



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ♦ ALL SAINTS' DAY
OCTOBER 31, 2021 ♦ 10:30 AM

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

*As we move from a time of fellowship in Connection to a 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 ♦

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Chet Seiple, Jr.	11/29/20
Gloria Bennett	2/28/21
Allison Duncan	6/13/21
Bert Hels	7/5/21
Linda Bhame	7/20/21
Mary Earle Pelfrey	9/19/21

RINGING OF THE BELLS

INTROIT

"Kyrie"

Matthias Young

PRELUDE

"Requiem"

Dr. Kenneth Sass

Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

"Pie Jesu" from Requiem

Magdalena Wór, Mezzo-Soprano

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Malinda Holmes

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Abernethy

ONE: Praise the Lord, sing to the Lord a new song!

ALL: Praise God with the communion of Saints and together delight in our creator.

ONE: Let all the saints, in this place and around the world, sing in one voice and move as one body.

ALL: May we praise God with words, instruments, and movement.

ONE: Let all the saints exalt and rest in God,

ALL: For this community of saints is everlasting.

ONE: Let us Worship God.

† MORNING SONG #526

"For All the Saints"

(v. 1, 3, 4)

SINE NOMINE

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Shari Freeman

Merciful God, as we remember the saints who have gone before us, we are grateful for their witness and humbled by their example. Though they have marked well the path of faith, following in that way is hard for us. We drift and waver. We resist and rebel. Remind us that the saints before us were not perfect, just forgiven, and saved by grace. We ask for the courage to trust in that grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Shari Freeman

(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

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

SCRIPTURE

John 11:32-46

HOMILY

Faithful Character: Jesus Christ

✠ RESPONSE ✠

† SONG IN RESPONSE #263

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

(v. 1, 3, 4)

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.
Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

† 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Toney-Schmitt & Shari Freeman

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OVER THE ELEMENTS & 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"Lux Aeterna"

Rebecca Shipley, Soprano

Chris Bearer (b. 1974)

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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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

David Hill

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✠ SENDING ✠

† SONG FOR DISMISSAL #467
(v. 1, 3, 4)

“How Great Thou Art”
O STORE GUD

O Lord my God When I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder Thy pow'r throughout The universe displayed

Refrain

Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art How great Thou art
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And when I think That God His Son not sparing Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the cross My burden gladly bearing He bled and died To take away my sin (*to refrain*)

When Christ shall come With shout of acclamation And take me home What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow In humble adoration And there proclaim My God how great Thou art (*to refrain*)

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

† CHORAL RESPONSE

“Sevenfold Amen”
Peter Lutkin (1858-1931) • Arr. Curtis Hanson

POSTLUDE

“Dialogue sur les grands jeux”
François Couperin (1668-1733)

Dr. Sass



Leading Today's Worship Service

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, Senior Pastor
Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Associate Pastor
Matthias Young, Director of Worship
Dr. Kenneth Sass, Principal Organist
Shari Freeman, Seminary Intern

*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.*

We are located at
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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, 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:



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

November 14 (**Outdoor**) 2 Timothy 4:9-22, "Come Before Winter",
Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Coffee & Conversation (Ministry Team Meeting): Sunday, November 14 at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall

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.



Stephen Ministry: The continuing nature of the Pandemic disease path and the changes in work, attitudes, values, and relationships it has wrought have left many of us shaking our heads in disbelief, confusion, and, yes, in need of re-invention! Stephen Ministers are excellent listeners and known for helping others clarify goals and would love to accompany those hurting, confused, or seeking something new. Call our ministers or Stephen Leader, Pat Bartee to get started.

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.



Daylight Savings Time: Turn your clocks back next Sunday, November 7

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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. **Circle of Grace** will meet November 14 at 6:30 at the home of Meg Christian. We will be assembling care packages for college students. Contact Beppie Lever at beppielever@earthlink.net with questions.

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.

The November Communion Offering - Stuff the Bus We will be collecting non-perishable foods for Stirred Up Ministries to distribute Thanksgiving baskets to vulnerable families in the East Lake area of Atlanta. Most needed items include: canned vegetables and fruits, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, rice, macaroni and cheese, Jello, cake mix, pie filling, tea or lemonade mix, stuffing mix, cornbread mix, and grocery store gift cards (to purchase hams and turkeys). Donations may be brought to the church any time until **November 21**. Please write "Stirred Up Ministries" on the gift cards. Darrell Jones, director of Stirred Up Ministries, will be here with the ole blue bus and will worship with us on **Sunday, November 21**, and can personally take donations before and after the service.



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

Attendance: 10/24 74(Sanctuary), 26(online)

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

Giving



Financial Update

October 22-28	Actual	Actual YTD	2021 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$ 3,790	\$412,620	\$438,290
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 90	\$ 35,696	\$ 70,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 0	\$ 8,119	\$ 6,000
Total	\$ 3,880	\$ 456,435	\$ 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