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*“To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you”*

• *Lewis Smedes*

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October 10, 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](mailto:admin@midtown-church.org).



## Find Us Online



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[midtown community church](https://www.youtube.com/midtowncommunitychurch)

# Call to Worship

## Taken from Colossians 1:15-20

Leader: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

**All: By him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible—all things were created through him and for him.**

Leader: He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

**All: And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.**

Leader: In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell

**All: And through him to reconcile to himself all things, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

# Song of Invocation

## 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

(chorus)

(bridge)  
Oh, what a Savior  
Isn't He wonderful?  
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen  
Bow down before Him  
For He is Lord of all  
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen

(chorus)

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you found

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# Confession of Faith

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*The word "catholic" refers not to the Roman Catholic Church, but to the universal, or "catholic", church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

# Song of Adoration

## All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown Him Lord of all;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
and crown Him Lord of all;  
hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to Him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown Him Lord of all;  
to Him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at His feet may fall;  
we'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown Him Lord of all;  
we'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

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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.

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

# Sacrament of Baptism

**Evangeline Jane Gibson**

*Daughter of Nick and Kelly Gibson*

**Melissa "Mellie" Vashti Mickelson**

*Daughter of Melissa "Colleen" Vargas-Mickelson and "Jeff" Owen Mickelson*

## Midtown News

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

## Congregational Prayer

Duane Davis

## Scripture Reading

Jordan Nitz

1 Timothy 2:1-7

# Sermon

## Exclusive Inclusivity

Reverend Lindsey Williams



# Sermon Outline

## **Exclusive Inclusivity**

1 Timothy 2:1-7

I. The Challenge Of Staying On Mission

II. A Church On Mission . . .

A. Sees God's Heart For Others

B. Believes God's Claims About Himself

C. Lives God's Desire For Themselves

# Song of Response

## Thy Mercy My God

Hallelujah

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my  
tongue;

Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul  
fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness,  
my spirits revive,  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.  
Hallelujah

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness  
depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the  
ground,  
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've  
found.  
Hallelujah

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness  
mine.

Hallelujah

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## Benediction

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# This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Sunday 10.10.2021	Cary Central Community Group	After Church  Nitz Home
Sunday 10.10.2021	Ridge Road Community Group	After Church   Varies
Sunday 10.10.2021	Westside Community Group	4:30pm   Tinsley Home (outside)
Monday 10.11.2021	Staff Meeting	7:30pm   Room 206
Tuesday 10.12.2021	Men's Disc Golf	11:30am   Kentwood Park
Tuesday 10.12.2021	Apex Community Group	5:45pm   Wilbur Home
Tuesday 10.12.2021	Durant Trails Community Group - MEN	7:30pm   Wallace Home
Wednesday 10.13.2021	Women's Bible Study - Morning	9:30am   Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 10.13.2021	Regional Community Group	6:30pm   Stephens' Home
Wednesday 10.13.2021	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 and will meet their teachers in the sanctuary foyer and 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

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

### **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](mailto:lindsey@midtown-church.org) for more information or if you would like to attend. We will meet Friday, October 22nd from 7pm-9pm and Saturday, October 23rd from 9am-12pm.

### **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](mailto:duane@midtown-church.org) or any community group leader.

### **LADIES LUNCH LADDER STARTS THIS MONTH**

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](mailto: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/cu76ztmlr>

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

# Serving at Midtown

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

## Week of September 19<sup>th</sup>

### AV Team

Tim Dement  
Regan Metzger

### Welcome Team

Devin Steele

### Worship Leader

Jason Harrod: guitar, harmonica and vocals

### Worship Team

Steven Hillerman: piano  
Amanda Merritt: bass guitar  
Michael Merritt: cajon  
Mo Wilbur: vocals



## Week of Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>

### ACORNS

9 - 24 months  
Katherine & Garrett  
Dysart

### OAKS

4S - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Julie, Ashlyn and  
Madison Schlosser  
Andrew Perry

### SUNSHINE

2S and 3S  
Eowyn & Alden Tinsley  
Mallory Wojciechowski

### MIDTOWN KIDS

2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Wally Tinsley  
Tim Dement

## Week of Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>

### ACORNS

9 - 24 months  
Heather Steele  
Colleen Mickelson  
Abby Davis

### OAKS

4S - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Julie Williams  
Kara Williams  
Marion Williams

### SUNSHINE

2S and 3S  
Lacy Perry  
Meredith Schauer

### MIDTOWN KIDS

2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Craig Schauer  
Julie Davis

# Staff and Ministry Leader

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as an authentic worshipping community,  
and **sending** them out to renew and create  
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