

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. We also extend a special invitation to you to attend a class for visitors, and all those interested in learning more about the Christian faith and this local church. Today's lesson takes up the question "Why the Church?" We will meet after morning worship in the Fellowship Hall.

MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 AM

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements **Pastor Nathan Trice**

Preparation for Worship

***Call to Worship** Acts 2: 42-47 **Pastor Justin Rosser**

***Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise** *Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns* **No. 298**

Confession of Sin

*O changeless God, under the conviction of the Spirit I learn that
 The more I do, the worse I am,
 The more I know, the less I know,
 The more holiness I have, the more sinful I am,
 The more I love, the more there is to love.
 O wretched man that I am!*

*O Lord, I have a wild heart and cannot stand before thee;
 I am like a bird before a man.
 How little I love thy truth and ways!*

*I neglect prayer,
 By thinking I have prayed enough and earnestly,
 By knowing thou hast saved my soul.*

*Of all hypocrites, grant that I may not be an evangelical hypocrite,
 Who sins more safely because grace abounds,
 Who tells his lusts that Christ's blood cleanses them,
 Who reasons that God cannot cast him into hell, for he is saved,
 Who loves preaching, churches, Christians, but lives without holiness.*

*My mind is a bucket without a bottom,
 With no spiritual understanding,
 No desire for the Lord's Day,
 Ever learning but never reaching the truth,
 Always at the gospel well but never holding water.*

*My conscience is without conviction or contrition, with nothing to repent of.
 My will is without power of decision or resolution.
 My heart is without affection, and full of leaks.
 My memory has no retention, so I forget so easily the lessons learned,
 and thy truths seep away.*

Give me a broken heart that yet carries home the water of grace.

- Taken from The Valley of Vision edited by Arthur Bennett

MORNING WORSHIP (continued)

Assurance of Pardon Matthew 18: 21-22

Hymn of Thanksgiving *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* **No. 704**

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Meditation:
 "Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus
 but to trust and obey."

***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.*

Confession of Faith

O Lord, you have borne us on eagles' wings, and brought us to yourself.
You remembered your covenant, and delivered us from bondage.

You told us that if we obey your voice, we will be your treasured possession;
Therefore we gladly submit to your covenant demands.

You have said, "You shall have no other gods before me,"
*And by your grace we will not give to others the devotion that you alone
 deserve, but will love you with all our hearts.*

You have said, "You shall not make for yourself an idol,"
*And by your grace we will not think of you or relate to you according to
 our own ideas, but only according to your own Word.*

You have said, "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain,"
*And by your grace we will not think lightly or speak carelessly of holy
 things, but will fear your glorious name.*

You have said, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy,"
*And by your grace we will devote ourselves to the purpose of the Lord's
 Day, and delight in the fellowship with you that it brings.*

You have said, "Honor your father and mother,"
*And by your grace we will not show disrespect or disobedience to those
 in authority over us, but will render to them our duty.*

You have said, "You shall not murder,"
*And by your grace we will not be angry or embittered against our
 brother or neighbor, but will serve them selflessly in love.*

You have said, "You shall not commit adultery,"
*And by your grace we will not permit ourselves impure thoughts or
 desires, but will remain chaste and faithful to our marriage vows.*

You have said, "You shall not steal,"
*And by your grace we will not take from others what is rightfully theirs,
 but will be faithful stewards of our own possessions.*

You have said, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor,"
*And by your grace we will not mislead others by our words or deeds, but
 will uphold the truth always and keep our word.*

You have said, "You shall not covet,"
*And by your grace we will not envy the blessings of others, but will be
 content with what you have given to us.*

O Lord, hear our pledge of fidelity to you our Savior and Lord,
And give us by your Spirit the power to keep your covenant.

