

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 "What does Membership at MOPC involve?" 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** Psalm 117 **Elder Trae Shepherd**

***Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* **No. 122**

Confession of Sin

Our God in heaven, you have shown us so much love. And, being your children, we are called to obey what our Lord Jesus called a "new commandment," namely, that we love one another. When we ponder what your Scriptures tell us of love, we see that we often lack it. For your Word tells us that love is patient and kind...

Father, we have not loved you as we ought when we have been impatient with your providences. And we recognize that we have not loved our neighbors when we have been impatient with them, and when we have been unkind to them in speech and conduct. Teach us the way of love with regards to patience and kindness.

Your Word tells us that love does not envy or boast...

Father, we have indeed envied the health, opportunities, and wealth of others, rather than rejoicing in your good providences for them. Seeking to build ourselves up at the expense of loving others, we have boasted of our own situations. Teach us the way of love with regards to envy and boasting.

Your Word tells us that love is not arrogant or rude...

Father, deserving none of your grace, we have been given much, yet we have been unloving by being arrogant. We have been rude both to the person we do not know and the friend or family with whom we are well acquainted. Teach us the way of love with regards to arrogance and rudeness.

Your Word tells us that love does not insist on its own way...

Father, we so often have not shown love by being inconsiderate of others' desires and needs. Teach us the way of love that we might give deference to others.

Your Word tells us that love is not irritable or resentful...

MORNING WORSHIP (continued)

Father, we do get irritable with those around us, resenting their lack of conformity to our own desires. Teach us the way of love with regards to our being irritable and resentful.

Your Word tells us that love does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth...

Father, we have often been uncharitable by assigning evil motives to the actions of those around us. We have been eager to entertain falsehood. Teach us the way of love with regards to charity and truth.

Your Word tells us that love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things...

Father, we have been impatient when provoked; we have thought poorly of those around us, and have been unwilling to bear adversity for the sake of others. Teach us the way of love with regards to faithful resiliency.

Lord Jesus, you have given us a new commandment that we love one another as you have loved us. Forgive us where we have been unloving. By your Spirit, fill us with love for you, love for one another, and love for our neighbor, that you may be glorified and that the world may know that we are your disciples. Amen

(adapted from 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and John 13:34-35)

Assurance of Pardon Romans 5: 6-11

Hymn of Thanksgiving *Man of Sorrows!* **No. 175**

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Meditation:
"And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand."
"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."

***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**

Sacraments are holy signs and seals of the covenant of grace, directly instituted by God to represent Christ and his benefits, and to confirm our interest in him.

Sacraments serve also to show visibly the difference between those that belong to the church and the rest of the world; and solemnly to engage members of the church to the service of God in Christ, according to his Word.

The grace which is exhibited by the sacraments rightly used is not conferred by any power in them.

MORNING WORSHIP (continued)

Neither does the efficacy of a sacrament depend upon the piety or intention of the one that administers it, but rather upon the work of the Spirit and the word of institution which, along with a biblical precept authorizing its use, contains a promise of benefit to worthy receivers.

There are only two sacraments ordained by Christ our Lord in the Gospel: baptism and the Supper of the Lord. Neither sacrament may be

administered by anyone other than a minister of the Word lawfully ordained.

The sacraments of the Old Testament were the same in substance with the sacraments of the New Testament, in regard to the spiritual things they signified and sealed.

- From the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 27: "The Sacraments"

***Hymn** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* **No. 427**
(to the first tune)

Preaching of God's Word Acts 20: 7-12 **Pastor Nathan Trice**

"The Table in the Life of the Church"

***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	Erin Cheney	Education Building, Room 2
ages 6-7	Donna Mauney	Education Building, Room 4
ages 8-9	Craig Adams	Education Building, Room 3
ages 10-11	Maribeth Campbell	Education Building, Room 6
ages 12-14	Stacy Baldree	Education Building, Room 8

AFTERNOON WORSHIP – 2:00 PM

- Prelude**
- Greeting and Announcements** **Pastor Nathan Trice**
- Preparation for Worship**
- *Call to Worship** John 6: 32-35
- *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** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* **No. 501**
- *Reading of God’s Word** Hebrews 4:14 - 5:10
- Pastoral Prayer**
- *Hymn of Praise** *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* **No. 550**
- Deacons’ Offering**

Offertory Meditation:
“Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!
- Preaching of God’s Word** Luke 11: 37-44 **Pastor Justin Rosser**

“Hypocrisy 101”
- †Sacrament of Communion with Hymn** *I Hunger and I Thirst* **(handout)**
- *Closing Psalm** *From All That Dwell* **No. 3**
- *Benediction**
- *Postlude**

† *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

Join us today for “Dinner on the Grounds” following the Sunday school hour. We especially invite our visitors to join us - there’s plenty of food for all!

Honoring our graduates: Our prayer meeting this morning will be devoted to recognizing and praying for our graduates. The high school Sunday School class is cancelled in order that they may join us for this special time.

Our second worship service today will be moved to 2:00 PM in order that we may reconvene for worship directly after our dinner on the grounds. There will be no 5:30 service at MOPC today.

Hymn Sing at 1:45 today: For all those interested in learning the tunes of some of the new songs that we’ll be singing in worship, there will be a hymn sing prior to the second service. We’ll meet in the sanctuary at 1:45, and be led by Jeff Roach.

“Summer Family Nights” at Matthews OPC is a tradition of summertime fellowship and instruction for young and old alike. For eight weeks, beginning on **Wednesday, June 6**, suppers will be served on campus from 5:30 - 6:30 PM, and classes for all ages will start at 7:00 each evening. The children’s classes will consist of instruction in the catechisms of our church, and the adult classes this year will feature teaching from various men of MOPC who have been invited to bring lessons on topics of their choosing. **Parents, please note:** If you are planning to enroll your children in a catechism class during Summer Family Nights, please sign them up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board if you haven’t already done so, so that we may order enough materials.

Cabarrus Women’s Center Baby Bottle Campaign: Now that we’ve shown that we’re against abortion by our prayers with Lovelife ministry, let’s show that we’re for the nourishing of life by our donations to the Cabarrus Women’s Center. From now through Father’s Day baby bottles from the CWC will be made available on the table in the lobby. Please consider picking one up for your family to fill with money, for all funds will go toward the CWC’s efforts to dissuade, save, and support abortion minded couples. Bottles can be returned to Jackie Selles when filled.

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.

Pastor Trice will be away on vacation for the next two weeks, and Pastor Rosser will be ministering the Word and sacraments for the next two Sundays.

MOPC Schedules		
	Today	Next Sunday
Ambassadors	<i>Romeo / Shepherd</i>	<i>Donaldson / Trice</i>
Nursery – AM	<i>Erica R & Jamie D</i>	<i>Judi & Valentina E</i>
Nursery – SS	<i>Trish Langan</i>	<i>Trish Langan</i>
Nursery – PM	<i>Erin C & Lora R</i>	<i>Jillian F & Sthefanie C</i>
Security - AM	<i>Jim B / Mark S</i>	<i>Philip B / Wesley S</i>
Security - PM	<i>Scott G / Caleb B</i>	<i>Tom H / Nathan B</i>
Close-up	<i>Jesse Groover (May)</i>	<i>Ben Laurie (June)</i>

THIS WEEK AT MOPC:

- Today: Graduate Reception and Dinner on the Grounds
Second Service of Worship..... 2:00 PM
- Tuesday: Bible Study at Carrington Place Nursing Home 10:30 AM

The Lord’s Day, May 20, 2018

