



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 10, 2021 ✠ 10:30 AM

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

*As we move from a time of fellowship in Connection to the time of worship in Church,
let us enter the Sanctuary in a prayerful manner,
and may we open our hearts and minds to worship God.*

✠ GATHERING ✠

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

"Prayer" from Suite Gothique
Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Dr. Kenneth Sass

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Shari Freeman

ONE: We gather this day after a week filled with the needs and demands of life.

ALL: We come to find rest and connection with God and with each other.

ONE: Open your hearts and minds to hear the voice of God.

ALL: Faithful character means being present to the word of God and the spirit of God in our midst.

ONE: Let us worship God with our presence.

ALL: Let us proclaim God's name, for it is good.

† MORNING SONG #425

"Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining"

(v. 1, 3, 4)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Lord of light, Your name outshining All the stars and suns of space,
Use our talents in Your kingdom As the servants of Your grace;
Use us to fulfill Your purpose In the gift of Christ Your Son:
Abba, as in highest heaven, So on earth Your will be done.

Grant that knowledge, still increasing, At Your feet may lowly kneel;
With Your grace our triumphs hallow, With Your charity our zeal;
Lift the nations from the shadows To the gladness of the sun:
Abba, as in highest heaven, So on earth Your will be done.

By the prayers of faithful watchers, Never silent day or night;
By the cross of Jesus, bringing Peace to all and healing light;
By the love that passes knowledge, Making all Your children one:
Abba, as in highest heaven, So on earth Your will be done.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

Merciful Savior, you stand beside us, yet we prefer to stand on our own.

You choose us, yet we choose worry.

You attend to us, yet we attend to our work.

Forgive us, gentle Teacher.

Call us by name and visit us once more that we might find at your feet our joy, our purpose, and our hope.

In your abundant name, we pray. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

† RESPONSE

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 ✠

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Shari Freeman

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:38-42

HOMILY

Faithful Characters: Martha & Mary

✠ RESPONSE ✠

† SONG IN RESPONSE

(SEE INSERT)

“For All the Faithful Women”

NYLAND

† 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.

OFFERTORY

"I'll walk with God"
Nicholas Brodsky (1905-1958)

Magdalena Wór

† 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

Angie Hawthorne

✠ SENDING ✠

† SONG FOR DISMISSAL #386
(v. 1, 3, 5)

"O for a World"
AZMON
O for a world where everyone
Respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done
With justice and with praise.
We welcome one world family
And struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity
And gives our vision voice.
O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more,
And all but love will cease.

† BENEDICTION

Shari Freeman

† CHORAL RESPONSE

“A Gaelic Blessing”
John Rutter (b. 1945)

† POSTLUDE

“Fantasia in D Minor,” BWV 124
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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 Visitor's Table to pick up a visitor bag with a little gift
and someone will be there to greet you.*

Leading Today's Worship Service

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Associate Pastor

Dr. Kenneth Sass, Principal Organist

Shari Freeman, Seminary Intern

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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, 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.



Next Outdoor Worship Service: November 14

Upcoming Services:



October 17 Titus 1:5-2:1, "Faithful Character: Titus", Rev. Barrett Abernethy
October 24 1 Kings 8:54-61, "Faithful Character: Solomon", Rev. Barrett Abernethy



Congregational Meeting: Please stay after the service on **October 17** to elect our new & returning Elders: Pat Bartee, Dee Bradford-Smith, Kyle Cumming, Gloria Gillespie, Malinda Holmes, Beppie Lever, Mary McClurg

Taizé: Join us on Tuesday, **October 12** at 7pm in the Sanctuary for a quiet meditative short service.



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.



Pumpkin Palooza: Sunday, **October 24**, 4-7:00pm. Free event for all ages including balloon animals, face painting, tattoos, cake walk, bring your own pumpkin to decorate and enter in the pumpkin decorating contest. Chili dinner at 5:30pm & pumpkin decorating contest winners announcement at 6:00pm.

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Make sure to like our pages on social media to stay updated!

Presbyterian Women: In October the **Day Circle** will meet on Tuesday, October 12, at 10:00. The **Sunday Circle** will meet on Sunday, October 10, after the Sunday service. Both circles will study lesson 1, *Family Trees*, in the Horizons Bible Study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*. The **Book Circle** will meet on Friday, October 8 at 10:00 and discuss *Tattoos on the Heart* by Gregory Boyle. The **Circle of Grace** will not meet in October.



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

Children's Christian Education will be in the Chapel during the second half of worship.

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

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

Afghanistan Refugee Outreach: Seventeen welcome kits were delivered to Memorial Drive Ministries for distribution to Afghan refugee families arriving in Atlanta. Thank you for your donations!



The October Communion Offering is candy for the Halloween Truck or Treat event at Lake Forest Elementary School. This annual event gives students and their parents a safe environment to enjoy Halloween festivities. Bags of individually wrapped pieces of candy as well as other snacks such as granola bars are needed. Please leave all donations in the Outreach Bin near the church office at any time until **October 24**. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Prayers for the family of Mary Earle Pelfrey. Her memorial service will be Saturday, November 13 at 11:00am. Reception to follow in the Narthex.

Attendance: 10/3 81(Outdoor), 20(online)

We raised \$795 for the Peace & Global Witness special offering! Thank you!

Giving



Financial Update

October 1-6	Actual	Actual YTD	2021 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$11,000	\$388,455	\$438,290
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 415	\$ 33,366	\$ 70,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 11	\$ 7,575	\$ 6,000
Total	\$11,426	\$429,396	\$ 514,290

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