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*“Think of the beloved leaders whose ministries imploded; almost never were these leaders set aside because they failed to achieve. Rather, in the lives of failed leader after failed leader, the failure was more a matter of character than productivity”*

• *Paul Tripp, from the book Lead*

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October 31, 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).



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# Call to Worship

## Taken from Psalm 139

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

**All: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

**All: Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**

Leader: Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

**All: If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

Leader: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

**All: Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. 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.**

# Song of Invocation

## All Creatures Of Our God And King

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou, burning sun with golden beam  
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him! Alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the Redeemed washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice in His great love  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on Him  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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# Confession of Faith

## Heidelberg Catechism Q. 54 & 55

Question: What do you believe concerning the "holy, catholic Church"?

**Answer: That out of the whole human race, from the beginning to the end of the world, the Son of God, by His Spirit and Word, gathers, defends, and preserves for Himself unto everlasting life a chosen communion in the unity of the true faith; and that I am and forever shall remain a living member of this communion.**

Question: What do you understand by the communion of saints?

**Answer: First, that believers, all and everyone, as members of Christ have communion with Him and share in all His treasures and gifts. Second, that everyone is duty-bound to use his gifts readily and cheerfully for the benefit and well-being of the other members.**

# Song of Adoration

## God Is For Us

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the  
night  
We will walk the valley with You by our side  
You will go before us, You will lead the way  
We have found a refuge, only You can save

(chorus)

Sing with joy now: our God is for us  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty  
fortress  
Raise your voice now, no love is greater  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Even when I stumble, even when I fall  
Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure  
You will not abandon, You will not forsake  
You will cheer me onward with never-ending  
grace

(chorus)

(bridge)

Neither height nor depth can separate us  
Hell and death will not defeat us  
He who gave His son to free us  
Holds me in His love (repeat)

(chorus)

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# Song of Thanksgiving

## Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee  
The voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me  
And hear my supplication;  
If Thou iniquities dost mark,  
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

O who shall stand before Thee?  
(Who shall stand before Thee?)  
(repeat)

To wash away the crimson stain,  
Grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;  
In much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in Thy sight,  
All must alike confess Thy might,

And live alone by mercy  
(Live alone by mercy)  
(repeat)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,  
And not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word  
Upholds my fainting spirit;  
His promised mercy is my fort,  
My comfort and my sweet support;

I wait for it with patience  
(Wait for it with patience)  
(repeat)

What though I wait the live-long night,  
And 'til the dawn appeareth,  
My heart still trusteth in His might;  
It doubteth not nor feareth;  
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,  
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;

And wait 'til God appeareth  
(Wait 'til God appeareth)  
(repeat)

Though great our sins and sore our woes  
His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows,  
Our upmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He,  
Who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow  
(All their sin and sorrow)  
(repeat)

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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.

## **Congregational Prayer**

Jayson Cleary

## **Scripture Reading**

Meredith Schauer

1 Timothy 3:1-13

# **Sermon**

## **A Different Kind Of Leader**

Reverend Lindsey Williams



# Sermon Outline

## **A Different Kind Of Leader**

1 Timothy 3:1-13

I. Restoring The Goodness Of Leadership

II. Restoring The Marks Of Good Leadership

A. Communities Raise Leaders As Much As Leaders Raise Communities

B. Management Of Self > Management Of Others

C. Above Reproach But Not Above Approach

# Song of Response

## Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless  
peace

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is  
mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall  
overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall  
repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall  
repeat

Yet not I but through Christ in me (repeat)

## Benediction

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# This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Tuesday 11.2.2021	Apex Community Group	5:45pm   W. & B. Wright Home
Tuesday 11.2.2021	Durant Trails Community Group - WOMEN	7:30pm   Wallace Home
Tuesday 11.2.2021	Men's Mutual Benefit Society	7:00pm   Lynnwood Brewing Concern
Wednesday 11.3.2021	Women's Bible Study - Morning	9:30am   Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 11.3.2021	Women's Bible Study - Evening	7:30pm   Karen Howell's Home
Wednesday 11.3.2021	Regional Community Group	6:30pm   Stephens Home
Wednesday 11.3.2021	Cameron Village Community Group	7:30pm   R. & K. Williams Home

## Midtown News

### MIDTOWN SPROUTS

#### *Today at Sprouts*

**Since today is the 5th Sunday of October, only the Acorns and Sunshine classes will meet.**

**All classes will resume on November 7.**

**Acorns and Sunshine** children may be checked in before the service in the Preschool Building at their classroom door.

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 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*) 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/cu76ztnr>

### **PASTORAL RESOURCE, THE RISE & FALL OF MARS HILL PODCAST**

If you are looking for a good podcast, Pastor Lindsey encourages you to check out this one about the rise and fall of one of the more well-known church plants of the past 20 years, which at its height boasted of 16,000 members but as of today is no longer in existence. It is an exposé of the Evangelical church that is worthy of our attention, and will provide great opportunities for discussion and self-reflection. A number of Midtowners are already listening to it. Access it here: <https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/podcasts/rise-and-fall-of-mars-hill/>. If you would like to participate in a discussion one night this fall to debrief the podcast, email 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 31<sup>st</sup>

### AV Team

Tim Wojciechowski  
Dan Breazeale

### Welcome Team

Devin Steele

### Worship Leader

Jason Harrod: guitar, vocals, and harmonica

### Worship Team

Steven Hillerman: piano  
Eric Major: cajon  
Kara Williams: vocals



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

### ACORNS

9 - 24 months  
Jennifer Boney  
Julia Hixson

### OAKS

4S - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
not meeting

### SUNSHINE

2S and 3S  
Tyler &  
Laura Graybeal

### MIDTOWN KIDS

2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders  
not meeting

## Week of Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>

### ACORNS

9 - 24 months  
Garret &  
Katherine Dysart

### OAKS

4S - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Joseph &  
Mo Wilbur  
April Eason

### SUNSHINE

2S and 3S  
Mallory Wojciechowski  
Hartley Watts

### MIDTOWN KIDS

2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Jordan &  
Kristen Nitz

# Staff and Ministry Leader

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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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