



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Outdoor Order of Worship

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

November 1st, 2020 • ALL SAINTS DAY

† *For those who are able, please stand*

— GATHERING —

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Minute for Stewardship

Meg Christian

† Presentation of Candidate

As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Gal. 3:27

**There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

Eph. 4:4

In his baptism, Isaac was clothed with Christ,
and is now called by God through the voice of the church
to enter into ministry as a teaching elder.

**We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ,
and we celebrate God's particular call to our friend Isaac.**

† Call to Worship

Beth Hudson

Give thanks to God and call on God's name,
Make God's deeds known among the peoples.
Sing praises to God,
Tell of God's wonderful works.
Seek the God and God's strength,
Seek God's presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works God has done.
Let us worship God!

Hymn #343

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

Called as partners in Christ's service
Called to ministries of grace
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace
May we learn the art of sharing
Side by side and friend with friend
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfil God's chosen end

Christ's example Christ's inspiring
Christ's clear call to work and worth
Let us follow never faltering
Reconciling folk on earth
Men and women richer poorer
All God's people young and old
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold
So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife
Make us partners in our living
Our compassion to increase
Messengers of faith thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace

Litany for All Saints' Day

...Jesus said:

Blessed are the poor.

Blessed are those who mourn.

Blessed are the meek.

Blessed are those who are hungry

Blessed are the merciful

Blessed are the pure in heart.

Blessed are the peacemakers.

Blessed are the persecuted

Jesus named the blessed ones. On this day of remembrance, let us recall and give thanks for those blessed ones who have gone before us...

Living God, we give you thanks for calling forth these blessed ones.

O God, keep them forever in your arms. May they stay forever in our hearts. Because of their living, teach us to live faithfully. Amen.

"By All Your Saints Still Striving"

KING'S LYNN

By all your saints still striving,
for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus,
forevermore be blessed!
For those passed on before us,
we sing our praise anew
and, walking in their footsteps,
would live our lives for you.

— THE WORD —

Prayer for Illumination

Lisa Turney

First Reading

Micah 6:6-8

Second Reading

Acts 1:6-9

Sermon

The Undefinable Kingdom

Christina Toney-Schmitt

“Be Thou My Vision”
Vivien Rothwell, Soprano

— RESPONSE —

Ordination of Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Sentences of Scripture

There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

Statement of Ordination

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

† **Renunciations**

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ
and accept him as your Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love?
I will, with God’s help.

† Profession of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving For Baptism

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination

Declaration of Ordination

Charge to the Newly Ordained

Rev. Bradley Kibler

Presentation of Symbols of Ministry

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer Over the Elements, Prayers of Intercessions,

Words of Institution, concluding with the *Lord's Prayer*...

Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

— SENDING —

Hymn #419

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

REPTON

How clear is our vocation, Lord,
When once we heed Your call:
To live according to Your word,
And daily learn, refreshed, restored,
That You are Lord of all
And will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find
Your yoke is hard to bear,
If worldly pressures fray the mind
And love itself cannot unwind
Its tangled skein of care:
Our inward life repair.

In what You give us, Lord, to do,
Together or alone,
In old routines or ventures new,
May we not cease to look to You--
The cross You hung upon--
All You endeavored done.

Benediction & Offering

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Leading Today's Worship Service

Lisa Turney: Ruling Elder, Shallowford Presbyterian Church

Rev. Bradley Kibler: Associate Pastor for Youth and Programs, Shallowford Presbyterian Church

Beth Hudson: Ruling Elder, Alpharetta Presbyterian Church

David Barclift: Ruling Elder, Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Barrett Abernethy: Pastor & Head of Staff

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt: Associate Pastor of Faith Formation

Christina Toney-Schmitt: Guest Preacher

Matthias Young: Director of Music

Ryan Sawyer: Organist Apprentice

Vivien Rothwell: Soprano

Thank you to my family, First Presbyterian of Athens, Georgia, my mentors at Centre College and the Candler School of Theology, the Northeast Georgia Presbytery, Shallowford Presbyterian Church, Independent Presbyterian Church, this Commission of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, and of course Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church. Today would not be possible without a community of folks who have loved me along the way. I'm sure this community will continue to grow for years to come! —Isaac Toney-Schmitt

MVPC Happenings....



WELCOME BACK! We are excited to see you back on our campus. Please be assured we are taking all measures to follow the CDC guidelines and ask that you wear a mask. Reservations are required by Sat. evenings at 6:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, we will cancel the outdoor service and record the service to post on our website. While here, please scan the QR codes using the camera on your smartphone to access the bulletin and also giving your tithes. Here are our next outdoor services:

November 15: Stewardship Sunday & Congregational Meeting to Elect Church Officers

December 6: Second Sunday of Advent, Luke 1:67-79, "The Song of Zechariah"

December 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent, Luke 2:29-32, "The Song of Simeon"

Ordination & Installation: Thank you for coming today as we celebrate Isaac Toney-Schmitt. We especially want to welcome family and friends of Isaac and Christina. There will be a boxed lunch after the service.

