





LIVESTREAM & IN PERSON

AUGUST 9, 2020

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

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Welcome

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

We're all at different stages in our relationships 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 and Capital Presbyterian Fairfax, 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. Fill out the online Connect card on capitalpres.org/live. Whether you're worshiping with us online or in person, for the first time or are a regular part of our family, we hope this morning will be good for your soul.

In his grace,

DAVID STEPHENSON, ACTING SENIOR PASTOR

John Dail Stylons

RESOURCES

In this unprecedented season, our ministries are committed to carrying out our mission in creative ways.

We'll be hosting worship online and in person each Sunday. Adult Education and grades 7-12 will meet online at 10:45a.m. Parents of children 0-6th grade, visit our resource page for the New City Catechism, our approach to Sunday school in this time.

For a full list of resources, explore our website. We're committed to sharing hope and light in the midst of uncertainty and fear.

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STAY CONNECTED

Follow us on social media and sign up for our Weekly newsletter to stay connected.

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Service of Divine Worship

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We rest our hearts in God's presence as we prepare for

worship

PRELUDE

as JESUS LOVES ME

We celebrate God's presence with us WELCOME

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

ISAIAH 43:1-2; PSALM 46:1, 11

Leader: But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine."

All: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Leader: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you."

All: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

We ask for the Holy Spirit to work powerfully among us PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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

SONGS OF PRAISE

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to you he has said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; For I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, My grace all sufficient shall be your supply; The flame shall not hurt you; I only design Your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

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ONLY A HOLY GOD

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven? Who else could make every king bow down? Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises? What other splendor outshines the sun? What other majesty rules with justice? Only a holy God.

Chorus: Come and behold him, the One and the Only. Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God. Come and worship the holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead? What other name remains undefeated? Only a holy God. **Chorus**

Who else could rescue me from my failure?
Who else would offer his only Son?
Who else invites me to call him Father?
Only a holy God. Only my holy God. Chorus 2x

Come and worship the holy God.

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Great King and Almighty Judge, what can we say to the charges against us? We are indeed guilty. You know our hearts and there is no sin hidden from you. Our actions are often evil, and our words even more! We have made ourselves your enemies. But Jesus, by your blood, it is from your enemies that you call your friends. By your Spirit, teach us to forsake our sin that we might worship you with pure hearts. Thank you for your grace. In Jesus name, Amen.

Adopted from "Piercing Heaven: Prayers of the Puritans"

God reminds us of his promise of forgiveness in Christ

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ROMANS 5:8-10

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

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

GIVING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Since we've been reconciled to God by the death of Christ, 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; the Flock Notes are available via our online directory "Connect." If you would like to submit a prayer request, fill out the prayer request form on our website or email prayer@capitalpres.org.

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). You may give online at mcleanpres.org or by mail (1020 Balls Hill Rd, McLean, VA 22101). Our mail is being securely held with USPS and is processed each week.

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

SONG OF PREPARATION

JESUS LOVES ME





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God speaks to us through the reading of his word

SCRIPTURE READING

ESTHER 4:1-5:14 (CHURCH BIBLE P. 412)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

God speaks
to us through
the preaching
of his word

SERMON

THE GOSPEL IN THE LIFE OF ESTHER

4. Sacrifice

We respond to God's word through song

SONG OF SENDING

JESUS, THANK YOU

The myst'ry of the cross I cannot comprehend, the agonies of Calvary. You the perfect Holy One, crushed your Son,
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.

Chorus: Your blood has washed away my sin, Jesus, thank you. The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank you. Once your enemy, now seated at your table, Jesus, thank you.

By your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near. Your enemy you've made your friend. Pouring out the riches of your glorious grace, Your mercy and your kindness know no end. **Chorus**

Bridge: Lover of my soul, I want to live for you. (4x) **Chorus**

Once your enemy, now seated at your table, Jesus, thank you.

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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

JESUS THANK YOU