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*Sin demands to have a man by himself. It withdraws him from the community.*

• *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

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August 8, 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](mailto:erin@midtown-church.org).



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# Call to Worship

## From Psalm 5

Leader: Listen to my words, LORD, consider my lament.  
Hear my cry for help, my King and my God.

**All: For you are not a God who takes pleasure in evil;  
with you the wicked cannot dwell.  
But I, by your great mercy, can come into your house.**

Leader: Let all who take refuge in you be glad;  
let them ever sing for joy!

**All: Shelter them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.**

# 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

## All Glory Be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand  
No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house  
In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain  
Tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn  
All glory be to Christ!

(chorus)

All glory be to Christ our king!  
All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,  
All glory be to Christ!

His will be done  
His kingdom come  
On earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread  
Praise Him the Lord of love

Let living water satisfy  
The thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
All glory be to Christ!  
(chorus)

When on the day the great I Am  
The faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain  
Is making all things new.

Behold our God shall live with us  
And be our steadfast light  
And we shall ere his people be  
All glory be to Christ!  
(chorus)

Words by Dustin Kensrue, arrangement by Kings  
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# Song of Thanksgiving

## 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

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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.

# Sacrament of Baptism

Quinn Porter Perry

*Daughter of Andrew and Lacy Perry*

## Midtown News

Please see details on pages 11-13 of the bulletin.

## Congregational Prayer

Elder Wally Tinsley

## Scripture Reading

Jordan Nitz

[2 Samuel 11:1-5; 22-27](#)

# Sermon

## When Life Implodes

Reverend Lindsey Williams



# Sermon Outline

## When Life Implodes

[2 Samuel 11:1-5; 22-27](#)

I. What This Story Says to Us

II. What This Story Says About Sin

A. The Danger of Isolation

B. The Danger of Boredom

C. The Danger of Power

D. What This Story Says About God

# Song of Response

## 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 name! I'm fixed upon it, name of Thy redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love has blessed me, Thou has brought me to this place;  
And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace;  
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering 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 thy goodness, 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, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Oh that day when freed from sinning I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Full arrayed in bloodwashed linen, How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, bring Thy promises to pass;  
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me till I'm home with Thee at last.

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758

Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

As performed by Norton Hall Band

# Benediction

# This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Monday 8.9.2021	Staff Meeting	7:30pm   Preschool Office
Tuesday 8.10.2021	Men's Disc Golf	11:30am   Kentwood Park
Tuesday 8.10.2021	Men's Mutual Benefit Society Meeting	7:00pm   Lynnwood Brewing Concern
Wednesday 8.11.2021	<b>LAST</b> Summer Book Club	7:30pm   Pastor Lindsey's Backyard
Friday 8.13.2021	Midtown 101: Part 1	7:00pm   Breazeale Home
Saturday 8.14.2021	Midtown 101: Part 2	9:00am   Breazeale Home
Saturday 8.14.2021	Women's Social Night!	7:45pm   Lake Boone Shopping Center Courtyard

## Midtown News

### MIDTOWN 101: August 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup>

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. Contact Pastor Lindsey at [lindsey@midtown-church.org](mailto:lindsey@midtown-church.org) for more information or if you would like to attend. We will meet this Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-9PM and Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-12PM.

### MIDTOWN WOMEN'S SOCIAL NIGHT: August 14<sup>TH</sup> • 7:45PM

**THIS SATURDAY!!** Calling all women! Please join us for our next social event in the Lake Boone Shopping Center Courtyard (behind Guasaca) on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:womensministry@midtown-church.org) with questions.

### PASTORAL RESOURCE: SUNDAYS MATTER

As we start to get on the other side of the pandemic, some of us find ourselves wrestling with what it means to "do church". Pastor Lindsey found this article to be an insightful consideration: [Sunday Mornings at the #Church of Instagram](#).

## MIDTOWN SPROUTS

### *Today at Sprouts*

This Sunday, August 8, we will have one classroom open for walking one-year-olds through 4-year-olds.

### *Volunteer Survey - We Need 20 More Teachers!!*

Midtown Sprouts & Kids will return to its full strength on September 12<sup>th</sup>! We will serve Midtown's children from birth through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and are eager to build our team of teachers. Click here: [Volunteer Survey](#) or use the QR code to complete the survey. ***We ask that all members to complete the survey as soon as possible.***



### *We Need Your Help!*

Volunteers are needed for August 22, 29 and September 5 for our walking 1's & 2's class. Contact Sarah Breazeale at [sarah@midtown-church.org](mailto:sarah@midtown-church.org), use the [Volunteer Sign-Up](#) or the accompanying QR code to sign up for a spot. Thank you!



### *Back to School Movie Night - September 10<sup>TH</sup>*

Save the date! Midtown Sprouts & Kids will host a family movie night on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The final question of the [Volunteer Survey](#) allows you to vote for the movie your family would most like to watch. Vote today!

## YOUTH DIRECTOR OPENING

We are looking to hire a new youth director to work with our growing youth ministry (grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) at Midtown Community Church. This is a great opportunity for someone who loves teenagers and/or feels a potential call to long-term ministry down the road. This is a part-time paid position. If you, or someone you know, is interested in this position, please send all inquiries to Pastor Lindsey at [lindsey@midtown-church.org](mailto:lindsey@midtown-church.org).

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## DEACON NOMINATIONS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

For the month of September, we will receive nominations for the office of deacon at Midtown Community Church. As a quick refresher, Deacons are the chief servants of the church who are responsible for oversight of finances, mercy, and the church building primarily through the ministry of deed and prayer ([Acts 6:1-7](#) & [1 Timothy 3:8-13](#)). We will provide more details on the nomination process as we get closer to September 1<sup>st</sup>, but for now, we encourage you to begin praying about whom you might consider nominating for deacon. For more details on the officers of the church and the nomination process, please see the document linked here: [Core Leadership Positions for MCC](#).

## SABBATICAL FOR DEACON SETH PETERSON

The Session (elders) of Midtown Community Church have granted Seth Peterson a one-year sabbatical from his role as a deacon at the church beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>. For those who are newer to the church, Seth is our longest standing officer at Midtown, having served as a deacon since 2015. His sabbatical is well-deserved and much needed. Broadly speaking, we hope this continues to set a precedent of caring for the overall health of our church leaders. The Petersons aren't going anywhere, but let's make sure to pray for them during this season of rest from his official duties as deacon.

## 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](mailto:lindsey@midtown-church.org).



Want more information about today's announcements?

Head on over to the website: [midtown-church.org/events](https://www.midtown-church.org/events)

# Serving at Midtown

*If you are interested in serving, please contact [erin@midtown-church.org](mailto:erin@midtown-church.org).*

## Week of August 8<sup>th</sup>

### AV Team

Chris White

Tim Wojciechowski

### Coffee

Coming Soon

### Worship Leader

Michael Merritt: vocals, guitar

### Greeters

Coming Soon

### Worship Team

Amanda Merritt: vocals

Steven Hillerman: piano



### Point Person

Coming in September

### ACORNS

#### Nursery

Coming in September

### RAINDROPS & SUNSHINE

#### Walkers - 4s

Garrett & Katherine Dysart

Eowyn, Rhianwen & Alden

Tinsley

### SEEDLINGS

#### 4s and Kindergarten

Coming in September

### OAKS

#### 1st-5th Grade

Coming in September

# Staff and Ministry Leader

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Adam Wright

Seth Peterson (sabbatical)

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Katherine Williams

Renewed by Jesus Christ for the purpose  
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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