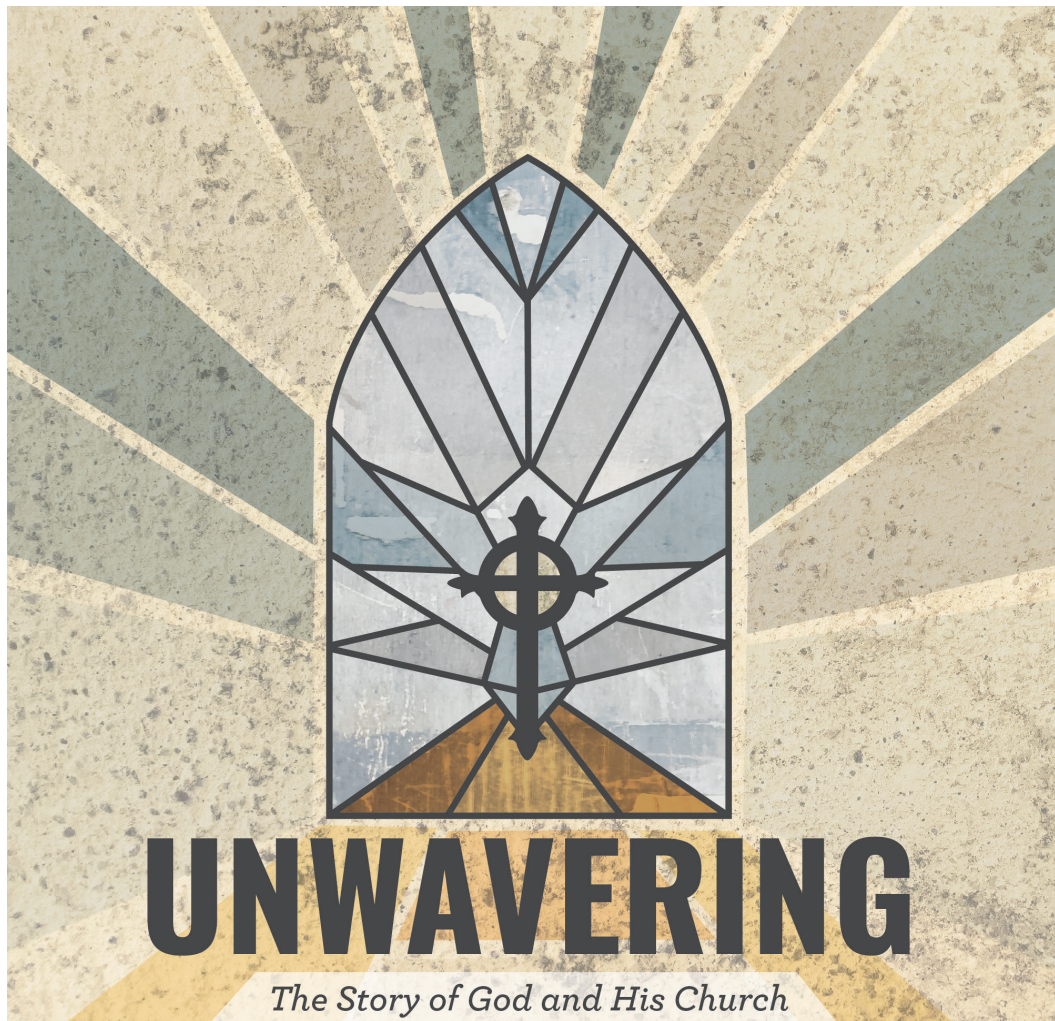




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Pres Family

*Grace changes
everything*



LIVESTREAM & IN PERSON

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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

*We are so glad
you are here!*

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 worshipping 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

RESOURCES

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

We host worship online and in person each Sunday. Adult Education and grades K-12 meet online at 10:45a.m.

For a full list of events and resources, visit us online at **mcleanpres.org** and **fairfaxpres.org**. We're committed to sharing hope and light in the midst of uncertainty and fear.

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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Mobile friendly worship guides are available on our website.

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

PRELUDE

INSTRUMENT OF PEACE

*We celebrate
God's presence
with us*

WELCOME

*God calls us
to worship him
in spirit and in
truth*

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 47:1-2, 5-9

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.

**All: God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!
God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.

**All: The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!**

*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

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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FOREVER REIGN

You are good, you are good when there's nothing good in me.
You are love, you are love on display for all to see.
You are light, you are light when the darkness closes in.
You are hope, you are hope; you have covered all my sin.

You are peace, you are peace when my fear is crippling.
You are true, you are true even in my wandering.
You are joy, you are joy; you're the reason that I sing.
You are life, you are life; in you death has lost its sting.

**Chorus: Oh, I'm running to your arms, I'm running to your arms;
The riches of your love, will always be enough.
Nothing compares to your embrace. Light of the world, forever reign.**

You are more, you are more than my words will ever say.
You are Lord, you are Lord; all creation will proclaim.
You are here, you are here; in your presence I'm made whole.
You are God, you are God; of all else I'm letting go. **Chorus**

Bridge: My heart will sing no other name; Jesus, Jesus.

*My heart will sing no other name; Jesus, Jesus. **Chorus 2x***

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful Lord, we come before you as a sinful people. We confess that we often refuse to see our sin for what is - an unholy offense against a holy God. We confess our sins before you now: sins of hard-heartedness, unbelief, presumption, and pride; sins of deception, injustice, and untruthfulness in our dealings with others; sins of impurity in thought, word, and deed; sins in private and in our families. These sins alienate us from you and from one another. Father, forgive us. In the recognition of our sins, lift our eyes to Jesus. By your Spirit, lift our hearts away from despair and to your joy, which is our strength. Amen.

Adapted from "Sins" in *The Valley of Vision*

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

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

GIVING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Because Christ has reconciled us to God, we now have peace with God and with one another. May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*We celebrate
God's work in
our community
and our world*

TESTIMONY OF GRACE

Project Belong

*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).

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

SONG OF PREPARATION

INSTRUMENT OF PEACE

**Chorus: Lord, make me an instrument of peace, an instrument of peace.
Lord, make me an instrument of peace, an instrument of peace.**

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is darkness, let me sow light.
For in the giving, we shall receive,
And in the dying we're given life. **Chorus**

Where there is sorrow, let me sow hope.
Where there is doubt, let me sow faith.
Where there is injury, your pardon give,
Your consolation to those in pain. **Chorus**

Amen, amen.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS 15:1-11, 22-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

SERMON

UNWAVERING

9. Peacemaking

*We respond
to God's word
through song*

SONG OF SENDING

NOW WHY THIS FEAR

Now why this fear and unbelief?
Has not the Father put to grief his spotless Son for us?
And will the righteous Judge of men condemn me for that debt of sin
Now cancelled at the cross?

**Chorus: Jesus, all my trust is in your blood.
Jesus, you've rescued us through your great love.**

Complete atonement you have made,
And by your death have fully paid the debt your people owed.
No wrath remains for us to face, we're sheltered by your saving grace
And sprinkled with your blood. **Chorus**

*Bridge: How sweet the sound of saving grace,
How sweet the sound of saving grace, Christ died for me. (repeat)*

Be still my soul, and know this peace;
The merits of your great High Priest have bought your liberty.
Rely then on his precious blood, don't fear your banishment from God
Since Jesus sets you free. **Chorus**

Bridge, 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

NOW WHY THIS FEAR