



MCLEAN
PRESBYTERIAN

*Grace changes
everything*



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

DECEMBER 30, 2018

We exist to glorify and enjoy God by making disciples who make a difference through grace-filled worship, community, and missions.

MCLEANPRES.ORG

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Welcome

*We are so glad
you are here!*

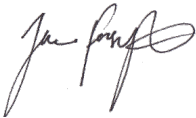
A NOTE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

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.

Visit the Family Welcome Desk downstairs or mcleanpres.org for schedules and details.

There is **no Sunday School** today.

Nursery is offered for ages 0 - Pre-K at all service times.

Service of Divine Worship

December 30, 2018 | 9:00AM, 10:45AM
Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

*We rest our
hearts in God's
presence* PRELUDE

*We celebrate
God's presence
with us and ask
for his Spirit to
work powerfully
among us* WELCOME & INVOCATION

*God calls us
to worship him
in spirit and in
truth* CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 98:1-4

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

**People: The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

**People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

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

SONGS OF PRAISE

COME AND WORSHIP



1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry wing your
2. Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry now pro -



flight o'er the earth. Come and wor - ship;
claim Mes - si - ah's birth.



come and wor - ship; come and wor - ship; wor - ship Christ the



new-born King. 3. Shep - herds in the fields a -



bid - ing. Watch - ing o'er your flocks by night.



4. God with man is now re - sid - ing. Yon - der



shines the in - fant light. Come and wor - ship;



come and wor - ship; come and wor - ship; wor - ship Christ the



new-born King. Come and wor - ship; come and wor - ship;



come and wor - ship; wor - ship Christ the new-born King.

2nd time FINE

5. Saints__ be - fore__ the al - tar bend - ing,
 watch - ing, long in hope and fear.__

6. Sud - den - ly__ the Lord__ de - scend - ing
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear.__

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OUR GREAT GOD

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
 Your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
 Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around your glorious throne,
 They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Chorus: Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Lord we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
 Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
 Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
 Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sov'reign God. **Chorus**

Let ev'ry creature in the sea and ev'ry flying bird,
 Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth,
 Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
 Sing praises to the living God who rules them by his Word. **Chorus 2x**

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*We acknowledge
our need of
forgiveness and
renewal through
the cleansing
blood of Jesus*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*God reminds us
of his promise of
forgiveness
in Christ*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-15A, 17-18

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

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

GIVING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Because the Lord has taken away the judgments against us, we now have peace with God and 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

If you would like to submit a prayer request, fill out the prayer request card and place it in the offering plate. If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, men and women from our leadership will be available in the front.

As recipients
of his grace, we
give back to
God a portion
of what is
already his

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We want to be a generous community. 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. **Read more about how we care for each other, as well as our local & global missions outreach, in the Flock Notes on page 9.** Please also fill out the Keeping Connected pad and pass it down your row and back.

OFFERTORY

NOEL

1. Love in-car-nate, love di - vine,___ star and an-gels gave the sign.
2. Son of God and Son of Man,___ there be-fore the world be- gan.

___ Bow to babe on bend-ed knee,___ the
___ Born to suf-fer, born to save,___

Sav-ior of hu-man-i - ty.___ Un - to us a Child is born,
born to raise us from the grave.___ Christ the Ev-er-last-ing Lord,

___ he shall reign for-ev-er- more.___ No - el, No -
___ he shall reign for-ev-er- more.___

el,___ come and see what God_ has_ done. No - el, No -

-el, the sto-ry of a- maz- ing_ love. The Light of the_ World,

___ giv-en for_ us,___ No - el. ___

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

SONG OF PREPARATION

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.

**Chorus: And here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.**

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created, all for love's sake became poor.

Chorus

Bridge: I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. (repeat)

Chorus 2x

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*God speaks
to us through
the reading
of his word*

SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS 1:1-11 (PEW BIBLE P. 909)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*God speaks
to us through
the preaching
of his word*

SERMON

LIGHT THE WAY

*We respond
to God's word
through song*

SONG OF SENDING

EMMANUEL (GOD WITH US FOREVER)

Before you set the edge of time, foundations of the earth and sky,
You saw it all and said that it was good.
The joy was set before your eyes, you knew that you would give your life;
You saw it all and said that it was good.

Prechorus: Behold, behold the One, our Love has come.
Behold, behold the One, our King has come.

The heavens warred, the earth stood still, his final breath he tore the veil;
The angels sang, "Holy is his name."
Defeated death, he broke the grave. Our hope returned, the lost are saved.
We lift our voice in neverending praise. **Prechorus 2x**

**Chorus: Emmanuel, God with us forever. Emmanuel, Savior of the world.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel. (repeat)**

Prechorus 2x, Chorus

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*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