



**MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JULY 24, 2022 • 10:30 AM**

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

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**"Once in Royal David's City"**  
arr. Michele Murray

Donna Maini

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*inspired by Isaiah 9:2-7*)

ONE: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; on them the light shines

**ALL: God has multiplied us, lifted our burdens, and increased our joy**

ONE: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; we declare him to be

**ALL: Wonderful Counselor**

ONE: Mighty God

**ALL: Everlasting Father**

ONE: Prince of Peace. Let us worship God!

† **MORNING SONG**

**"O Come, All Ye Faithful"**  
**ADESTE FIDELES**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

*Refrain*

O come, let us adore Him,

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O come, let us adore Him,

Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,

Jesus, to Thee be all glory given; Word of the Father,

Now in flesh appearing! (*refrain*)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all

Glory in the highest! (*refrain*)

The authorship of this hymn has been attributed to many hymnists, even anonymous monks. The earliest printed manuscript was published in 1751 by John Francis Wade.

† PRAYER OF HOPE

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

God of Grace, it is a joy to celebrate your birth! In our celebration outside the “normal” Christmas season, we affirm that you are present in all times and places. We declare our intent to expect you around every corner and in every face. We lift up our hope that expecting you will nourish us and sustain us. Although we live in an in between time this July, at once far from your birth and seemingly far from your return, we place our faith in your constant presence. For in the beginning was the Word, and we have seen his glory. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

† RESPONSE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain*

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

*(Please greet each other with the peace of Christ, in a manner comfortable for one another.)*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-14

HOMILY

*Advent in July*

## RESPONSE

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from The Confession of 1967*)

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with man. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. The work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, man, and the world. Therefore the church calls men to be reconciled to God and to one another. Amen.

### 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.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

**"Trepak" from *The Nutcracker***  
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)  
arr. Matthias Young

Matthias Young, Guitar

### † 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

Betsy Cozine

## SENDING

### † SONG FOR DISMISSAL

### “Joy to the World” ANTIOCH

The English  
hymnist and  
Minister,  
Isaac Watts,  
penned this  
hymn in  
1719,  
inspired by  
Psalm 98.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns: let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders, of His love.

### † BENEDICTION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

### POSTLUDE

"Alleluia, Alleluia!"  
arr. Dick Torrans

Donna Maini

Leading Today's Worship Service  
**Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt**, Associate Pastor  
**Matthias Young**, Director of Worship  
**Donna Maini**, Accompanist

*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:  
471 Mount Vernon Hwy., NE  
Sandy Springs, GA 30328  
[mvpchurch.org](http://mvpchurch.org)



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

# MVPC Announcements....

## 3 Ways to Watch!

[mvpchurch.org/watch/](http://mvpchurch.org/watch/)

Facebook Page

YouTube Channel



[WWW.MVPCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.MVPCHURCH.ORG)

Hymn idea? Let us know what you want to sing!

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Welcome!** We are glad to worship with you 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](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:

David's Prayer of Thanksgiving

July 31 1 Chronicles 17:16-17, "Faith's Review and Expectation",  
Rev. Barrett Abernethy

August 7 Philippians 1:12-30, "Mine is Jesus, Assurance Blessed!",  
Rev. Barrett Abernethy

**Vital Congregations Initiative:** Explore the Neighborhood - Join us after church **TODAY** in the Session room for a brief training on how to explore our church campus and the surrounding neighborhoods.

**Senior Adults:** We're going to the Governor's Mansion this Thursday, **July 28 at 9:00am**. If interested, sign up in the Narthex the next three Sundays.



**Saturday VBS!** Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to our one day HayDay VBS on Saturday, **August 13** from 9:30am - 3:00pm. Kids will be up to their elbows in farmin' fun as they explore one simple Bible truth: Jesus will always love us! We can't wait to see you there! Register at: [www.myvbs.org/mvpc2022/](http://www.myvbs.org/mvpc2022/)

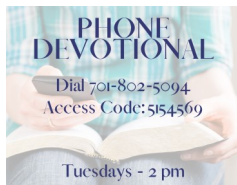
**Child Protection Training:** All children and youth volunteers should plan to attend one of our child protection trainings. **July 31 @ 11:30, August 9 @ 4:00**



**Men's Breakfast:** All men are invited to join us on Sunday, July 31 at 8:30am in Fellowship Hall.

**Stephen Ministry:** At MVPC, no one should ever feel they are facing trouble alone. Our Stephen Ministry provides one-on-one, confidential relationships with laypeople who have been through extensive training to help empower others and help them move forward. Please contact a minister or Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader, to get started.

**July 24, 2022**



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

Giving



**Connection Snacks:** Please sign up on the SignUp Genius on the website or let Debbie know what day you would like to bring snack through December. Thank you to the ones who have signed up and brought snacks!



**Ministry Team Cards:** these cards include events August–October are available to be picked up in the Narthex.

**Conversation (Adult Sunday School):** Discovery meets in the Chapel and are using the book “The Present Word”. Crossroads is taking the summer off and will return in September.



**July Communion Offering:** We are collecting school supplies for Sandy Springs Education Force and Stirred-Up Ministries. Stirred-Up Ministries offers year-round support to East Lake area of Atlanta youth and their families. Sandy Springs Education Force (in partnership with the Community Assistance Center) offers a Teacher Supply Closet for teachers in the Sandy Springs schools to order supplies for economically disadvantaged students throughout the school year.

**Presbyterian Women:** PW will resume on **Sunday, August 28** with our Salad Luncheon and Officer Installation.

**The MVPC Members' Gift of Wisdom** Spring/Summer issue is available in the Narthex and Information Centers.

**Atlanta Concert Band: August 13 at 3:30pm,** Roswell Cultural Arts Center.  
More info: John Hibbard



**MVP Foundation:** Join us in our “\$22K for 2022” matching campaign! We have a wonderful donor willing to match dollar for dollar up to \$22K. To date we have received \$12K. The MVP Foundation has provided over \$500,000 to various mission partners such as our Youth Group, Los Niños, CAC, as well as the Intern Program here at MVPC.



**Do you feel a need for prayer?** Have our Prayer Vine pray for you! Email your requests to [pbartee@yahoo.com](mailto:pbartee@yahoo.com) or call the church office at 404.255.2211.

**Prayer Concerns:** Carolyn Ashby, Mrs. JB, James Ballew, Nicole Brown, Iva Corbin, Neill Ferrill, Charlie Gray, Rev. Susan Haynes, Jeannie Lee, Alistair Morine, Irene Nelson, Beverly Northrop, Karla Schultz, Rob Southard, Dave Whitacre, Yvonne White and her family, people of Ukraine, Zambia, Los Niños Primero, CAC, Family Promise

**Attendance:** 7/17    Worship    66  
                         Online        15

## Financial Update

July 8-19	Actual	Actual YTD	2022 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$ 27,074	\$ 300,392	\$449,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 175	\$ 21,366	\$ 60,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 121	\$ 5,959	\$ 10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 27,370</b>	<b>\$ 327,717</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)