



## MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Outdoor Order of Worship

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### — GATHERING —

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Call to Worship**

Open our eyes, our hands, our hearts,  
To know your abundance is enough for all,  
To know your gifts are for using, not looking at,  
To know we are blessed in order to be a blessing to others,  
Let us worship God with this purpose this morning,  
Let us act out this worship with our actions every morning.

**“Open the Eyes of My Heart”**

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

*Refrain*

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love (as we sing/as we cry/You are)

Holy holy holy

I want to see You

**Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

God of all hope, this time of year we throw around words like time, talent, and most of all, treasure. Beneath these words, however, is trust. The trust that we find in you. Often, we neglect this trust. We choose to rely on ourselves. We tell others to pick themselves up by their bootstraps even if their feet, like their cupboard, are bare. Give us the time to walk with them so that we can see faith anew. Give us the benevolence to share our talents, so we may see the gifts you provide spread in abundance. Give us the treasure to ensure that your mission is enacted in this world, and that most importantly, it may connect us to the next world. Grant us this trust to completely depend upon you, let us not lean on our feeble understanding for you control time, provide the talent, and possess the treasure. (Silent Confession...) Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

One: ...Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## Response

## “Glory to God”

### *Gloria Patri*

Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory in the highest.  
Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

## — THE WORD —

## Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

## Scripture

Proverbs 3:1-18

- 1 My child, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments;
- 2 for length of days and years of life  
and abundant welfare they will give you.
- 3 Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;  
bind them around your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.
- 4 So you will find favor and good repute  
in the sight of God and of people.
- 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.
- 6 In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.
- 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
- 8 It will be a healing for your flesh  
and a refreshment for your body.
- 9 Honor the Lord with your substance  
and with the first fruits of all your produce;
- 10 then your barns will be filled with plenty,  
and your vats will be bursting with wine.
- 11 My child, do not despise the Lord’s discipline  
or be weary of his reproof,
- 12 for the Lord reproves the one he loves,  
as a father the son in whom he delights.
- 13 Happy are those who find wisdom,  
and those who get understanding,
- 14 for her income is better than silver,  
and her revenue better than gold.
- 15 She is more precious than jewels,  
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
- 16 Long life is in her right hand;  
in her left hand are riches and honor.
- 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
and all her paths are peace.
- 18 She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;  
those who hold her fast are called happy.

**Sermon**

*Trust in the Lord*

**Special Music**

**“Let Us Break Bread Together”**  
Amy Kiley, Soprano

— **RESPONSE** —

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

*After each petition, the Pastor will say, “...Lord, In Your Mercy,”  
Respond with “Hear Our Prayer.”*

**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.

— **SENDING** —

**“Amazing Grace (Peaceful, Easy Feeling)”**

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

*Refrain*

I got a peaceful easy feeling  
I know He won’t let me down  
‘Cause I’m already standing  
On solid ground

When we’ve been there 10,000 years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise  
Than when we first begun (*to refrain*)

**Benediction**

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

**Congregational Meeting**

**Leading Today’s Worship Service**

**Rev. Barrett Abernethy:** Pastor & Head of Staff  
**Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt:** Associate Pastor of Faith Formation  
**Matthias Young:** Director of Music  
**Ryan Sawyer:** Organist Apprentice  
**Amy Kiley:** Soprano Soloist

# 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:

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"

**Today:** Another busy day in the life of our church! Between 12-2:00 p.m. this is the schedule:

Congregational Meeting immediately following the service to nominate these new officers;

Charlie Gray, David Barclift, Joy Carden, Angie Hawthorne, Amy Kiley, and Ben Barber

"Tithe-Thru" - at Gailey Hall for anyone who wants to drop off their pledge for 2021

Stirred Up Ministries - we will also collect donations for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets in the "Tithe-Thru"

Hanging of the Greens - we will allow one family at a time to enter the Sanctuary to decorate the Chrismon trees, or you can decorate trees that will be outside and later placed in the Narthex

Ryan Sawyer and Matthias Young will be providing Christmas music during the festivities

Session Meeting at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

**Advent Craft Kits:** Children's Ministry Team has made 30 kits for young and old - one kit per family. They are available to be picked up today.

**Taize Outdoor Service:** Due to a weather delay, our next service is **November 18** at 5:00 p.m. at Gailey Hall. Reservations on our website are required and space is limited to 15.

**Youth Group:** They will be hanging decorations today at 5:00 p.m. 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:** Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt met with the Day Circle Tuesday and will meet with the Sunday Circle today. 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.

**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. Please contact the church office if you didn't receive yours. If you couldn't be here today fill out form on our website, mail your pledge in the envelope provided by **Nov. 27**, or email [Yvonne@mvpchurch.org](mailto:Yvonne@mvpchurch.org). We will also be offering, for the first time, "Tithe-Through" **today** 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](mailto:malinda128.holmes@gmail.com) or Beppie Lever [beppielever@earthlink.net](mailto: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 Bartee, 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 **today** 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](mailto:prayerrequests@mvpchurch.org) or call the church office at 404.255.2211.

**Prayer Concerns:** Eleanor Brazell, Barbara Bruce, Julie Chesnutt, Barbara Hughes, Kirk Pumphrey, Elizabeth Small

**Attendance:** 11/1 (Isaac's Ordination/Installation) 92 outdoor  
11/8 143 online

### Financial Update

<b>November 4-9</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>2020 Budget</b>
Pledge Member Giving	\$3,287	\$353,636	\$439,217
Non-Pledge Member Giving	\$1,805	\$ 62,764	\$80,000
2020 Prepaid Pledges	\$0	\$ 21,983	\$21,983
Loose Offering	\$100	\$ 17,139	\$15,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,192</b>	<b>\$455,522</b>	<b>\$556,200</b>

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](mailto:terri@mvpchurch.org).