



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 6, 2022 ✠ 10:30 AM

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

✠ GATHERING ✠

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Kyle Cumming

ONE: We have come to worship God, our mighty savior

ALL: **Who gives each of us particular gifts and abilities.**

ONE: We have come to worship God, our rock in tough times

ALL: **Who sits beside us and comforts us.**

ONE: We have come to worship God, our constant friend

ALL: **Who invites each of us to life together, life in God's community.**

ONE: Friends, let us worship God!

† MORNING SONG

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

Brian Doerksen (b. 1965)

Refrain

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now (*to refrain*)

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart soul mind and strength
We gladly choose You now (*to refrain*)

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ben Barber

Loving and Merciful God, you connect us to everything around us. You call us to love everyone just like you love, striving for unity instead of separation. We confess that we do not always live up to this call. Too often we leave someone out, ignore those on the edges, protect ourselves by hanging out with people like us. We do not see you in all of your diversity. Forgive us God, and guide us to a unity that welcomes all and values all. Show us a vision of life together, life united, life in you...Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Aidan Ray

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

† RESPONSE

“Lord, Prepare Me”

SANCTUARY

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Lord, teach your children, to stop their fighting, start uniting, all as one.

Let's get together, loving forever, a Sanctuary, for you.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Worth & Barbara Williams

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (THE APOSTLES' CREED)

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MVPC Youth

(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

Kate Christian

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12: 12-27

Kendall Slayden

HOMILY

Connecting Through God

Kate Christian & Kendall Slayden

✠ RESPONSE ✠

† SONG IN RESPONSE

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

Leader

*Lord the light of Your love is shining In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me*

Refrain (All)

**Shine Jesus shine Fill this land With the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow Flood the nations With grace and mercy
Send forth Your word Lord And let there be light**

Leader

*Lord I come to Your awesome presence From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me shine on me (to refrain)*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Toney-Schmitt & MVPC Youth

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

(The congregation is invited to come forward to receive a communion kit. After returning to your seat, we will partake in the sacrament together. If you prefer to remain seated, an usher will assist you with a kit.)

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✠ SENDING ✠

† 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

† BENEDICTION

Kate Christian & Kendall Slayden

POSTLUDE

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship” (Instrumental Reprise)

Matthias Young

Brian Doerksen (b. 1965)



Leading Today’s Worship Service

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Associate Pastor

Matthias Young, Director of Worship

&

MVPC Youth

Ben Barber

Kate Christian

Kyle Cumming

Aidan Ray

Kendall Slayden

*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.*

We are located at
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Sandy Springs, GA 30328
mvpchurch.org



Our mailing address is
P.O. Box 76051
Sandy Springs, GA 30358

MVPC Announcements....

3 Ways to Watch!

mvpchurch.org/watch/
Facebook Page
YouTube Channel



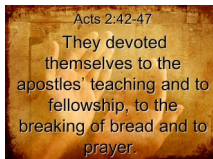
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Welcome! We are glad to be back in the Sanctuary with you today. Please feel free to spread out by sitting in the cushioned pews, and we request that you wear your mask at all times. If you would like more information on the church protocols, you can find a link on our website.

Visitors & Membership: Please go to our website: mvpchurch.org, 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:



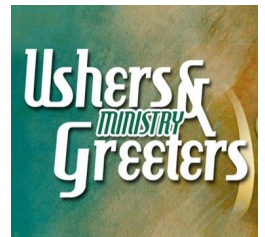
February 13 "Lifelong Discipleship Formation", Acts 2:42-47,
Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

February 20 "Intentional Authentic Evangelism", John 4:1-41, Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Ushers: Are you interested in becoming an usher but want to know more? Contact one of the ministers for more information.

Greeters: The Witness Committee wants to develop a greeter program. Please contact Angie Hawthorne or the church office if interested.

Committees & Coffee: This is a time for all of our ministry teams to come together and collaborate on different ideas and/or meet together to plan for future ministry events.



February Events:



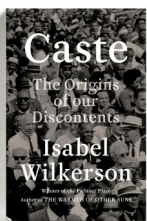
Committees & Coffee: Sunday, February 13, 9:30am

Winter Dinner & Variety Show: Sunday, February 20, 6-8pm (**SignUp Genius on website**)

Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 27, 9:30am (Bylaws are available to be picked up in the Narthex.)

Burn the Palms: Sunday, February 27, 11:30am

Inquirers Lunch: Sunday, February 27, noon



We are partnering with local Jewish and Christian congregations, as well as the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Foundation, to take part in a 6-week study of Isabel Wilkerson's book *Caste*, an award-winning work about current issues of race and class in America. This program will be similar to the "Reclaiming the Center" from a few years ago, and will bring diverse congregations together for conversation and community building. This group will meet on Thursdays 6-8:30pm, February 17- March 24, at rotating locations among the congregations involved. Sign ups are in the Narthex, or reach out to Rev. Toney-Schmitt.

February 6, 2022



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

Giving



Youth:

February 6: Youth Sunday, lunch, and climbing gym

February 13 Super Bowl Party, Gailey Hall, 6:30–halftime

February Communion Offering is for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, a Presbyterian-affiliated homeless shelter and transitional housing facility in the Lake Claire neighborhood of Atlanta. A list of most needed items are inserted in the bulletin.

Stephen Ministry: "Carry each other's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ" Gal. 6:2 Are you feeling alone, grieving long, hurting from a job loss, a friend's move or death, confused about God's place in your life after a painful or unsettling event or prolonged Covid conditions? Ask for a Stephen Minister who will walk with you through it in a non-judgmental, caring, clarifying relationship. We want to walk with you through the swamp to dry land and a more hopeful way of living. Contact a minister or Pat Barte, Stephen Leader.

Conversation (Adult Sunday School): Crossroads will not meet today, and Discovery meets in the Chapel and are using the book "The Present Word".

PW: On February 13, there will be a video presentation by Nancy Dimmock in the Sanctuary immediately after the service. Nancy Miller Dimmock is a second-generation missionary. She was born and raised in the Belgian Congo (now DRC) and served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Lesotho. She and her husband Frank served for 30 years with the Presbyterian Church in Lesotho, Malawi and Zambia. Nancy is now retired and living in Decatur, but she is actively working with the Ministry of Hope Lesotho. The presentation can also be viewed from the church website.

The **Book Circle** will meet on Friday, February 11, at 10:00 and discuss *Sparks Like Stars* by Nadia Hashimi.

Circle of Grace will meet on Sunday, February 27 at JoAnn Fifield's home.

The MVPC Members' Gift of Wisdom Winter issue is now available. You can pick up a copy in the Narthex or you can find it on the website in the 2022 Archives.

Prayer Concerns: Pat Barte, Carol Beckman, Bruce Hagenau, Alistair Morine, Rob Southard, Dave Whitacre, and vulnerable families, Zambia, Los Niños Primero, CAC, Family Promise

Congratulations to Gill and Felicia Hutt on the birth of their son, James, on December 12/29.

Attendance: 1/30 93(Sanctuary), 31 (online)

2022 Contribution Envelopes: Giving envelopes are in the Narthex to be picked up for everyone that ordered them. If you have questions, please contact Yvonne.

Financial Update

January 27-31, 2022	Actual	Actual YTD	2022 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$13,338	\$ 73,110	\$449,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 165	\$ 1,320	\$ 60,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 1,605	\$ 1,615	\$ 10,000
Total	\$15,108	\$ 76,045	\$ 519,000

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