

A Welcome to Our Visitors

We extend a special greeting to all who are joining us for worship today for the first time. It is our delight to have you among us as we renew fellowship with God, and it is our desire that you will truly discern the presence of God with us. Please join us also after worship for a time of further fellowship, followed by a prayer meeting in the sanctuary and Sunday School for our young people.

MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 AM

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Pastor Nathan Trice

Preparation for Worship

***Call to Worship** 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 **Elder John Mauldin**

***Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* **No. 615**

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin.

Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law.

Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon 1 Thessalonians 5: 23-24

Hymn of Thanksgiving *When All Thy Mercies* **No. 51**

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Meditation:
"Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son"

***Doxology**

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.

MORNING WORSHIP (continued)

***Reception of New Members** The McClure household

New Member Vows:

- 1) *Do you believe that there is one living and true God, who exists eternally in three persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – and that he infallibly reveals himself in the Bible, which teaches the true and only way of knowing God?*
- 2) *Do you confess that God sent his only begotten Son – Jesus Christ – to save sinners, and that because of your sinfulness you have an utter need for his salvation; and do you trust for salvation not in yourself but in Jesus Christ alone?*
- 3) *Do you confess Jesus Christ as your sovereign Lord and do you promise, in reliance on the grace of God, to serve him with all that is in you, to forsake the world, to resist the devil, to put to death your sinful deeds and desires, and to lead a godly life?*
- 4) *Do you promise to submit in the Lord to the government of this church, to participate faithfully in its worship and ministry, and, in case you should be found delinquent in doctrine or life, to heed its discipline?*

Congregational Vow:

Do you promise before God to assist Mike and Lori and their children in their Christian nurture by godly example, prayer, and encouragement in our most precious faith and in the fellowship of believers?

***Sacrament of Baptism** Isaac Winston McClure

Parental Vows:

- 1) *Do you acknowledge that although our children are sinful from the time of conception, and therefore are subject to condemnation, they are holy in Christ, and as children of the covenant are to be baptized?*
- 2) *Do you promise to teach diligently to Isaac the principles of our holy Christian faith, revealed in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and summarized in the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church?*
- 3) *Do you promise to pray regularly with and for Isaac, and to set an example of piety and godliness before him?*
- 4) *Do you promise, before God and these witnesses, to endeavor, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring Isaac up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, encouraging him to appropriate for himself the blessings and obligations of the covenant?*

Congregational Vow:

Do you promise before God to assist Isaac and his parents in his Christian nurture by godly example, prayer, and encouragement in our most precious faith and in the fellowship of believers?

***Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision*

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.*

MORNING WORSHIP (continued)

*Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower:
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

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Preaching of God's Word 1 Corinthians 10: 23-33 **Pastor Nathan Trice**

"Liberties Enjoyed... And Given Up"

***Gloria Patri**

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, Amen.

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

* *Congregation Standing*

SPECIAL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING – 11:15 AM

All testimonies of God's goodness and faithfulness over the last year will be welcome during this special hour of giving thanks. Sunday School classes have been cancelled this morning so that our children may join us and participate in this time. (Nursery will be provided.)

THIS WEEK AT MOPC:

Today: Worship at Weddington Park Assisted Living 3:00 PM

Tuesday: Bible Study at Carrington Place Nursing Home 10:30 AM

Thursday: *Happy Thanksgiving!*

Saturday: Men's "Books & Breakfast" Fellowship 7:00 AM

EVENING WORSHIP - 5:30 PM

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements **Pastor Justin Rosser**

Preparation for Worship

***Call to Worship** Philippians 4: 19

***Invocation and Lord’s Prayer**

Our father who 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 Praise** *We Plough the Fields and Scatter* **No. 614**

***Reading of God’s Word** 1 Kings 11: 26-43

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn of Praise** *Let All Things Now Living*

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.*

*His law he enforces: the stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!*

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Deacons’ Offering

Offertory Meditation:

“Come, Christians, join to sing. Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!”

Preaching of God’s Word Luke 8: 16-18 **Pastor Justin Rosser**

“How Parables Work”

†Sacrament of Communion with Hymn *God Moves in a Mysterious Way* **No. 21**

***Closing Hymn** *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast* **No. 91**

EVENING WORSHIP (continued)

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

** Congregation Standing*

† *The sacrament of Communion is for believers who have made public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, and are members in good standing of a true Christian church. If you are worshipping with us and meet these simple requirements, we warmly invite you to join us in celebrating the Lord’s Supper. Note that wine will be served in Communion, but grape juice is also provided in the eight center cups of each tray.*

Announcements

The annual Thank Offering will be received today during the morning and evening offerings. Please make your checks out to Matthews OPC and designate them “Thank Offering,” or use the envelopes provided previously in the bulletin.

Pastor Trice will be taking part this evening in the ordination and installation of Mr. Nathan Francis as associate pastor of Arden Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Arden, North Carolina. Mr. Francis is a recent graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary who has sought mentoring by Pastor Trice in recent years.

College Care Packages: Thank you for bringing in items for the college care packages. You’ll find the box to collect the items in the hallway of the fellowship hall today and next Sunday. Notes for college students can be deposited there as well.

There will be no youth group this Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will, of course, resume the following week!

Matthews OPC at One7 Ministries: Our congregation will be bringing a meal and a message to the children and refugees of ONE7 on the evening of Thursday, November 30 from 5:30 – 8:30 PM. A signup sheet is forthcoming!

Our annual Ladies’ Christmas Brunch is right around the corner! We warmly encourage all the ladies of our congregation to join us for this special time of fellowship on Saturday, December 2 at 9:30 AM. We’ll be enjoying a season of lessons and carols, with a particular focus on Jesus’ care for women during His earthly ministry. Come eat, sing, and be merry with us! The cost is \$10, and a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. (If you have questions or if the cost is a financial hardship for you, please see Erica Roach, Jan Andrews, or Jamie Dean.)

LoveLife Ministry has invited all participating churches to one final prayer walk on Saturday, December 2. Since they anticipate having around 7,000 participants, they ask that we begin to arrive at 7:30 AM, and that we park at 800 Briar Creek Road in Charlotte.

The ladies of the prayer-cheer committee invite all the ladies of MOPC to join them for prayer at 4:15 PM next Sunday in the education building.

MOPC Schedules		
	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Ambassadors	<i>Ashley & Henry Trice</i>	<i>Samuel & Amber Snapp</i>
Nursery – AM	<i>Judi & Geneva E</i>	<i>Leslie H & Caroline C</i>
Nursery – SS	<i>Trish Langan</i>	<i>Trish Langan</i>
Nursery – PM	<i>Mirabel C & Liz H</i>	<i>Jillian F & Sthefanie C</i>
Security - AM	<i>Nathan Brinkerhoff</i>	<i>Patrick Surratt</i>
Security - PM	<i>Caleb Brandt</i>	<i>Chris vanHeerden</i>
Close-up	<i>Duncan Trice (November)</i>	<i>Jesse Groover (December)</i>

The Lord’s Day, November 19, 2017



“Straight Teaching from The Word of God”