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The seed of every sin known to man is in my heart.
• *Robert Murray McCheyne*

September 20, 2020

Welcome to Midtown's Online Worship Service!

A Message From the Pastor

Welcome to Midtown Community Church. Wherever you are worshipping 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

Taken From Psalm 139

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

All: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

All: Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

Leader: Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

All: If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

Leader: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

All: Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

Song of Adoration

O Come To The Altar

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

(chorus)

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

(bridge)

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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Song of Thanksgiving

Jesus Cast a Look on Me

Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might

Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood

In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

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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.

Commissioning of Women's Shepherding Team

Kayla Beucke

Katherine Williams

Womens Shepherding Team Vows

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you accept your position on the Women's Shepherding Team in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church?
3. Do you promise to work alongside and submit to the Session of Midtown Community Church in your call to shepherd the people of God?
4. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Congregation Vow

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these sisters as members of the Women's Shepherding Team, and do you promise to give them all honor and encouragement needed to faithfully serve as spiritual mothers within our congregation?

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

Congregational Prayer

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Scripture Reading

[James 1:12-18](#)

Sermon Notes

Training the Heart

Reverend Chuck Askew

[James 1:12-18](#)

Song of Response

Red Sea Road

We, buried dreams
Laid them deep into the earth behind us
Said, our goodbyes
At the grave but everything reminds us
God knows, we ache
When He asks us to go on
How do we go on?

(chorus)

We will sing, to our souls
We won't bury our hope
Where He leads us to go
There's a red sea road
When we can't, see the way
He will part, the waves
And we'll never walk alone
Down a red sea road

How, can we trust
When You say You will deliver us from
All, of this pain, that threatens to take over us
Well, this desert's dry
But the ocean may consume
And we're scared, to follow You (chorus)

Oh help us believe
You are faithful, You're faithful
When our hearts are breaking
You are faithful, You're faithful
Oh grant us eyes to see
You are faithful, You're faithful
Teach us to sing
You are faithful, You're faithful, You're faithful
(chorus)

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Benediction

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This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Sunday 9.20.2020	Women's Shepherding Team Commissioning	9:15am RRBC
Monday 9.21.2020	Women's MORNING Prayer Time	6:30am Zoom
Monday 9.21.2020	Women's EVENING Prayer time	8pm Zoom
Tuesday 9.22.2020	Apex Community Group	5:45pm W. & B. Wright Back Deck
Wednesday 9.23.2020	Midtown Students: Double C K	2pm Sola Coffee
Wednesday 9.23.2020	Cameron Village Community Group	8pm R. & K. Williams' Home

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Women's Morning and Evening Prayer

Monday, September 21st 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, September 21st. Contact Meredith Schauer at WomensShepherding@midtown-church.org for more information.

Midtown Students Double C K: Wednesday, Sept. 23rd at 2pm

Midtown Students will enjoy a cup of joe, or tea or whatever else they desire from the menu, with Youth Director Kyle Doss at Sola Coffee on September 23rd. Students are welcome to bring homework or just hang out. If you'd like to know more about our youth program, or if you'd like to volunteer, please contact Kyle at kyle@midtown-church.org.

Midtown 101: October 2nd & 3rd

This gathering is for people who want to know more about our church and/or are interested in becoming a member of Midtown. If you are looking for an opportunity to interact with Midtown leadership and ask questions about the church, join us over this Friday night and Saturday morning. We will meet Fri., Oct. 2nd from 7-9pm and Sat., Oct. 3rd from 9am-12pm. Contact Pastor Lindsey at lindsey@midtown-church.org for more information or if would like to attend.

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Men's World Cup Cornhole Tournament: Beginning October 1st at 7pm

Looking for a chance to connect socially with other men while enjoying some friendly competition? Join us for a multi-week cornhole tournament taking place in small groups (max of eight people) all over the Raleigh area beginning Thursday, October 1st. No prior experience is required, and this is a great opportunity to include a friend from outside of our church. We will adhere to all current NC Covid-19 restrictions. REGISTER HERE: [Cornhole Signup](#). **Deadline to register is Sept. 28th.** If you are interested in serving as a "host site" or have further questions, reach out to Matt Watts at mowatts@gmail.com.

Men's Lunch Ladder: Beginning in October

Would you like to have an opportunity to connect with another man at Midtown Community Church? Fill out the survey below, and Midtown will pair you up with a different guy each month. You can decide how you want to connect, whether it be over coffee, lunch, beer or a sporting activity, etc. SIGNUP HERE: [Men's Lunch Ladder Sign-Up](#). If you have any further questions, feel free to reach out to James Stephens at jstephensnc@gmail.com.

September Prayer Calendar

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

Women's Fellowship Need

The Women's Shepherding Team is looking for a lady or two who would be interested in helping plan social events for the women of Midtown. While this will look different during the season we're in, we are confident there are still many options available. If you feel lead to this, or know someone you think would be great at it, please contact the Women's Shepherding Team at womensshepherding@midtown-church.org.



Want more information about today's announcements?
Head on over to the website: midtown-church.org/events

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 are interested in being a part of the Ladies Ladder, please contact [Karen Howell](#).

Pastor's Resources

[Prioritize Church, Even When There's No Childcare](#)

by Kirsten Black

Whether or not you are a parent, this article is applicable to the season we find ourselves in. It is a joy to see all the children at our outdoor services and I hope more of you will join us as time goes on. Contact Pastor Lindsey at lindsey@midtown-church.org for more information.

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of **drawing** people into community, **growing**
as an authentic worshipping community,
and **sending** them out to renew and create
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