



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 10, 2022 • 10:30 AM

† For those who are able, please stand.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

"The Palms"
Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Donna Maini

RINGING OF THE BELLS

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*see insert*)

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

OPENING PRAYER

† CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Hosanna!

ALL: Hosanna in the highest!

ONE: Blessed is he who comes,

ALL: In the name of the Lord!

ONE: Lord, on this Palm Sunday we shout Hosanna,

ALL: In hopes you will save us.

ONE: Show us how you are King this day,

ALL: And lead us to glorify your name. Let us worship God!

† MORNING SONG (*see insert*)

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
ELLACOMBE

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

On this Sunday, O God, we remember how quickly we change.

How fickle we are, how we pledge our devotion one moment

and turn our backs the next. We go from shouting "Hosanna! Save Us!"

to "Crucify Him." We declare that we love our neighbors and then we turn our backs

on the homeless and hungry in our communities. We speak up for change and justice in one breath,

and then continue unjust practices in our daily lives by what we consume and the needs we ignore.

Forgive us, O God, for we are half-hearted believers.

Forgive us, O God, for we are partial justice warriors.

Forgive us, O God, for we tire easily and we forget, and we grow weary.

Forgive us, restore us, and renew us for the journey of faith, so that we might become whole people who live wholly into Your vision of new life. In the name of Christ, who lived into the fullness of humanity, and whom we follow... (*silent confession*)...Amen.

Children and parents are invited to process in with the choir and pastors as we wave palms and celebrate Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. All in the congregation are invited to wave their branches as we sing this day.

† 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER: Shari Freeman

Rev. 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

Rev. Abernethy

SCRIPTURE

John 12:12-19

HOMILY

The Eternal Shout

We receive new members in this manner as a reminder that we collectively are a living body of Christ. This body constantly changes, but is sustained by the grace and love we witness from Jesus and express to one another.

Even though we commonly call this day Palm Sunday, the Gospel of John is the only gospel that mentions the people waving palms as Jesus enters Jerusalem. The other 3 gospels speak of people placing cloaks along the road, while Mark also mentions the laying of “leafy branches.”

RESPONSE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(an excerpt from the Barmen Declaration)*

Rev. Abernethy

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

OFFERTORY

"Lift High the Cross"

arr. Lloyd Larson

† 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

Penny Kiel

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Abernethy

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Shari Freeman

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 communion. If you prefer a Covid Communion kit, let the pastor know. If you prefer to remain seated, an usher will bring it to you.)

"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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

† SONG FOR DISMISSAL

"Hosanna"
Carl Tuttle

Hosanna hosanna Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna hosanna Hosanna in the highest

Lord we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise
Be exalted oh Lord my God Hosanna in the highest

Glory glory Glory to the King of kings
Glory glory Glory to the King of kings

Lord we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise
Be exalted oh Lord my God Glory to the King of kings

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Abernethy

POSTLUDE

"In The Cross of Christ I Glory"
Michael Burkhalter

Donna Maini

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
mvpchurch.org



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

MVPC Announcements....



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Help us out with our "Summer Song Series"! What is a hymn or song you want sung and for Barrett & Isaac to preach on?

1. _____
2. _____

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:



- April 12 Taizé, Tuesday @ 7:00pm in the Sanctuary
- April 17 Easter Sunrise Service 6:45am on patio, Worship at 10:30am, John 20:1-18
- April 24 **Outdoor Service**, Genesis 1:1-31, "And God Said That It Was Good", Rev. Barrett Abernethy

**Bring your flowers next Sunday
to help decorate the cross!**

April Events:

- April 10 Palm Sunday, Lunch and Egg Hunt
- April 11-15 Daily Devotional & Light Lunch (except Maundy Thursday) @ noon
- April 14 Maundy Thursday in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm, Agape Meal in Gailey Hall (SignUp Genius on website or sign-up in the Narthex to bring a food item)
- April 17 Sunrise Service on the Patio 6:45am, Sanctuary Worship at 10:30am



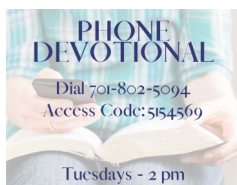
EACH ONE REACH ONE The Witness Ministry Team invites you to share the MVPC message of Easter by sharing the invitations found in the Narthex. These invitations share a photo of our annual glorious floral cross with all of the information needed to attend our multiple services and events on the back. Imagine doubling the size of our attendance!! We can do it!!

Ushers: We will resume the practice of passing the offering plates during worship on April 10, but we need more ushers. Please contact Kirk Chalpan or the church office if you would like to serve.



Youth: We meet TODAY at 5pm at Gailey Hall.

April 10, 2022



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

Giving



CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 18

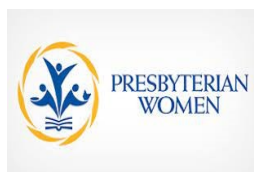


Stephen Ministry: Before Easter is a time for reassessment. Many "give up" something that is superfluous or distracting in their life. Some restudy the steps leading to the crucifixion to understand the magnitude of God's action on our behalf. Our Stephen Ministers are here to help you clarify your purpose and place in a dazed and confused world and to re-establish the joy and the sense of community that is available to you. Call a minister or Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader, to get involved.

April Communion Offering is for Community Assistance Center (CAC) helping restock the Food Pantry with toiletries and non-perishable foods. The blue shopping bags with a list of most needed items attached are in the Narthex.



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: The **Day Circle** will meet on April 12 and the **Sunday Circle** will meet on April 10. They will study lesson 7, "Mary", in the Horizons Bible Study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*. The Book Circle will meet on April 8 and review the book, *Clementine, the Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill*, by Sonia Purnell. On April 12, many of the Day Circle members will stay after the meeting for the Daily Devotional and light lunch. The **Circle of Grace** will meet at the home of Gloria Gillespie on April 24.

The MVPC Members' Gift of Wisdom Spring/Summer issue will be available in May.

Prayer Concerns: Family of Shari Freeman, Jeannie Lee, Rev. Asa Meadows, Alistair Morine, Beverly Northrop, Rob Southard, Jody Travis, Dave Whitacre, people of Ukraine, and vulnerable families, Zambia, Los Niños Primero, CAC, Family Promise

Attendance: 4/3 85(Sanctuary), 8(online)

Please sign the Attendance Pad and pass it down the pew as you greet your neighbor!

Financial Update

March 30-31	Actual	Actual YTD	2022 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$ 1,685	\$ 157,844	\$449,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 130	\$ 7,723	\$ 60,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 0	\$ 2,213	\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 1,815	\$167,780	\$ 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