Taize Outdoor Service: Our next service is **November 11** at 5:00 p.m. at Gailey Hall. Reservations on our website are required and space is limited to 15.

Memorial Service: Today at 3:00 p.m. is the memorial service for Clarice Elder for family only. If you would like to watch the livestream, please go to the website.

Small Groups: Small groups began September 27 but it's not too late to join! We will focus on topics relating to racial reconciliation. Please reach out to David Hill or contact the church office to learn more about these offerings or to join a group.

Youth Group: Meet in person at Gailey Hall on Sundays from 5-6:00 p.m. Masks required!

Sunday School: The Discovery class meets Sundays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Weekly Ways to Connect: Tuesday Phone Devotional @ 2:00 p.m., Daily Mount Vernon Moments on Facebook, Children's Sunday School with Carrie Southard via Zoom.

Presbyterian Women: In November, Isaac Toney-Schmitt will meet with the Day Circle and the Sunday Circle. We look forward to getting to know him even better. We will also take up the Thank Offering. This offering helps to fund ministries here and throughout the world. At least 40% goes to health ministries.

Outreach: Community Assistance Center (CAC) is in need of warm clothing donations for homeless shelters as cooler weather approaches. Suggested items are sweaters, jackets, scarves, socks, and casual shoes/work boots for men and women. No dressy shoes, clothing, or men's suits can be accepted. Please leave donations in the bin at the church.

Family Promise: Those families who graduate from the program continue to receive support to move into rental housing and begin building from homelessness to thriving with the help of several grants. Recently the Atlanta Braves Foundation Community Grant awarded Family Promise of North Fulton Dekalb \$5,000! We are so grateful for this partnership.

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Stewardship: Hopefully you have received your Stewardship 2021 letter and pledge card this week in the mail. Please contact the church office if you didn't receive yours. Please bring your pledge card on Commitment Sunday, **Nov. 15**, fill out form on our website, mail your pledge in the envelope provided by **Nov. 27**, or email Yvonne@mvpchurch.org. We will also be offering for the first time "Tithe-Through" on Nov. 15 from 12-2:00 p.m. for those that won't be at the service.

Liturgists Needed: Please contact Barrett if your are willing to read scripture during our online services.

The Worship Ministry Team is looking for volunteers to serve as Funeral/Memorial Service Coordinators. For questions or more info, contact Malinda Holmes malinda128.holmes@gmail.com or Beppie Lever beppielever@earthlink.net if you are interested.

Worship Committee has been hard at work planning these outdoor services. Please thank them if you see any of them.

The MVPC Stephen Ministry: Do Stephen Ministers feel the angst, loneliness, tiredness of the Pandemic? Yes, we do, but, gratefully, the training we have had has given us multiple ways to stay uplifted and to help others. We are here to share those strategies and God's comforting word and presence with you. Please refer yourself or tell us of those in our community who need us by calling Barrett, Isaac, or Pat Barte, Stephen Leader.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets for Stirred Up Ministries is the Communion Offering for November. These baskets will be distributed to vulnerable families in the East Lake area of Atlanta. Please bring donations to the outdoor services or drop off at the church office until **Nov. 22**. Suggested items include canned vegetables and fruit, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, rice, macaroni & cheese, Jello, cake mix, pie filling, tea or lemonade mix, stuffing mix, cornbread mix, and grocery store gift cards. As always, thank you for your generosity!

Chrismon Tree: We will not have our typical Hanging of the Greens service, but on Sunday, **Nov. 15** until 2:00 p.m. we will decorate our Chrismon Trees. One family or 1 person at a time may go into the sanctuary or narthex to hang Chrismons. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Do you feel a need for prayer? Have our Prayer Vine pray for you! Email your requests to prayerrequests@mvpchurch.org or call the church office at 404.255.2211.

All Saints Day: Today we remember the following members: John Roberson (12/10), Karl Hagenau (2/20), Barbara Harms (2/23), Evelyn Allen (3/13), Jack Ward (4/20), Joan Malcolm (4/27), Clarice Elder (10/1).

Prayer Concerns: Eleanor Brazell, Julie Chesnutt; Gene Elder & family; Barbara Hughes, Kirk Pumphrey; Elizabeth Small

Financial Update

October 23-27	Actual	Actual YTD	2020 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$2,435	\$343,179	\$439,217
Non-Pledge Member Giving	\$150	\$ 59,339	\$80,000
2020 Prepaid Pledges	\$0	\$ 21,983	\$21,983
Loose Offering	\$0	\$ 17,019	\$15,000
Total	\$ 2,585	\$441,520	\$556,200

If you have any announcements that you would like to appear in the *Happenings*, weekly email, or Good News, please email them to Terri Clayton, terri@mvpchurch.org.