



ORDER OF SERVICE November 15,2020

PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude 'Nun Danket Alle Gott'*  
Georg Friedrich Kauffmann

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME Rev. Alison Messick-Watkins

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Rob Watkins

Leader	Worship the Lord, Ruler of all times and seasons
People	We gather in praise and adoration
Leader	Worship the Lord, our comfort and our help
People	We gather in hope and openness
Leader	Worship the Lord, our guide and our wisdom
People	We gather, encouraged by grace, strengthened by mercy
ALL	PRAISE THE LORD!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

MUSICAL OFFERING *Hymn to Joy* arr. Edward Broughton

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us  
We confess our constant worry and continuing fretfulness  
We confess how we forget your abiding presence

We confess our inability to take heart in your grace  
We confess how our lack of faith hurts us and others  
Forgive us  
Settle our hearts and minds  
Open us to your Spirit breathing through us  
Help us encourage one another through Christ Jesus  
Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Andrea Thomas

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The McNeil Family

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

SERMON "Sticks and Stones Will Break My Bones but Encouraging Words  
Will Lift Me Up"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
The Apostles Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERING

*Everything*  
Andrea Thomas, solo

Lauren Daigle

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. By David Schwoebel

Congratulations to Elizabeth Fuller in the birth of her daughter Willow Jade,  
proud grandparents are Tom and Robin Fuller.

#### PRAYER LIST

Elizabeth King	Ann Brown	Kenneth Helms	Charley Moon
Fred Treadway	Bernice Martin	Deane Davis	Ruby Downing
Sylvia Buchanan, sister of Debbie Killian		Lynn Kelly	Carrie Hanes
Bill Marcus, brother of Jean Thomas		Warner Marshall	Randall Montgomery
Cathee Griffin, sister of Kim Helms		Barbara Kumnick	Debbie Hunter
Nell Lawing	Guy Eberhart	Maryann McFate, sister of Jane Marshall	
Jimmy Marcus, brother of Rachel Rodden		Donald Buff, brother in law of Jimmy Walker	
Gayle Brunson, sister of Brenda Oehler		Laurel Petty, extended family of Mack Downing	
Terry Williams, stepson of Caroline		Tom Lawing, stepson of Nell	
Vada Winter, aunt of Tammy Alford		<b>Jackie Almond</b>	
<b>Betty Morris, sister of Earlene Craver</b>			

Approved motion to call a Congregational Meeting for Sunday November 22, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary to hear a report from the Nominating Committee. They will nominate eight persons for the Deacon class of 2023 and floor nominations will be taken. If only eight are nominated, they will be elected by acclamation. If more than eight persons are nominated, congregational meetings will be called each Sunday at 11:00 am until eight are elected.

Phil Ashley  
Sheila Letica

Tom Baker  
Robin McCraw

Andrew Coore  
Allston Oehler

Perry Deaton  
Wendy White

**Phil Ashley** -I was raised Baptist, but have found a spiritual home in the PCUSA Tradition as an adult. We joined MCPC when our kids were small because of the great children's programs here. I was ordained as an Elder at Clinchfield Pres many years ago, served on session at Newell Pres and have previously served as a deacon here at MCPC. I'm honored to be asked to serve again. I believe the church should be leading the way to unify our country in these trying times and open to all.

**Tom Baker** -My family and I have been attending church here at MCPC for many years. We have been members of the church since 2013 and have been active in the Baucom-Craig Sunday School class since 2012. I have even begun teaching the class once a month over the past year, until Covid-19 shut us down. I have found a fulfilling ministry supporting the Room in the Inn events. It's wonderful to find a way for all ages to support our local community.

My wife, Mary, and I have been married for 24 years. We have two sons: Benjamin 19, who is in his 2nd year at CPCC, and Joshua 16, who is in 9th grade at Northside Christian Academy. I grew up in Wilmington, NC. But life, education and work has taken me from NC to Massachusetts and back to NC again. My professional background is in Engineering and I graduated from UNC Charlotte, in 1995, with a degree in Electrical Engineering. I love to design and build things for both work and home.

Our whole family has been active with the Boy Scout Troop 148 supported by our church. I have been an assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 148 for over 5 years and am currently the Quartermaster. We have been the "face of Scouting" to many in the church by managing the Scouting for Food event every February.

**Andrew Coore** -Andrew has attended MCPC and been a dedicated member of the stew crew since approximately 2007. He is a member of the New Life Sunday School class. Andrew and wife Allison are parents to Mason (9) and Tolby (6). Andrew is self-employed as a licensed land surveyor. In his free time he enjoys vacationing, yard work, watching sports, and almost anything that involves the outdoors.

**Perry Deaton** -My family has attended Mallard Creek church since the 1930's. I grew up on Ridge Rd on my family's farm. I have attended Mallard Creek all my life. I was away for a few years. I always visited Mallard Creek when I was in town. I've been home for 6 years and have attended Mallard Creek on a regular basis. I've served as an officer with the church, also Teen adviser and chairman of the Fellowship committee.

**Sheila Letica** -My name is Sheila Letica, and I am a retired college professor of business and human resources. I am married to Mark and we have three sons: Stefan (25), Alex (23), and Luke (20). Our relationship with MCPC began in 2002 when our oldest son joined Cub Scouts. All three completed the Cub and Boy Scout programs with Pack 148/Troop 148 chartered by MCPC, and all three are Eagle Scouts. In addition, I am a Scout leader with Scouts BSA Troop 248, the girl troop chartered by MCPC. My husband and I are long time Scout leaders and have continued with Scouting even though our sons aged out, because we believe in the program and appreciate how much our sons enjoyed Scouting. I also am a member of the MCPC Property Committee, and I enjoy working with this fun group.

**Robin McCraw** -I have been a member of the MCPC since 1998. My husband is Kenneth and my children are Daniel, Mary and 2 huskies. During my time at MCPC, I have been a part of the Preschool Committee, nursery coordinator, Sunday school teacher for all ages, teen advisor, circle chair, vice-moderator and moderator to the Presbyterian Women, Reach Out committee, and deacon. Professionally, I have worked with Cabarrus County Schools for 14 years. Currently, I am the science chair at West Cabarrus High school and also teach Physics and Earth & Environmental.

**Allston Oehler** -My name is Allston Oehler, I'm a life-long member of Mallard Creek, my wife, Chelsey and I just had a little boy, Wesson in June. I love being outdoors and spending time in the mountains. I'm a member of New Life Sunday School class. I help with Room in the Inn, and the BBQ.

**Wendy Oehler White** -Wendy Oehler White is a native of Charlotte, NC. She graduated from Lees-McRae College with an undergraduate degree in Business Administration and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from East Carolina University. She has spent the last 25 years in law enforcement. She started as a Concord Police Officer and is currently a Special Agent with the NC State Bureau of Investigation. She is a life-long member of MCPC, and served on the Pastor Nominating Committee. She is single with two teenage sons, Jeb and Jake. MCPC has been a huge part of my life and in helping me have a closer relationship with the Lord.