



MCLEAN  
PRESBYTERIAN

*Grace changes  
everything*



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

ADVENT WEEK TWO, DECEMBER 9, 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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MCLEAN, VA 22101

# Welcome

*We are so glad  
you are here!*

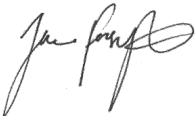
## A NOTE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

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!

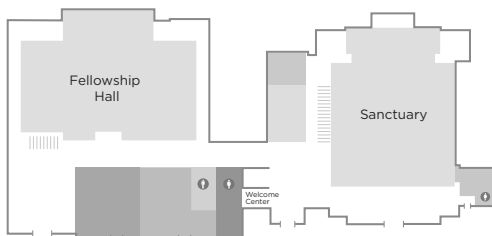
In his grace,



JAMES FORSYTH, SENIOR PASTOR

P.S. You're invited to join our pastors for lunch at one of our homes. Come get to know our families and other newcomers. Details and dates are at [mcleanpres.org/lunch](http://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.

Jr. High (grades 7 - 8) meets at Cooper MS, 977 Balls Hill Road. Shuttles are available in front of the church.

Visit the Family Welcome Desk downstairs or [mcleanpres.org](http://mcleanpres.org) for schedules and details.

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

**Sunday School** is available for K - 6 at 9AM, K - 12 at 10:45AM, and K - 3 during the sermon at 5:15PM.

**Sunday nights** include communities for 4th - 12th grade at 5PM. Find full details and schedules at [mcleanpres.org/kidsandstudents](http://mcleanpres.org/kidsandstudents).

# Service of Divine Worship

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

*We celebrate  
God's presence  
with us, and  
he invites us  
to worship him  
in Spirit and in  
truth*

## WELCOME & INVOCATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**FROM JOHN 8:12, ISAIAH 9:2; 42:16; 2:5**

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**People: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.**

Leader: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation. Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

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

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### **O COME, O COME EMMANUEL**

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. **Refrain**

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go. **Refrain**

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill all the world with heaven's peace. **Refrain 2x**

Words & Music by Latin hymn tr. by J.M. Neale, 1851, alt, 1961; Music VENI EMMANUEL, Arr. by T. Helmore, 1856; CCLI License #152421

## ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall:  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

For he is our lifelong pattern; day by day, like us he grew;  
He was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew.  
Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above,  
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

*Words by C.F. Alexander, 1848; Music by H.J. Gauntlett, 1849 CCLI License #152421*

## INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing;  
Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping: shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

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

## CONFESSION OF SIN

### FROM 1 JOHN 1:5-8

**Leader:** God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People:** **Most holy and merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, we pray, and free us from our sin, in Jesus' name, Amen.**

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### 1 JOHN 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*God gives us  
a visible sign  
to confirm  
his covenant  
promise, and  
we respond with  
faith in him*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### SANCTUARY

**9:00 service** John Constantino, covenant son of Ryan & Rachel Ostrye  
Lucy Janet, covenant daughter of Leck & Lauren Shannon

**10:45 service** Jacob Daniel, covenant son of Scott & Tana Hepburn  
Luke Jeffry, covenant son of Scott & Tana Hepburn  
Joshua Scott, covenant son of Scott & Tana Hepburn  
Leah Rae, covenant daughter of Scott & Tana Hepburn

### FELLOWSHIP HALL

**9:00 service** Emeline Isabelle, covenant daughter of David & Michelle Shirey  
Otto Emery, covenant son of David & Michelle Shirey  
Louisa Jane, covenant daughter of David & Michelle Shirey

**10:45 service** Bonnie Marie, covenant daughter of Edward & Jessica Clements  
Caleb Peter, covenant son of Steven & Kate Schumacher

## SONG OF REJOICING

### 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.

*Words from 2nd century; Music by C. Meineke, 1844*

*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

*You can join us in praying for our community and world this morning; the Flock Notes are on page 9 in your worship guide. 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](http://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

### MARY, DID YOU KNOW?

*Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)*

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy would one day make us new?  
This child that you delivered would soon deliver you?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would give sight to a blind man?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would calm the storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy would walk where angels trod?  
When you kiss your little baby, then you've kissed the face of God?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.  
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb!  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?  
This sleeping child you're holding is the great, the great I AM!

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### WHEN LOVE CAME DOWN

*Congregation (Fellowship Hall)*

When love came down to earth and made his home with men,  
The hopeless found a hope, the sinner found a friend.  
Not to the powerful, but to the poor he came,  
And humble hungry hearts were satisfied in him.

**Refrain: What joy, what peace has come to us!  
What hope, what help, what love!**

When ev'ry unclean thought, and ev'ry sinful deed  
Was scourged upon his back and hammered through his feet.  
The innocent is cursed, the guilty are released;  
The punishment of God on God has bought me peace. **Refrain**

Come lay your heavy load down at the Master's feet;  
Your shame will be removed; your joy will be complete.  
Come crucify your pride, and enter as a child;  
For those who bow down low he'll lift up to his side. **Refrain 2x**

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

## SCRIPTURE READING

**MICAH 5:1-5 (PEW BIBLE P. 778)**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

## SONG OF PREPARATION

**O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by:  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

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

## SERMON

**LIGHT THE WAY**

2. The Bethlehem Candle



*We respond  
to God's word  
through song*

## SONG OF SENDING

### **O SING A SONG OF BETHLEHEM**

O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,  
And of the news that came to them from angels in the air.  
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;  
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing away.

O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy;  
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless Boy.  
For now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow;  
Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,  
Of him who walked upon the sea and bade the waves be still.  
For though like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,  
When faith has heard the Master's Word, falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay,  
Of him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away.  
For he who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,  
And Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.

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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

### **O SING A SONG OF BETHLEHEM**