- Adapted from Exodus 19 and 20

MORNING WORSHIP (continued)

***Hymn** *O Word of God Incarnate* **No. 267**

Preaching of God's Word 1 Corinthians 7: 10-16 **Pastor Nathan Trice**

"Gospel Reasons to Stay"

***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

PRAYER MEETING AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 11:15 AM

Visitors' Class: Fellowship Hall

Prayer Meeting: Sanctuary

Youth Sunday School Classes:

ages 0-1		Nursery
ages 2-3	Jackie Selles	Education Building, Room 1
ages 4-5	Julia Brinkerhoff	Education Building, Room 2
ages 6-7	Craig Adams	Education Building, Room 4
ages 8-9	Ashton Ferrazzo	Education Building, Room 3
ages 10-11	Paul English	Education Building, Room 6
ages 12-14	Rob Cheney	Education Building, Room 8
ages 15-17	Jim Harbin	Education Building, Room 5/7

MOPC Schedules		
	Today	Next Sunday
Ambassadors	<i>Samuel & Amber Snapp</i>	<i>Nathan & Julia Brinkerhoff</i>
Nursery – AM	<i>Kelly N & Katheryn L</i>	<i>Ashley T & Sarah F</i>
Nursery – SS	<i>Jan Andrews</i>	<i>Jessica Mauney</i>
Nursery – PM	<i>Amber & Isaac S</i>	<i>Myriam & Leah A</i>
Security - AM	<i>Jim Batten</i>	<i>Jeremy Carriker</i>
Security - PM	<i>Scott Amado</i>	<i>Philip Batten</i>
Close-up	<i>TJ Andrews (September)</i>	<i>Henry Trice (October)</i>

EVENING WORSHIP - 5:30 PM

Prelude

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Preparation for Worship

***Call to Worship** Exodus 15: 1-2

***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** Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain **No. 200**

***Reading of God’s Word** 1 Kings 8: 1-21

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn of Praise** This Day at Thy Creating Word **No. 324**

Deacons’ Offering

Offertory Meditation:

"O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee."

Preaching of God’s Word Luke 7: 24-35 **Pastor Justin Rosser**

“What Do You Want From Us?”

†Sacrament of Communion with Hymn Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus **No. 128**
(to the tune of No. 145)

***Closing Psalm** From All That Dwell **No. 3**

***Benediction**

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† *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.*

THIS WEEK AT MOPC:

Today: Worship at Carrington Place Nursing Home 3:00 PM
Ladies Prayer Meeting in the Education Building 4:15 PM
Communicants Class 4:30 PM
Tuesday: Bible Study at Carrington Place Nursing Home 10:30 AM
Wednesday: Youth Group 6:30 PM
“Spiritual Mentoring” Class with Pastor Trice 7:00 PM
Friday: College & Career Fellowship at the Donaldson home 6:00 PM

Announcements

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

Communicant Classes continue today at 4:30 PM. These classes are designed to ready covenant children for admission to the Lord’s Supper, and today is the second of three classes. Parents, please speak with Pastor Trice if you and your child would like to be a part of the class.

Classes on “Spiritual Mentoring,” taught by Pastor Trice, continue this Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM. This week we will consider the wide variety of methods for spiritual mentoring, the resources that are available, and the way to make a plan that suits the gifts of the one mentoring as well as the needs of the one being mentored. All are invited and encouraged to come and learn more about this vital form of “speaking the truth in love” to one another. Child care will be provided.

A Church Work Day has been scheduled for **Saturday, October 7** from 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Please see Jeremy Carriker or Luke Fawcett if you and your helping hands are able to attend!

Ladies’ Coffee and Conversation: The Women’s Fellowship cordially invites the ladies of MOPC to a morning of coffee and conversation on Saturday, October 7 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the home of Christine Lining. Join us for a light breakfast and a time of informal fellowship as sisters in Christ! We are especially eager to get to know some of those who are new to our congregation. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer, so please sign up if you plan to attend.

A Reformation Sunday Dinner on the Grounds. The Protestant Reformation was launched on October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther posted his “95 Theses” on the door of All Saints Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Our congregation will mark the 500th anniversary of this event with a dinner on the grounds on Sunday, October 29, traditionally called “Reformation Sunday.” We will enjoy a dinner feast and fellowship together, and our 2nd worship service will be held at 2:00 PM.

Deacon Nominations Now Open: As the first step in electing new deacons for the congregation, the elders have opened nominations for this office. According to our Book of Church Order, officers must be men who have been members of the church for at least one year. They must also be able to “sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this church as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures.” Your nomination of a man indicates your estimate of him as qualified for the office of deacon. Please nominate a man only after speaking with him first and verifying that he is willing to be considered for office. Nomination forms are available in the foyer, and should be returned to the Clerk of Session, Elder Trae Shepherd, by Sunday, October 8.

The Lord’s Day, September 24, 2017



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