



**MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 13, 2022 • 10:30 AM**

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

**GATHERING**

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**GATHERING MUSIC** “Open the Eyes of my Heart with Be Thou My Vision”  
Arr. Mark Hayes

Donna Maini

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our responsive  
Call expresses  
God's  
invitation to us  
to gather as  
Christ's body.  
It establishes  
the context of  
worship as an  
encounter with  
God.

ONE: We are here Lord, your people, gathered together in your presence.

**ALL: We gather this day to hear and learn from God's Living Word.**

ONE: For God's Word is alive and active, sharper than any two-edged sword!

**ALL: The living word of God clarifies our minds, incites our hearts, and quickens our wills.**

ONE: We have a high priest who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses.

**ALL: He has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin.**

ONE: Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence,

**ALL: So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**

† **OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

† **MORNING SONG**

**“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!

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 OF CONFESSION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

God of all praise and glory—you call us to rejoice in you, to praise your name, to find comfort in your presence, to stand in awe, to bow in confession, to come and worship. You call us to approach you with confidence because of your deep and abundant love for us. And in worship, you meet us in ways we understand and do not understand. Your Spirit proclaims the truth, your Word anoints us with wisdom, and your roots grow deeper in our souls. Lord, you deserve our worship each day. So, please forgive us when we forget what it is about; when we think ourselves too busy. Forgive us when we make it about what we desire or what entertains us. This sacred gift of wonder and love was meant to be so much more than we often make it. Yet we long to experience you, God. We need you. So, inspire our worship with your Spirit that our hearts and our lives are transformed by your wonder. This we pray to the living God who encounters us in worship ...*(silent confession)* Amen.

We lead this prayer from the font to connect our confession with the grace-filled and forgiving waters of our Baptism.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

† RESPONSE

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

MORNING SONG

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us, Lord, to pray,  
But You alone can grant us grace To live the words we say.

The Presbyterian Church receives new members in three ways: public profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or certificate of transfer from another church.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

DeDe Callahan

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Apostles’ Creed*)

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

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

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

Hebrews 4:12-16

HOMILY

*Mark Five: Spirit-Inspired Worship*

## RESPONSE

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.

† SONG IN RESPONSE

**"In Christ Alone"**

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gloria Gillespie

## 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.  
When I fall down, you pick me up;  
When I am dry, you fill my cup;  
You are my all in all  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!  
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### † BENEDICTION

Shari Freeman

### POSTLUDE

#### “Fanfare”

Donna Maini

Jacques Lemmens (1823-1881) arr. David Paxton

#### Leading Today's Worship Service

**Rev. Barrett Abernethy**, Senior Pastor

**Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt**, Associate Pastor

**Matthias Young**, Director of Worship

**Donna Maini**, Accompanist

**Shari Freeman**, Seminary Intern

*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 places as you exit.*

*If you are interested in joining MVP Church,  
go to the Visitor's Table to pick up a visitor bag and a little gift  
and someone will be there to greet you.*

We are located at:  
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Sandy Springs, GA 30328  
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Sandy Springs, GA 30358

# MVPC Announcements....



**WWW.MVPCCHURCH.ORG**

**Welcome!** We are glad to worship with you in the Sanctuary today. 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.

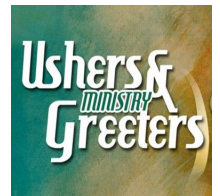


## Upcoming Services:

March 20 "Caring Relationships", Galatians 6:1-10, Rev. Barrett Abernethy

March 27 Outdoor Service, joint service with Mount Vernon School  
Ezra 3:1, 10-13, Foundation & Incarnation

**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.

**Lent Calendar:** If you would like suggestions of what to do during lent, pick up a calendar in the Narthex

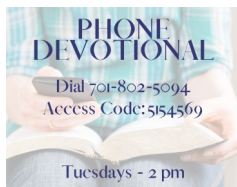
## March Event:



March 27 - Joint MVPC/Mount Vernon School worship service celebrating their 50th year on our campus. It will take place on the courtyard with brunch to follow in the Mount Vernon Upper Campus Building.

**Youth:** Spring Break! We meet again next Sunday, March 20.

**March 13, 2022**



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

Giving



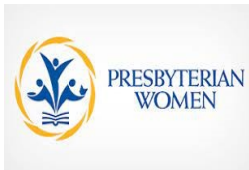
**Stephen Ministry:** Are you struggling with doubt, fear, isolation or illness? Are you dealing with loss and just cannot move forward? Do you have multiple things that plague you and immobilize you? Could you use a weekly visit (adjusted for Covid , as needed) of listening and hearing, reassurance, encouragement, and a new perspective ? Are you pleased to know you would have the same person every time who keeps all said between you confidential? Are you ready for relief and joy? Call a pastor or Pat Bartee, Stephen leader to get started.

**March Communion Offering** is for the International Women's House, a shelter for abused refugee and immigrant women and their children. Please pick up one of the "Shopping for Outreach" blue bags in the Narthex on Sunday. A shopping list is attached to make it easier while you are at the store. Return items in the shopping bag and pickup a new empty bag for next month. You can now order online and have it delivered to the church.



**Family Promise/Meals with Meaning:** Thursday, March 24, 6-9pm, Temple Sinai

**Conversation (Adult Sunday School):** Crossroads meets in the Session Room, and Discovery meets in the Chapel and are using the book "The Present Word".



**Presbyterian Women:** In March, the **Day Circle** will meet on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the **Sunday Circle** will meet on the 13<sup>th</sup>. They will study lesson 6, *Bathsheba*, in our Bible study guide, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*.

**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:** George Hammett, Amy Kiley, Alistair Morine, Beverly Northrop, Rob Southard, Dave Whitacre, and vulnerable families, Zambia, Los Niños Primero, CAC, Family Promise

**Attendance:** 3/6 78(Sanctuary), 9(online)

### Financial Update

March 1-9	Actual	Actual YTD	2022 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$ 7,347	\$ 123,511	\$449,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 290	\$ 5,380	\$ 60,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 0	\$ 1,873	\$ 10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,637</b>	<b>\$130,764</b>	<b>\$ 519,000</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)