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# 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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# Call to Worship

## Taken from Psalm 63

Leader: You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

**All: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.**

Leader: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. I will be fully satisfied, as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

**All: On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.**

# Song of Invocation

## Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

(chorus)

Ev'ry blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name  
(chorus)

(bridge)  
You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say,  
Lord, blessed be Your name (repeat)

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Words and Music: Beth Redman, Matt Redman  
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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

## A Mighty Fortress is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A Bulwark never failing;  
Our Helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing;  
For still our ancient Foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great,  
And armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing;  
Dost ask who that may be:  
Christ Jesus it is He;  
Lord Sabbaoth His name,  
From age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed,  
His truth to triumph through us  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him

That Word above all earthly pow'rs,  
No thanks to them abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through Him who with us sideth;  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever!

Words and Music: Martin Luther (1529)  
Translator: Frederick H. Hedge (1852)  
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# Song of Thanksgiving

## Jesus Cast a Look on Me

Jesus cast a look on me,  
Give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low,  
Seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride,  
Cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to Thine submit,  
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

Make me like a little child,  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in Thy light,  
Walking only in Thy might

Leaning on Thy loving breast,  
Where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God,  
Flowing from His precious blood

In this posture let me live,  
And hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die,  
And hosannas ever cry!  
And hosannas ever cry!

Words: John Berridge  
Music: Matthew Perryman Jones  
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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

Wally Tinsley

## Scripture Reading

Joseph Wilbur

1 Timothy 2:8-15

# Sermon

## The Battle of the Sexes

Reverend Lindsey Williams



# Sermon Outline

## **The Battle of the Sexes**

1 Timothy 2:8-15

### I. The Challenge Of Gender

A. For Christians

B. For Humans

### II. The Hope For Gender

A. Living Out The Dignity Of Your Gender

B. Promoting The Dignity Of The Other Gender

C. Depending On The Source Of Our Dignity

# Sacrament of Communion

## Song of Response

### Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."

(chorus)

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone.

(chorus)

And when, before the throne,  
I stand in Him complete,  
I'll lay my trophies down,  
All down at Jesus' feet.  
(chorus)

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(1868)  
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## Benediction

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# This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Sunday 10.24.2021	Cary Central Community Group	After Church  Cleary Home
Sunday 10.24.2021	Ridge Road Community Group	After Church   Varies
Sunday 10.24.2021	Westside Community Group	4:30pm   Tinsley Home (outside)
Monday 10.25.2021	Staff Meeting	12:30pm   Neomonde
Monday 10.25.2021	Leadership Meeting	7:30pm   Room 206
Tuesday 10.26.2021	Men's Disc Golf	11:30am   Cedar Hills Park
Tuesday 10.26.2021	Apex Community Group	5:45pm   W. & B. Wright Home
Tuesday 10.26.2021	Durant Trails Community Group - MEN	7:30pm   Wallace Home
Wednesday 10.27.2021	Women's Bible Study - Morning	9:30am   Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 10.27.2021	Regional Community Group	6:30pm   Stephens Home
Wednesday 10.27.2021	Cameron Village Community Group	7:30pm   R. & K. Williams Home

## Midtown News

### MIDTOWN SPROUTS

#### *Today at Sprouts*

**Next Sunday, October 31st, is the 5th Sunday of the month so there will only be Acorn and Sunshine classes. The Oaks and Midtown Kids classes will not meet next Sunday.**

#### *Midtown Sprouts Volunteers*

**We need one more Acorn Class volunteer for next Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please email Sarah at [Sarah@midtown-church.org](mailto:Sarah@midtown-church.org) to sign up.**

**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.

### ***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

### **CHECK OUT THE NEW TOPICAL MINIBOOK DISPLAY IN FOYER**

On the table as soon as you walk into the sanctuary is a stand featuring 25 different minibooks on a wide range of relevant topics on subjects like sexuality, marriage, addiction, singleness, aging, chronic pain, infertility, anxiety, etc.. These books are free to you. Feel free to pick one up and take home to read. With all these subjects feel free to reach out to an elder or member of the Women's Shepherding Team if you want to process through the material further.

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW PASTORAL INTERN FOR YOUTH**

We are pleased to announce that Midtown Community Church has hired Eric Major as a pastoral intern focusing on youth ministry. Eric comes with over 10 years of youth ministry experience. He is currently enrolled at Reformed Theological Seminary and pursuing ordination in the Presbyterian Church in America. Eric is married to Heather, and they are the parents of children William-8, JJ-6 and Lorelei-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](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 ORNAMENT EXCHANGE: DECEMBER 11TH**

It really actually is time to start blocking those Saturdays off for important holiday events. Save the date for this upcoming women's fellowship!

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 October 24<sup>th</sup>

### AV Team

Tim Wojciechowski

Dan Breazeale

### Welcome Team

Devin Steele

### Worship Leader

Jason Harrod: guitar, vocals, and harmonica

### Worship Team

Mike Harrigan: electric guitar

Steven Hillerman: piano

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# Sprouts

MCC KIDS

## Week of Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>

### ACORNS

9 - 24 months

Katherine &

Garrett Dysart

### OAKS

4S - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Pat &

Marissa Wallace

Catie Killinger

### SUNSHINE

2S and 3S

Jared &

Katherine Brown

### MIDTOWN KIDS

2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

Jayson Cleary

Austin Williams

## Week of Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>

### ACORNS

9 - 24 months

Jennifer Boney

NEED VOLUNTEER

### OAKS

4S - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

will not meet

### SUNSHINE

2S and 3S

Tyler &

Laura Graybeal

### MIDTOWN KIDS

2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

will not meet

# Staff and Ministry Leader

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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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