



**MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**NOVEMBER 21, 2021 ✠ 10:30 AM ✠ CHRIST THE KING**

† *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 ✠**

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**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**INTROIT**

**"As We Come Into This Place"**

Matthias Young

**PRELUDE**

*Polonaise Concertante: I. "Allegretto"*  
Mauro Giuliani (1781-1829)

Scott Plato & Matthias Young

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Stan Williams

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Rev. Abernethy

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Shari Freeman

ONE: Whose kingdom do we worship?

ALL: Jesus says, "My kingdom is not of this world."

ONE: But we ask, "Are you really a king?"

ALL: Jesus says, "I came into the world to testify to the truth."

ONE: But we ask, "What is truth?"

ALL: Truth is found in worship.

ONE: How so?

CHOIR: By singing!

CONGREGATION: By gathering!

PREACHERS: By proclaiming!

ALL: By worshipping together to see the wisdom of God within our neighbor and through the entire body.  
Thanks be to God!

† **MORNING SONG #142**

**"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

**CORONATION**

All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!

Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all! *(continued on next page)*

Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!  
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!  
  
O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!

† PRAYER FOR HOPE

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

“What is truth?” Pilate stared at the tired Galilean Jew in front of him. Jesus was silent. Pilate’s eyes widened. “What is truth?” he repeated, more firmly. Jesus didn’t blink. Or speak. There were no words to reply. Jesus was answering the question. Simply by being. The sheer fact of his existence, his embodiment of all that is Holy, answered the question. The truth is never in words. It was always, is always the Word. The truth is a person, a person named Jesus, the person we understand to be the Christ. He is the way, the life, and the truth. There is no other Truth. This Truth, this person, promised we would encounter him in others. In the hungry. In the sick. In the lonely. In the imprisoned. In the thirsty. In the outcasts. The Truth is in them. 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

John 18:33-38

HOMILY

*Finding Truth*

✠ RESPONSE ✠

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† SONG IN RESPONSE

“At the Name of Jesus”  
KING’S WESTON

At the name of Jesus Every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;  
’Tis the Father’s pleasure We should call Him Lord,  
Who from the beginning Was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, To receive a name  
From the lips of sinners, Unto whom He came,  
Faithfully He bore it Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious When from death He passed;  
Christians, this Lord Jesus Shall return again,  
With His Father's glory, O'er the earth to reign;  
For all wreaths of empire Meet upon His brow,  
And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

† 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. Abernethy & Rev. Toney-Schmitt

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

"Sacred Folk Tune Medley & Fanfare"

Scott Plato & Matthias Young

Featuring *resignation*, *terra beata*, & *londonderry air* • Arr. by Matthias Young

† 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

Mary Kilgore

## ✠ SENDING ✠

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### † SONG FOR DISMISSAL #151

### “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

#### DIADEMATA

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end; And round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail Throughout eternity.

### † BENEDICTION

Rev. Abernethy

### POSTLUDE

*Polonaise Concertante: III. “Trio”*  
Mauro Giuliani (1781-1829)

Scott Plato & Matthias Young



### Leading Today's Worship Service

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Associate Pastor  
Matthias Young, Director of Worship  
Shari Freeman, Seminary Intern  
Scott Plato, Guest Musician

*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.*

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# MVPC Announcements....

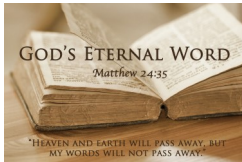


**Welcome!** Per Church Policy – We recommend the wearing of masks while indoors. If you would like more information on the church protocols, you can find a link on our website.

**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:



November 28 Matthew 24:32-35, "Eternal Word", Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt  
December 5 Matthew 24: 36-44, "Eternal Time", Rev. Barrett Abernethy

**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 Stephen Ministry at Mount Vernon feels so grateful to have been useful to church members, community members, and people who asked for our help. We have, from inception, felt God called our group and placed us here to funnel his love to others. We continue to train, learn new strategies, and enrich our spiritual lives to be ready to serve those who need us. During the Pandemic, those of us without active cases have been partnered with homebound or ill congregation members to keep our listening and helping skills honed. It has been a rich blessing for us to get to know these members who have served our church so long and who have delicious stories and advice for living a full life. We are better Stephen Ministers because we have known these members. You are not alone in your grief, angst, loss, or pain if you are in the shadow of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church. Let us know how we can help. Call a minister or Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader today.



**Hanging of the Greens** will be next **Sunday, November 28** at 5:00 with dinner to follow in Fellowship Hall. Please come help decorate our Christmas trees, sing Christmas carols, and make some crafts.

**Youth:** We will meet today from 5-6:30pm at Gailey Hall. We will gather to share a meal, fellowship, bible study, as well as make smore's by the fire outside! We need volunteers to provide dinners. Please contact Isaac to sign up.

**November 21, 2021**



**Zooming Thru the Carols**  
Starts Monday, November 29! Look for an email each morning.



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

**Family Promise:** It's time, once again, to begin thinking of the many different ways you can assist with this very worthwhile outreach program. Our scheduled time for hosting the current two families (with 11 children between them) is December 26 to January 1, 2022. More details to come.

**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.



**The Presbyterian Women's Christmas Lunch and Celebration** will be on **December 12** in the Kirk Center after the Sunday service. Rev. Isaac and Christina Toney-Schmitt will share some Advent Poems. We will be taking reservations before the service. The cost is \$15 and lunch is included.

**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. Darrell Jones, Director of Stirred Up Ministries, is here with the ole blue bus and will worship with us **TODAY**, and can personally take donations before and after the service.



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

**Prayers** for the family of Louise Aldrich who passed away on April 15, 2021.

**Attendance:** 11/14 61(Outdoor), 50(online)

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

Giving



### Financial Update

November 12-17	Actual	Actual YTD	2021 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$15,560	\$442,590	\$438,290
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 125	\$ 36,486	\$ 70,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 0	\$ 8,238	\$ 6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,685</b>	<b>\$ 487,314</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)