



CAPITAL
Pres Family

*Grace changes
everything*



THE STORYTELLING SAVIOR
PARABLES IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW



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

OCTOBER 17, 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 a Connect Card here at our Welcome Area or online at capitalpres.org/live. Whether you're worshipping with us online or in person, for the first time or as a regular part of our family, we hope this service will be good for your soul.

In his grace,



DAVID STEPHENSON, ACTING SENIOR PASTOR

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS

Large-print worship bulletins are available from an usher.

STAY CONNECTED

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

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mcleanpres.org/weekly

@fairfaxpres
fairfaxpres.org/weekly

FOR YOUR KIDS

We offer nursery care and Sunday School during the service; visit our children's check-in area for ages and availability. At McLean, our Family Welcome Desk is located on the lower level of the church and the Nursing Mother's Room is located on the upper floor in the parlor, to the right of the Sanctuary.

Learn what's currently available on Sundays and throughout the week for adults, students, and children: stop by our welcome areas at McLean and Fairfax to chat with someone or check out our website for updated details (mcleanpres.org/welcome and fairfaxpres.org/welcome).

Service of Divine Worship

October 17, 2021 | 9am, 10:45am & 5:15am

Mobile friendly worship guides are available on our website.

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

PRELUDE

GOOD AND GRACIOUS KING

*We celebrate
God's presence
with us*

WELCOME

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 116

Leader: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

All: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

Leader: The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

All: For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling

Leader: What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

All: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

*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

GROW IN ME

Kids for the King, Fellowship Hall only

God's word is like a seed that hides inside the earth,
Where only eyes of faith can see its worth.

Yet even when we sleep, the tiny seed that dies
Will rise to greater life and touch the skies.

Grow, grow, secretly. Word of God grow in me, (grow in me)
Grow, grow, till by your love, I am what I should be.

Small limbs that taste the sun, may someday tower high
And shelter in their arms all things that fly.
So may we also grow, till reaching out with grace,
Through us you hold the world in your embrace.

Grow, grow, secretly. Word of God grow in me, (grow in me)
Grow, grow, till by your love, I am what I should be.
I am what I should be.

From the Musical, "Once Upon a Parable" by Allen Pote

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise;
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace, now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee;
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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GOOD AND GRACIOUS KING

I approach the throne of glory, nothing in my hands I bring,
But the promise of acceptance from a good and gracious King.

I will give to you my burden as you give to me your strength.
Come and fill me with your Spirit, as I sing to you this praise.

**Chorus: You deserve the greater glory, overcome, I lift my voice.
To the King in need of nothing, empty-handed I rejoice.
You deserve the greater glory, overcome with joy I sing.
By your love I am accepted, you're a good and gracious King.**

Oh, what grace that you would see me as your child and as your friend.
Safe, secure in you forever, I pour out my praise again. **Chorus**

*Bridge: Holy, holy, Lord Almighty, good and gracious, good and gracious.
Holy, holy, Lord Almighty, good and gracious King. (repeat) Chorus*

You're a good and gracious King.

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal and holy God, we humble ourselves before you and confess that we have sinned. We are like sheep that have gone astray; we have each turned to our own way. Our debt is greater than we can fathom. O gracious Father, we know that your mercy toward those who turn to you is infinite, and so we call upon you from the depths of our hearts, trusting in our Mediator, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Have compassion on us, and forgive us when we stray. By your Spirit, make us more like Christ that we may be salt and light to the world for the glory of your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Adapted from the Dutch Psalter, 1566

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JOHN 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

GIVING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Because Christ has paid our debt, 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

Community Groups

*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 place your offering in the boxes at the back or 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*

SONGS OF REFLECTION

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

Chancel Choir, Sanctuary only

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

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

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flames shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to his foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

Hymn by Rippon/Funk/Greer 1997 Van Ness Press

SHEPHERD

Fellowship Hall, Fairfax, and 5:15 only

Though I walk through the valley and I can't see the way,
When the shadows surround me, I will not be afraid.

For I know you are with me: you will always provide.
Though the path may be lonely, you will stay by my side.
I will rest my soul; I'll trust in you alone

**Chorus: For the Lord my Shepherd, leads me, leads me, and he is all I need.
In the darkest valley, I know, I know, my Shepherd is all I need.**

Lord, I know that you seek me when I'm trying to hide.
And your love, it pursues me all the days of my life.
I will rest my soul; I'll trust in you alone. **Chorus**

Bridge: I rest my soul in you alone. You light my way: you lead me on. (repeat)

Chorus

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

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 18:23-35 (CHURCH BIBLE P. 824)

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

JESUS PAID IT ALL

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all."

**Chorus 1: Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

Lord, now indeed I find thy pow'r, and thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone. **Chorus 1**

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

**Chorus 2: Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.
He washed it white as snow, he washed it white as snow.**

*Bridge: Oh, praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead. (repeats) Chorus 1*

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

SERMON

THE STORYTELLING SAVIOR

The Unforgiving Servant

*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: 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

Sermon Notes

Get Connected



WORSHIP

Worship is an opportunity to meet with God. We worship together each Sunday at 9am, 10:45am & 5:15pm in McLean and at 9am & 10:45am in Fairfax. **Invite your friends** and share grace with us.

