



DRAWING IN • GROWING UP • SENDING OUT

*My wound is geography. It is also my anchorage,
my port of call. • Pat Conroy*

August 22, 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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Call to Worship

Taken 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

Heidelberg Catechism Question 32

Q. Why are you called a Christian?

A. Because I am a member of Christ by faith and thus share in His anointing, so that I may as prophet confess His Name, as priest present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him, and as king fight with a free and good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and hereafter reign with Him eternally over all creatures.

Song of Adoration

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliverer

(chorus)

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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Song of Thanksgiving

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

(bridge)

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

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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.

Midtown News

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

Pastoral Prayer

Reverend Duane Davis

Scripture Reading

Joseph Wilbur

[2 Samuel 13:1-22](#)

Sermon

Look Out for Cruella de Vil

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Sermon Outline

Look Out for Cruella de Vil

[2 Samuel 13:1-22](#)

I. The Origins Of Villainy:

A. Amnon: Passion Without Love

B. Jonadab: Giftedness Without Godliness

C. David: Anger Without Action

D. Absalom: Anger Without Mercy

Sacrament of Communion

Song of Response

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound; That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found; Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed!

(chorus)

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, My Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns. Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

(chorus)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below, Will be forever mine. (chorus)

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Benediction

This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Sunday 8.22.2021	Midtown Sprouts Fall Volunteer Training	9:15am Preschool Building
Sunday 8.22.2021	Staff and Leadership Photo Shoot	10:45am TBD
Sunday 8.22.2021	Community Group Leaders Annual Cookout	4:00pm Rand & Katherine Williams' Home
Monday 8.23.2021	Staff Meeting	12:30pm Neomonde
Monday 8.23.2021	Leadership Meeting	7:30pm Room 206
Tuesday 8.24.2021	Men's Disc Golf	11:30am Cedar Hills Park
Tuesday 8.24.2021	Men's Mutual Benefit Society	7:00pm Lynnwood Brewing Concern

Midtown News

MIDTOWN SPROUTS

Today at Sprouts

This Sunday, August 22, we have a classroom open for walking one-year-olds and two-year-olds and a second class for 3 and 4-year-olds.

Fall Volunteer Training

Sunday, August 22nd at 9:15AM – Training for Midtown Kids and Sprouts Acorns Teachers

Sunday, August 29th at 9:15AM – Training for Sprouts Sunshine

Fall Classes for Children's Ministry

Starting September 12th, Children's Ministry will have four classes to serve our Midtown children who are 9-months through 5th grade.

CLASS	AGE/GRADE	LOCATION
Sprouts Acorns	9-24 months	Room 5
Sprouts Sunshine	2 & 3-year-olds	Room 1
Sprouts Oaks	4-year-old Preschool – 1 st Grade	Room 2
Midtown Kids	2 nd -5 th Graders	Room 4

Back to School Movie Night: September 10TH at 6:00PM

Midtown Sprouts & Kids will host a family movie night on Friday, September 10th. Please join

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us for pizza, popcorn, drinks, and fun! We will accept donations to offset the cost of the pizza.

We Need Your Help!

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

Volunteer Survey

We currently have enough volunteers to staff our four classrooms, but we need additional volunteers to serve as substitute teachers and/or 5th Sunday-of-the-month teachers. We could also use a few more once-a-month teachers. Please complete the survey here: [Volunteer Survey](#). ***We ask that all members complete the survey as soon as possible.***

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8TH • 9:30AM

The Women's Shepherding Team is excited about our upcoming Women's Bible Study! We will kick things off at Midtown Wednesday, September 8th at 9:30AM with a Romans study introduction, along with breakfast, prayer and fellowship. Childcare will be provided each Wednesday morning throughout the semester. We are also exploring the possibility of a night option, so please let us know if you are interested by contacting Kara Williams (karanc75@gmail.com). Stay tuned for more details and please email Katherine Williams (krosew82@gmail.com) with any questions.

DEACON NOMINATIONS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1ST

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 1st, 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 1st. 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.

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](#).

FREE COPIES OF GENTLE & LOWLY IN THE FOYER

Crossway Publishers has given Midtown Community Church 150 free copies of the book Gentle & Lowly by Dane Ortland. The Gospel Coalition named it one of the best books of 2020, and the staff of Midtown has been reading through it this year. Feel free to pick up a free copy in the foyer (by the front doors to the sanctuary). Our encouragement is that you consider reading and discussing this book with one or two other people at Midtown Church this fall. If you need ideas, please reach out to Pastor Lindsey at lindsey@midtown-church.org.

RESPONDING TO THE AFGHANISTAN CRISIS

We are all aware of the events that are transpiring in Afghanistan at the moment. If your heart is breaking over this situation and you want to help, we would encourage you to reach out to Refugee Hope Partners as they have opportunities to minister to some of the Afghan refugees who are directly impacted by these recent events. There are opportunities to give financially or assist with temporary housing for Afghans who are currently relocating to the Triangle area. For more information, go here: [The Love Your Neighbor Project](#).

YOUTH DIRECTOR OPENING

We are looking to hire a new youth director to work with our growing youth ministry (grades 6th-12th) 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.



Want more information about today's announcements?

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

Serving at Midtown

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

Week of August 22nd

AV Team

Regan Metzger

Brian Neal

Welcome Team

Coming Soon

Worship Leader

Jason Harrod: guitar and vocals

Worship Team

Mike Harrigan: electric guitar

Steven Hillerman: piano

Mo Wilbur: vocals



Week of August 22nd

RAINDROPS

Walkers - 2s

Lacy Perry

Whitley Morris

SUNSHINE

3s and 4s

Craig and Meredith Schauer

Week of August 29th

RAINDROPS

Walkers - 2s

Eowyn and Rhianwen Tinsley

NEED ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER

SUNSHINE

3s and 4s

Kayla Beucke

NEED ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER

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Kara Williams

Katherine Williams

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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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