess" these together as a body because it reminds us of what scripture teaches and it encourages us corporately to continue on in the truth of the gospel.

5. Gloria Patri - This doxology is an expression of praise sung to God. It not only praises God, but affirms what the Bible teaches us about our Trinitarian God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. One God in three persons; the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

6. Worship through Giving - "Give unto the LORD the glory due His name: Bring an offering, and come into His courts" Psalm 96:7-8. Giving is commanded by our God and is done from a cheerful heart, in response and thanksgiving for all He has given us.

7. Doxology - In singing this we admit through song that we are dependent on God for all things. We praise God through song for the many blessings that He has graciously given us even when we did not deserve them.

8. The Lord's Prayer - "One of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray...'" And He said to them, "When you pray, say:" Luke 11:1-2. Jesus taught the disciples how to pray using a model prayer. We use the Lord's Prayer to remind us of God's will and to guide us as we pray to our heavenly Father.

9. The Word Proclaimed - Some view the sermon as a way to get principles for "right" living. Others see it as an interesting piece of intellectual challenge or an opportunity to gain inspiration for our lives. In reality, as we open the Scriptures we encounter Jesus Christ. Therefore, as you listen, pray that you will be open to His leading, exhortation, encouragement, and healing.

10. Prayer of Blessing - God always gets the last word in our encounter with Him through worship. For Christians, it is always a word of blessing and a sending out to live our lives in the light of the reality of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is not a prayer. It is God's word of blessing upon your life.

*Mint Hill Presbyterian Church exists to Glorify God
by seeking the lost, making disciples, and
worshiping the Savior.*

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Announcements

Welcome to Mint Hill Presbyterian! As our guest, if you have any needs or questions, please feel free to ask, and we will be happy to help. We also invite you to fill out a guest card in the lobby and give it to one of the greeters at the back or drop it in the offering plate.

Nursery and Children's Church are available for families with young children. If you have an infant that needs a nursery there is a crib room located on the right side of the sanctuary. Also, parents may send children ages 8 and under to children's church after the offering.

We welcome Aaron Opgenorth and his family to their new home! God has so richly blessed us in getting Aaron here as quickly as He did and we look forward to our journey with him and his beautiful family. Today Aaron will deliver the Word from Galatians in a new sermon series entitled "Freedom in Christ."

The Ordination Service for Aaron Opgenorth will be held at Mint Hill Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, May 6 at 4:00 p.m.** After the service, we will have a time of sharing a meal and fellowship with a BBQ dinner. (We will need side dishes and there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you wish to share a dish!) Please make plans to attend this very special time in the life of Aaron Opgenorth, his family, and the Mint Hill Presbyterian Church family!

Sunday School: The Adult Sunday School meets at **9:00 a.m.** up the hill in the Sunday School Classroom and is taught by Steve Smith. The class is currently doing a character study on David from 1 & 2 Samuel. Come join us for this rich teaching! All are welcome!

This week choir will meet on Wednesday evening at 7:00. If you desire to become part of our choir, please speak with Debby Lutz. We would sure be happy to have you!

Women's Bible study, led by Donni DeHart meets on **Tuesday nights, at 7:00** at the church. We have just begun our study of 1 Peter. Lesson sheets can be obtained from Donni or on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please join this wonderful gathering of the women along with others who have joined us who are members of other churches. The studies are rich and all women are welcome!

Please make sure you see the basket for the homeless in the back of the church and also the **container for Samaritan's Purse** along with the **chart** of our donations. It is growing rapidly!



Mint Hill Presbyterian Church

"...that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

- 1 Peter 4:11

Preparing our hearts for worship...

"Either sin is with you, lying on your shoulders, or it is lying on Christ, the Lamb of God. Now if it is lying on your back, you are lost; but if it is resting on Christ, you are free, and you will be saved." — Martin Luther

"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." — Galatians 5:1

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." — John 8:36

April 29, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship

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Prelude *Hymns of Praise* arr. Phillip Keveran

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
All Creatures of Our God and King
Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him*

Welcome and Announcements Butch Bigham

Call to Worship¹ *Psalm 100* Aaron Opgenorth

Invocation² Aaron Opgenorth

*** Hymn of Praise**³ *Who You Say I Am* Praise Band

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me—oh His love for me!

CHORUS

Who the Son sets free—oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God—yes I am!

Free at last He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

CHORUS 2

Who the Son sets free—oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God—yes I am!
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God—yes I am!

BRIDGE

I am chosen—not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me—not against me
I am who You say I am! (chorus 2)

***Affirmation of Faith**⁴ Aaron Opgenorth

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;
born of the Virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven;

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;*
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

** catholic with a lower case 'c' refers to the universal church*

*** Gloria Patri**⁵ Henry Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

*Deacons please come forward to collect the offering
during the Gloria Patri.*

*** Prayer of Dedication for Tithes and Offerings** Aaron Opgenorth

*** Worship through Giving**⁶

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE
arr. Larry Shackley

*** Doxology**⁷ Old Hundredth, No. 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*During the doxology children 8 years and under may be dismissed for
children's church.*

Pastoral Prayer Steve Smith

The Lord's Prayer⁸

**Our Father, which art in heaven;
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

***Hymn of Preparation** *Amazing Grace* No. 460

New Testament Reading *Galatians 1:1-5* Aaron Opgenorth

The Word Proclaimed⁹ *"Greetings from Paul"* Aaron Opgenorth

***Hymn of Response** *In Christ Alone* Praise Band

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.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry 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.

*** Prayer of Blessing** Aaron Opgenorth

Postlude *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

**If you would like to know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior,
we invite you to speak to one of our elders after the worship service.
We would be happy to pray with you.**

* If you are able please stand

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