While you're here, you can submit prayer requests and get more details via our Prayer and Connect cards found at each worship location. We'd love to pray for you and get to know you better.

A typical Sunday includes Children's Ministry, Student Ministries, and Adult Education. Please see our website for the latest schedule.

COMMUNITY

Community is not superficial. Our hope is for everyone who calls this church their home to **be involved in a Community Group**, a regular gathering of 8 - 16 people seeking to know God and one another, and who are committed to caring for each other, loving each other, and serving each other and our community.

Other opportunities to thrive in community include Young Adult ministries, resources for families, community for Senior Saints, and Women's and Men's ministries.

MISSIONS

You are called and equipped to serve. Our hope is for every member to **invest in serving** with our church and mission partners. Serve on a Sunday, share grace around the world on a mission trip, and be in prayer for our partners.

For a list of everything happening **today & this week**, visit mcleanpres.org/events & fairfaxpres.org/events.

McLean Presbyterian and Capital Presbyterian Fairfax are part of the Capital Pres Family: one church, with multiple locations. It's our mission to make disciples who make a difference through grace-filled worship, community, and missions.

COMMUNITY DETAILS AT MCLEANPRES.ORG/EVENTS & FAIRFAXPRES.ORG/EVENTS

Pumpkins & Donuts. *October 23 • 10am-12pm • McLean Parking Lot • Families, join us for a morning of fall fun and games. Friendly costumes are encouraged!*

Explorations of Joy: The Life Writings, and Faith of C.S. Lewis. *October 23 • 6pm • Fairfax: Sherwood Center • Invite friends outside of our church to this lecture-style evening with Dr. Randy Newman about the relationship of joy and suffering as seen in C.S. Lewis's life.*

Round Table: Worship Night & Bonfire. *October 29 • 6:30pm • Fellowship Hall (then The Ranch) • For young adults, an evening of worship through Scripture, song, prayer, and reflection.*

Advent Art Workshop. *October 30 • 10am-2pm • Multi-Purpose Room • Grades 4 - 8, explore the themes of Advent through art; develop your God-given creativity and learn about the birth of Jesus.*

Young Adults Retreat: "With". *November 12-14 • Adamstown, MD • Connect around the bonfire, share meals together, and examine the question of what it means to know and experience communion with God.*

MISSIONS DETAILS AT MCLEANPRES.ORG/EVENTS & FAIRFAXPRES.ORG/EVENTS

Third Thursday Dinner. *Oct. 21 • 7pm • McLean Room • Take a pause in the week: together, we'll enjoy a meal and pray for our mission partners and unreached people groups.*

Celebrating Wilma Cross! *Oct. 24 • 12:30pm • Multi-Purpose Room • Come for lunch to celebrate one of our very first missionaries for her decades of faithful service on the mission field in Chile.*

CURRENT SERVING NEED: USHERING

We need 40 Ushers to help facilitate seating and the offering during our worship services. This is a great way to make worshipers feel welcome, and serve a major need behind the scenes! Committing 1 hour per month, you'll distribute bulletins, help people find seats, count the offering, and assist with minor clean up after the service. Sign up at mcleanpres.org/serve & fairfaxpres.org/serve.

Lead a Community Group



GET CONNECTED, LEAD A CG.

Help cultivate meaningful relationships and vibrant life in our church.

Community Group (CG) leaders play a crucial role in making this church our home. Leading a group is an important way of welcoming others and helping them to grow deep roots and relationships in our church family. By dedicating time and thoughtfulness to your group members, you are bringing Christ's love to life — Christ who knows us deeply, cares for our needs, and loves us unconditionally.



TESTIMONY: BARBARA LEWIS

When my husband and I first joined our CG, we were just happy to have found a church community akin to what we had in New York City. But soon after, our leader had to resign due to work reassignment, so I volunteered to lead, and prayed for insight as to what I could possibly give these intelligent, loving people.

It eventually became very clear to me that I was not giving them anything that they didn't give me 1,000 times over in the way of love, support, spiritual guidance and encouragement. Over these three-and-a-half years, our group has walked alongside us through grief and sorrow, seeing us through the death of two family members, and many other large and small prayer requests.

We are a group of women and men—young and not-so-young, single and married—who meet twice a month to socialize and study the Word. Whether we're discussing a book, Bible study, or sermon series, the vast wealth of knowledge and experience of this group makes me merely a facilitator.

If you are even considering leading, I highly encourage you to take that step. I believe you will not regret it in any way, but rather it will bring you love, joy, contentment, friendship and spiritual growth.

EVENT: EXPLORE LEADING A CG

Saturday, October 23 | 8:30am-12pm | McLean Room

This workshop is aimed at anyone who recently began leading a CG or is considering leading one in the future. It is designed to equip potential leaders with the tools they need in this context and to share the vision and philosophy we have in the Capital Pres Family for our CG ministry. *Attending does not require you to begin leading. RSVP at mcleanpres.org/events & fairfaxpres.org/events.*

Start leading at mcleanpres.org/groups or fairfaxpres.org/groups