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“My conscience is captive to the Word of God. Thus I cannot and will not recant, for going against my conscience is neither safe nor salutary. I can do no other, here I stand, God help me. Amen.”

• *Martin Luther*

October 3, 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 Mo Wilbur at admin@midtown-church.org.



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Call to Worship

Taken from Psalm 24

Leader: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

All: for He founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

Leader: Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?

All: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.

Leader: He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior.

All: Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is He, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty--he is the King of glory.

Song of Invocation

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

(chorus)

Bless the Lord oh my soul,

Oh my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

Oh my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass

and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

(chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

10,000 Reasons for my heart to find

(chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

10,000 Years and then forever more

(chorus)

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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

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

Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowling here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

(chorus)

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

(chorus)

Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

(chorus)

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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.

Children age 4 through Grade 5 are now dismissed to Children's Church.

Midtown News

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

Congregational Prayer

Duane Davis

Scripture Reading

Nick Gibson

1 Timothy 1:18-20

Sermon

Fight the Good Fight

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Sermon Outline

Fight The Good Fight

1 Timothy 1:18-20

I. Life is A Battlefield

II. How We Fight The Good Fight

A. Let Others Fight For Us

B. Fight The Right Fight

C. Fight With Your Life

Song of Response

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

(chorus)

I am bound / I am bound
I am bound / I am bound
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound / I am bound
I am bound / I am bound
I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

(chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?
(chorus)

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Benediction

This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Sunday 10.3.2021	Bluegrass & BBQ	5:00pm MCC Lawn
Tuesday 10.5.2021	Apex Community Group	5:45pm W. & B. Wright Home
Tuesday 10.5.2021	Durant Trails Community Group - WOMEN	7:30pm Wallace Home
Tuesday 10.5.2021	Men's Mutual Benefit Society	7:00pm Lynnwood Brewing Concern
Wednesday 10.6.2021	Women's Bible Study - Morning	9:30am Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 10.6.2021	Women's Bible Study - Evening	7:30pm Karen Howell's Home
Wednesday 10.6.2021	Regional Community Group	6:30pm Stephens' Home
Wednesday 10.6.2021	Cameron Village Community Group	7:30pm R. & K. Williams Home

Midtown News

MIDTOWN SPROUTS

Today at Sprouts

Acorns and Sunshine children may be checked in before the service in the Preschool Building at their classroom door. Oaks and Midtown Kids children are dismissed AFTER the Doxology.

DISMISSAL CHANGE!! Oaks and Midtown Kids children will meet their teachers in the sanctuary FOYER and will be escorted to their classrooms. Please sign in your Oaks and Midtown Kids on the clipboards in the sanctuary foyer BEFORE the service. All children need security wristbands.

Midtown Sprouts Volunteers

We are so thankful for our newest volunteers! We need a few more substitutes and one more 5th Sunday of the month teacher for October 31st. Please email Sarah Sarah@midtown-church.org to sign up.

Fall Classes for Children's Ministry

We have four classes to serve our Midtown children who are 9-months through 5th grade.

- Sprouts Acorns • 9-24 months • Room 5
- Sprouts Sunshine • 2 & 3-yr-olds • Room 1
- Sprouts Oaks • 4yrs-1st Grade • Room 2
- Midtown Kids • 2nd-5th Grade • Room 4

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Our Community Groups are small groups (anywhere from 6-15 people) that meet regularly (weekly or every other week) in homes throughout Raleigh for Bible study or sermon discussion and prayer. If you want to get to know other people, grow in your faith, find encouragement and support, or simply learn more about Jesus, visiting a Community Group is a great way to start! We have published our finalized list of Community Groups; see our website and the informational brochure in the church foyer. Any questions you can email Pastor Duane at duane@midtown-church.org or any community group leader.

BLUEGRASS & BBQ: TODAY AT 5PM

Come one, come all! Midtown is excited to host the 4th Annual Bluegrass & BBQ celebration TODAY! Come out for family fun, bodacious BBQ and the twangy tunes of The Back Creek Bluegrass Boys. Make sure to invite a friend! Price is \$5 per person and \$20 per family. Volunteers are needed; contact Karen Howell at hospitality@midtown-church.org for more information.

WOMEN'S S'MORES AND CIDER EVENT: OCTOBER 9TH• 7:30PM

Join us for this upcoming women's event at the Schlosser's home. For address and to RSVP contact the Women's Ministry team at womensministry@midtown-church.org. Please RSVP by October 4th.

MIDTOWN 101: OCTOBER 22ND & 23RD

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. Contact Pastor Lindsey at lindsey@midtown-church.org for more information or if would like to attend. We will meet Friday, October 22nd from 7-9pm and Saturday, October 23rd from 9am-12pm.

LADIES LUNCH LADDER STARTS IN OCTOBER

The Ladies Ladder is a way for Midtown women to connect 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 Catie Killinger at catie.lawson@gmail.com

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AND EVENINGS • 9:30AM/7:30PM

The Women's Shepherding Team has kicked off our Women's Bible Study with a morning and evening option available! It's not too late to join! For the morning option we meet at Midtown in the Fellowship Hall Wednesdays at 9:30AM. Childcare will be provided each Wednesday morning throughout the semester. Contact Katherine Williams (krosew82@gmail.com) with any questions. For the evening option we are meeting bi-weekly at Karen Howell's home Wednesday evenings at 7:30PM. You can contact Kara Williams (karanc75@gmail.com) for address information. Both groups are currently studying Romans. Study book found here: <https://tinyurl.com/cu76ztmr>

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.

Serving at Midtown

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

Week of September 19th

AV Team

Mike Reese

Regan Metzger

Welcome Team

Devin Steele

Worship Leader

Jason Harrod: guitar, harmonica and vocals

Worship Team

Steven Hillerman: piano



Week of Oct. 3rd

ACORNS

9 - 24 months

Liz Houghton

Kayla Beucke

OAKS

4s - 1st Grade

April Eason

Mo & Joseph Wilbur

SUNSHINE

2s and 3s

Hartley/Matt Watts

Ashley Lucisano

Joe Houghton

MIDTOWN KIDS

2nd - 5th Graders

Jordan & Kristen Nitz

Week of Oct. 10th

ACORNS

9 - 24 months

Katherine & Garrett

Dysart

OAKS

4s - 1st Grade

Marissa & Pat Wallace

Catie Killinger

SUNSHINE

2s and 3s

Eowyn & Alden Tinsley

Mallory Wojciechowski

MIDTOWN KIDS

2nd - 5th Graders

Wally Tinsley

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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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