



# MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 24, 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 ✠

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### RINGING OF THE BELLS

#### PRELUDE

*“Prelude II” from Three Quiet Preludes*  
Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)

Dr. Kenneth Sass

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

#### MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Charlie Gray

#### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Abernethy

#### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Shari Freeman

ONE: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord.

ALL: Our hearts and voices sing for joy to the living God.

ONE: Happy are those who live in your house ever singing your praise.

ALL: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

ONE: For a day in your court is better than a thousand elsewhere.

ALL: We would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of God than live in the tents of wickedness.

ONE: O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

ALL: Let us worship God!

#### † MORNING SONG #207

#### “How Lovely, Lord”

MERLE’S TUNE

How lovely, Lord, how lovely Is Your abiding place;  
My soul is longing, fainting, To feast upon Your grace.  
The sparrow finds a shelter, A place to build her nest;  
And so Your temple calls us Within its walls to rest.

In Your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day  
Is better than a thousand If I from You should stray.  
I'd rather keep the entrance And claim You as my Lord  
Than revel in the riches The ways of sin afford.

A sun and shield forever Are You, O Lord Most High;  
You shower us with blessings; No good will You deny.  
The saints, Your grace receiving, From strength to strength shall go,  
And from their life shall rivers Of blessing overflow.

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR OUR CAMPUS

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

Uniting God, in ancient times you called people as your own and made a covenant to be their God.  
In Jesus Christ, you gathered your church into one body, united with him and with one another.  
Let us who gather here be your holy people, praising you with one voice, serving neighbor,  
and honoring you in all our worship and work.

While previous saints gathered at this place at the Burdett mansion, we gather in this space,  
crafted by your hands and benevolent hearts,  
to worship and to be equipped for your service in the world.

As we give thanks this stewardship season for this building, this campus,  
and the ways in which it has been utilized to serve, illuminate, and expand hearts and minds,  
we ask that you rededicate our lives to continue in the inspiration already found here  
as well as the hope yet to be revealed.

In celebration of the Triune God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Alleluia! 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 ✠

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Abernethy

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 8:54-61

HOMILY

*Faithful Character: Solomon*

## ✠ RESPONSE ✠

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† SONG IN RESPONSE #442  
(v. 1,3,5)

“The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the word.  
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her And for her life He died.  
Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, “How long?”  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.  
Yet she on earth has union With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, May live eternally.

† 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

“Bless the Lord”

Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov (1859-1935)

† 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

Shari Freeman

## ✠ SENDING ✠

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### † SONG FOR DISMISSAL

“You Are My All in All”

JERNIGAN

You are my strength When I am weak You are the treasure That I seek

You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jew’l Lord to give up I’d be a fool

You are my all in all

*Refrain*

Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name

Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin My cross my shame Rising again I bless Your name

You are my all in all

When I fall down You pick me up When I am dry You fill my cup

You are my all in all (*to refrain*)

### † BENEDICTION

Rev. Abernethy

### † CHORAL RESPONSE

“Amen”

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

### POSTLUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in F Major”

Dr. Sass

Att. to Johann Krebs (1713-1780), formerly att. to J.S. Bach (BWV 556)



*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. Barrett Abernethy, Senior Pastor

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Associate Pastor

Matthias Young, Director of Music

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](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.



**Next Outdoor Worship Service:** November 14

## Upcoming Services:



October 31 John 11:32-46, "Faithful Character: Jesus Christ",  
Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

November 7 Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17, "The Threshing Floor Generation,"  
Rev. Barrett Abernethy



**Pumpkin Palooza: TODAY, 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.

**Drivers Needed:** We are in need of drivers to pick up residents from the MV Towers and bring them to church on Sunday mornings. Sedans are preferable to SUVs for mobility issues. Please contact the church if you would like to help in this ministry.



**Youth:** We meet on Sundays 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.



**Men's Breakfast (Fellowship of the Carpenter):** Next Sunday, October 31 at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

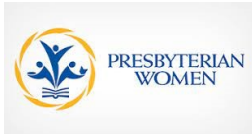
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Make sure to follow us on social media to stay up to date!

**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.



**Presbyterian Women:** In November the **Day Circle** will meet on Tuesday, November 9, at 10:00. The **Sunday Circle** will meet on Sunday, November 14, after the Sunday service. Both circles will study lesson 2, *Tamar*, 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, November 12 at 10:00 and discuss *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving. We will also be collecting our annual Thank Offering.

**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.



**The October Communion Offering** is candy for the Halloween Trunk 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 **TODAY**. Thank you for your generosity.

**Prayer Concerns:** Carol Beckman, Inez Cole, Bruce Hagenau, Wright Hardy, Alistair & Karen Morine, Richard Player, Rob Southard, Katie Spotloe, Dave Whitacre, and vulnerable families

**Attendance:** 10/17 84(Sanctuary), 42(online)

*Please sign the attendance pad and pass it down the pew.*

Giving



### Financial Update

October 15-21	Actual	Actual YTD	2021 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$10,245	\$408,830	\$438,290
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 435	\$ 35,606	\$ 70,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 12	\$ 8,119	\$ 6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,692</b>	<b>\$452,555</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)