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August 9, 2020

Welcome to Midtown's Online Worship Service!

A Message From the Pastor

Welcome to Midtown Community Church. Wherever you are worshiping from geographically, emotionally, or spiritually, we are glad you can join us as we turn our hearts and minds towards God in worship.

Connect With Us!

If you want to stay connected to Midtown Community Church during this season, we highly recommend joining us on our instant messaging platform, [Slack](#). This is a great place to chat with other people, share prayer requests, find resources and receive updates about the life of our church. Slack is definitely the place to be on Sunday mornings during the broadcast of our online worship service! Just follow this link: [Join Midtown on Slack](#).

Midtown Community Church now also has an online meeting platform called [Zoom](#). Zoom is great for Community Groups, Bible Studies and virtual socials! If you need to schedule a meeting with a group of people within the church, reach out to our administrator, Erin Wright, and she would be glad to schedule a meeting for you. Erin: erin@midtown-church.org.

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Call to Worship

Psalm 8:1-9

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

All: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

Leader: what is man that you are mindful of him,

All: and the son of man that you care for him?

Leader: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

All: You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

Leader: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

All: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Song of Adoration

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King,
Clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice
All the Earth rejoice

He wraps himself in Light,
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

(chorus)
How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One
Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb (chorus)

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God (chorus)

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Song of Thanksgiving

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

(chorus)

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

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Joshua Moore | Sandra McCracken

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Please see details on pages 10-12 of the bulletin.

Congregational Prayer

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Scripture Reading

[Daniel 10:1 - 11:1](#)

Sermon

Unexpected Encouragment

Reverend Duane Davis

Duane Davis is an ordained teaching elder in the PCA who currently works as an English teacher at Grace Christian School in Cary. He and his wife, Julie, have been married for 19 years and have four children: Aidan, Abby, Stephen, and Jonathan.

Sermon Notes

Unexpected Encouragment

[Daniel 10:1 - 11:1](#)

Song of Response

For All the Saints

For all the saints
Who from their labours rest
Who Thee by faith
Before the world confessed
Thy name O Jesus
Be forever blest
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock
Their Fortress and their Might
Thou Lord their Captain
In the well fought fight
Thou in the darkness drear
Their one true Light
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion
Fellowship divine
We feebly struggle
They in glory shine
Yet all are one in Thee
For all are Thine
Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo there breaks
A yet more glorious day
The saints triumphant
Rise in bright array
The King of Glory
Passes on His way
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds
From ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl
Streams in the countless host
Singing to Father
Son and Holy Ghost
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Benediction

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This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Monday 8.10.2020	Women's Morning Prayer	6:30am Zoom
Monday 8.10.2020	Women's Evening Prayer	8pm Zoom
Monday 8.10.2020	Staff Meeting	8pm TBD
Tuesday 8.11.2020	Church-Wide Book Club: Women's Week	8pm Williams' Backyard
Saturday 8.15.2020	Women's Hangout	9:30am Ridge Road Lawn

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OUTDOOR Congregational Meeting: Sunday, August 16th

Directly Following Worship Service

Our long-awaited congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, August 16th, directly following the worship service. Voting will be done digitally and, **per PCA rules, only Midtown Community Church members in attendance may vote.**

The Session of Midtown Community Church is calling a brief congregational meeting in the near future - most likely this summer - for the purpose of holding an election for the offices of Deacon and Elder. The Session recommends that Rand Williams and Adam Wright be considered for the office of Deacon, as well as continue to recommend Wally Tinsley be considered for the office of Elder. Please read Rand, Adam and Wally's bios below in order to get to know them and why they feel called to each respective office.

- Office of Deacon: [Rand Williams Testimony & Call](#)
- Office of Deacon: [Adam Wright Testimony & Call](#)
- Office of Elder: [Wally Tinsley Testimony & Call](#)

For an understanding of how we raise up deacons and elders in our church, please read the following document: [Core Leadership Positions for MCC](#). In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Lindsey at lindsey@midtown-church.org.

August Prayer Calendar

In case you missed this month's prayer calendar, you can find it here: [Midtown August Prayer Calendar](#). If you have suggestions for our next prayer calendar, please send them to [Erin Wright](#).

Women's Morning and Evening Prayer: Monday, August 10th at 6:30am and 8pm

Ladies, please join us via Zoom for a sweet time of prayer and fellowship on the morning or evening of Monday, August 10th. Contact Meredith Schauer at WomensShepherding@midtown-church.org for more information.

Church-Wide Book Club: Tuesday, August 11th at 8pm

Women's Week

The men's group will discuss chapters 9, 10 and 11 this coming Tuesday, August 11th. Meeting location is the Williams' backyard (2417 Basil Drive, Raleigh), with a Zoom option available. Contact [Sarah Mehalic](#) (women) or [Pastor Lindsey](#) (men) if you are interested. For a sneak peak of the first two chapters, please see here: [The Color of Compromise Sneak Peak](#).

Women's Hangout: Saturday, August 15th at 9:30am

The Women's Shepherding Team is planning a get-together for all the Midtown ladies on Saturday, August 15th. We will meet on the Ridge Road Lawn and ask that you bring your own chair, food, coffee, etc. Please contact the Women's Shepherding Team at womensshepherding@midtown-church.org for more information.

Ladies Ladder Interest?

Even though social interaction continues to look different, the WST has decided to re-institute the Ladies Ladder as a way to allow Midtown women to safely connect and interact with each other. Each month you will be assigned one woman to meet with, and you and that person can choose whatever way you feel comfortable to meet (walk, coffee, phone call, Zoom, etc). If you



Want more information about today's announcements?

Head on over to the website: midtown-church.org/events

are interested in being a part of the Ladies Ladder, please let [Karen Howell](#) know, as she has graciously offered to assist in organizing this over the summer.

Pastor's Resources

Pastor Lindsey continues to post spiritual resources during this season on the Midtown slack channel. In our sermon series on the book of Daniel, one of the major topics has been that of idolatry. Check out this article recommended by Pastor Lindsey on what idols of the heart are, and how to address them in our lives: [Idols of the Heart and "Vanity Fair"](#). Contact [Pastor Lindsey](#) for more information.

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