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The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. • Martin Luther King, Jr.

July 18, 2021

Welcome to Midtown's 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 and Prayer Card

New to Midtown? Need Prayer? We'd love to hear from you! Our QR code will bring you to our [Connect & Prayer Card Form](#). To scan, simply open the camera app or download a QR scanner onto your phone and hover over the QR barcode. If you have any additional questions or need assistance, please contact Erin Wright at erin@midtown-church.org.



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Our objective is to honor the Lord's desire for the gathering of the saints while maintaining safe and healthy guidelines to best love our neighbor.



Every other pew is roped off to allow 6 feet distancing between households.



Sanitizing stations are available at each entrance/exit point.



Indoor worship is mask-optional for those who have been vaccinated, but we encourage those who have not been vaccinated to continue wearing masks.



Our regular Sunday practices have been altered to provide the safest environment for our folks (communion, offering, coffee, hospitality, dismissal practices, etc.).



Our in-person and livestreamed worship service will begin at 10:30AM from June 6 - Sept 5.



People who are at-risk or of compromised immunity are encouraged to use extra caution in public gatherings.



Doors will remain open as long as temperature allows. Please enter through the main sanctuary doors and exit through the doors to the left and right of the stage.



Our Children's Ministry currently offers a walker/toddlers class (1, 2 and 3-yr-olds). All other children are expected to remain with their parents in the sanctuary.

Please stay home if you have a fever or are feeling symptomatic. Church closure can happen if there is a spike in local infections.

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Call to Worship

Taken From Psalm 107

Leader: He turns rivers into a desert,
springs of water into thirsty ground,
a fruitful land into a salty waste,

All: because of the evil of its inhabitants.

Leader: He turns a desert into pools of water,
a parched land into springs of water.
And there He lets the hungry dwell,

All: His blessing they multiply greatly,

Leader: When they are diminished and brought low
through oppression, evil, and sorrow,
He pours contempt on princes

All: and makes them wander in trackless wastes;

Leader: but He raises up the needy out of affliction
and makes their families like flocks.

**All: The upright see it and are glad,
and all wickedness shuts its mouth.**

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Song of Adoration

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings and so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

(chorus)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! O gladly in awe we adore
Our Delight, Jesus Christ! Come now before Him

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He doth befriend thee (chorus)

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly in awe we adore Him (chorus)

Text: Joachim Neander (1680) | Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1863)

Music: Public Domain

Additional lyrics (chorus) by Jason Waller

Song of Thanksgiving

Here Is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, Loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten, Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy, Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, Poured incessant from above,
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice, Kissed a guilty world in love.

Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten, Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten, Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

Words: William Rees (1802-1883) | Translated by William Edwards | Music: Robert Lowry (1876)
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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.

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Please see details on pages 12 and 13 of the bulletin.

Congregational Prayer

Elder Warren Wright

Scripture Reading

Julie Davis

[1 Samuel 24](#)

Sermon

Watch Where You Pee

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Song of Response

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me.
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there!, the risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die: my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Saviour and my God.
With Christ, my Saviour and my God.

Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft (1863)

Music: Vikki Cook | ©1997 Sovereign Grace Worship

Benediction

This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Wednesday 7.21.2021	Summer Book Club	7:30pm Pastor Lindsey's Backyard

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MIDTOWN SPROUTS

Bring your little ones to Sprouts! Our Church Nursery is open Sunday mornings for children who are walking through 4 years of age. We are open from 10:15AM through the end of the worship service. The Raindrops Class is for walking one-year-olds and two-year-olds. The Sunshine Class is for three and four-year-olds. You may check-in your children before the service or after the Doxology.

We Need Your Help!

We are building the Sprouts volunteer schedule for the month of August and we need many more volunteers. To volunteer, contact Sarah Breazeale at sarah@midtown-church.org. Thank you volunteers!

Back-to-School Movie Night: September 10TH

Save the date! Midtown Sprouts & Kids will be hosting a family movie night on Friday, September 10th. More info to follow.

Midtown Sprouts & Kids Returns September 12TH

We are excited to announce that Midtown Sprouts & Kids will return to its full strength on September 12th! We will serve Midtown's children from birth through 5th grade. Curriculum is being selected, furniture cleaned, prayers prayed and now we need you, our teachers! Members, please complete the volunteer survey that Sarah sent via email last week as soon as you can. We are eager to build our team of teachers. If you are not a member, but are interested in teaching, please contact Sarah at sarah@midtown-church.org.

MEN'S MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY: July 27TH • 7-11PM • Lynnwood Brewing Concern

We will continue to meet every other Tuesday throughout the summer. These largely informal gatherings have been designed to give guys an opportunity to catch up, meet new people, and encourage one another. Come when you can, and stay as long as you'd like. Contact Pastor Duane at duane@midtown-church.org for more information.

MIDTOWN WOMEN'S SOCIAL NIGHT: August 14TH • 7:45PM

Save the date! Midtown's women will gather for their next social event in the Lake Boone Shopping Center Courtyard (behind Guasaca) on Saturday, August 14th. The courtyard offers food from a variety of restaurants, ice cream from Two Roosters, and fun drinks from Bottle Revolution. It will be a casual event, so just bring yourself for a great time! Contact Catie Killinger and Katherine Dysart at womensministry@midtown-church.org with questions.

CHURCH-WIDE SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Wednesdays at 7:30PM

The Enduring Community by Brian Habig & Les Newsom

We have been enjoying discussing Enduring Community by Brian Habig. This book fosters discussion about what the Bible says and ultimately what Jesus wants His church to look like here on Earth. Whether you have been at Midtown for weeks or years, feeling hopeful or disillusioned, connected or isolated, this will be a relevant discussion for everyone. If you would like to participate, RSVP to Pastor Duane at duane@midtown-church.org. If you need a book (we have free copies for everyone), contact Erin Wright at erin@midtown-church.org.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT STRUGGLING FAMILIES IN THE RALEIGH AREA?

If you have a desire for you or your family to be a blessing to struggling families in the Raleigh area, we have just learned about an awesome ministry that could be a perfect opportunity to leverage our resources for the greater good. It's called [Safe Families for Children](#); to learn more, watch this video: [Re-Thinking Foster Care](#). If you are interested in this opportunity for yourself or our church, please reach out to Pastor Lindsey at lindsey@midtown-church.org.



Want more information about today's announcements?

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

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Serving at Midtown

If you are interested in serving, please contact erin@midtown-church.org.

Week of July 18th

AV Team

Brian Neal
Tim Wojciechowski

Coffee

Coming Soon

Worship Leader

Michael Merritt: guitar & vocals

Greeters

Coming Soon

Communion

N/A

Worship Team

Amanda Merritt: vocals
Steven Hillerman: piano
Andrew Perry: cajon



Point Person

Coming Soon

RAINDROPS

Walkers - 2s
Joe & Mo Wilbur

SEEDLINGS

4s and Kindergarten
Coming Soon

ACORNS

Nursery
Coming Soon

SUNSHINE

3s and 4s
Craig & Meredith Schauer

OAKS

1st-5th Grade
Coming Soon

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



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