



# MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 ✠ 10:30 AM

† *For those who are able, please stand.*

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

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PRELUDE

“Canzonet II”

Dr. Kenneth Sass

Raymond H. Haan (b. 1938)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

† CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON JUDGES 4:8-9)

Shari Freeman

ONE: Barak told Deborah, "If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go."

ALL: Deborah answered, "I will surely go with you."

ONE: Faithful character means responding to our friends when they need us most.

ALL: It means stepping out faithfully, and knowing that when we are together,  
our vulnerability becomes a strength.

ONE: Let us worship God in our vulnerability!

ALL: Let us worship God in our strength!

† MORNING SONG #476

(v. 1, 2, 5)

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”

LYONS

O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
His chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form,  
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

God of peace, often we come to you believing that we must say these words with conviction because we know we are broken and imperfect. We know we are not living into the image you created for us. As we come to you this day, however, let us give thanks for our brokenness. May we remember that we say these words together not in spite of our flaws, but to declare your presence within our flaws. Gracious God, each of us is full of sin.

Within this sin that reveals both individual or corporate ills, help us to see and hear that you are still there. That you are at work to redeem and sustain us. Grant us this day to not be consumed by guilt, but by the hope that we can truly draw closer to you. For the places where we fall short are also the places where the greatest growth can happen. In your holy name, we pray, Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

† RESPONSE

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

MORNING SONG



"For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us, Lord, to pray,  
But You a - lone can grant us grace To live the words we say.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

*(All children 5th grade and younger are invited to come forward for storytelling and prayer.)*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

*(Please greet each other with the peace of Christ, in a manner comfortable for one another.)*

✠ THE WORD ✠

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Abernethy

SCRIPTURE

Judges 4: 1-9

HOMILY

*Faithful Character: Deborah*

## ✠ RESPONSE ✠

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### † SONG IN RESPONSE

#### “Will You Come and Follow Me”

KELVINGROVE

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
  
Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?  
  
Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed*)

Shari Freeman

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 quick 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.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

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.

### CHORAL ANTHEM

#### “Be Still, My Soul”

Craig Courtney (b. 1948)

### † DOXOLOGY

#### “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

### † PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dale Morine

## ✠ SENDING ✠

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### † SONG FOR DISMISSAL

#### “Be Still”

Peter Furler (b. 1966)

Be still and know He, know He is holy. Be still and know He is God.  
Love Him more dearly. See Him more clearly. Be still and know He is God.

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Love Him more dearly. See Him more clearly. Be still and know He is God.  
He is God.

### † BENEDICTION

Rev. Abernethy

### † CHORAL RESPONSE

#### “Go with Us, Lord”

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

### † POSTLUDE

#### “If You But Suffer God to Guide You” BWV 642

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Dr. Sass



*We thank you for worshipping with us today.  
If you are so moved and would like to give a tithe or offering,  
there are collection plates as you exit.*

*If you are interested in joining MVP Church,  
go to the Welcome Table in the Narthex to pick up a visitor bag with a little gift  
and someone will be there to greet you.*

#### Leading Today's Worship Service

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, Senior Pastor

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Associate Pastor

Matthias Young, Director of Music

Dr. Kenneth Sass, Principal Organist

Shari Freeman, Seminary Intern

We are located at  
471 Mount Vernon Hwy, NE  
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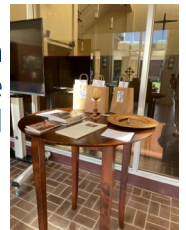
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P.O. Box 76051  
Sandy Springs, GA 30358

# MVPC Announcements....

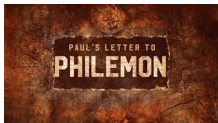


**Welcome!** Updated Covid Protocols – In light of new CDC recommendations, we are strongly encouraging all people, whether vaccinated or not, wear a mask if they worship or if they engage in any indoor ministry gathering.

**Visitors & Membership:** Please go to our website: [mvpchurch.org](http://mvpchurch.org), contact our church office at **404.255.2211**, or speak with one of our pastors after the service. If you are interested in joining MVP Church, please stop at the **Welcome Table in the Narthex** and pick up a visitor bag where someone will be there to greet you.



## Upcoming Services:



October 3(outdoor) Philemon 8-21, "Faithful Character: Onesimus",  
Rev. Barrett Abernethy  
October 10 Shari Freeman, Seminary Intern, TBD

**Fall Outdoor Worship Services:** October 3, November 14

**Youth:** We meet on Sunday from 5-6:30pm at Gailey Hall. We provide dinner, activity, and a lesson for the youth. We need volunteers to provide dinners. Please contact Isaac to sign up.



**Small Groups:** It's not too late to sign up for small groups! The sign-up is in the narthex or send an email to [David.hill321@comcast.net](mailto:David.hill321@comcast.net) to get information or sign-up. Small groups begin **TODAY**.

**Presbyterian Women:** We are looking forward to the Fall Retreat TODAY at 11:45 in the Kirk Center after the Sunday service. Mazi Robinson will lead the retreat and present the program, *Using Our Gifts*. We also prepared a gift basket filled with gardening tools to be auctioned off by Caring Hands of Presbyterian Homes to support seniors living there.



September 26, 2021



**Conversation (Adult Sunday School):** At 9:30am the **Crossroads** class meets in the Session Room; and the **Discovery** class meets in the Chapel.

**Ways to Connect:** Are you on our mailing list for the weekly *Happenings* email? How about the monthly newsletter *The Good News*? If not and you would like to receive them, send an email to [debbie@mvpchurch.org](mailto:debbie@mvpchurch.org)

**The MVPC Members' Gift of Wisdom** Fall issue is now available in the Narthex. Be sure to pick one up.

**Afghanistan Refugee Outreach:** See bulletin insert for all the details including a list of items in a kit.

**The September Communion Offering** will be for the Food Pantry at the Community Assistance Center (CAC). Most needed items include: canned fruits & vegetables, canned meats (chicken, tuna, ham), canned meat entrees (beef stew, chili, chicken & dumplings), cereal/oatmeal, peanut butter, soup, canned pastas and spaghetti sauce, rice, macaroni & cheese, instant mashed potatoes, dry or evaporated milk, child-friendly snacks (fruit cups, applesauce, granola bars, etc.). Donations may be brought to any worship service in September or dropped off in the outreach bin outside the church office at any time. Thank you for your generosity.

**Prayer Concerns:** Ann Addison, Anne Baynham, Carol Beckman, Julie Chesnutt, Inez Cole, Iva Corbin, Bruce Hagenau, Catie O'Hare, Kirk Pumphrey, Linda Thomas, Dave Whitacre.

**Prayers** for the family of Mary Earle Pelfrey on her death Sunday, September 19.

**Attendance:** 9/19 79(Sanctuary), 20(online)

Giving



## Financial Update

September 16-23	Actual	Actual YTD	2021 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$5,385	\$369,672	\$438,290
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$1,508	\$ 31,176	\$ 70,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 57	\$ 7,564	\$ 6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,950</b>	<b>\$408,412</b>	<b>\$ 514,290</b>

If you have any announcements that you would like to appear in the *Happenings* or *Good News*, please email them to [debbie@mvpchurch.org](mailto:debbie@mvpchurch.org)