



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 14, 2022 • 10:30 AM

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

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

"Children's Song Medley"

Donna Maini

arr. Douglas Wagner

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*inspired by Mark 10:13-16*)

ONE: During their travels, people were bringing children to Jesus so that he might touch them, but the disciples turned them away.

ALL: When Jesus saw this he said, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them,

ONE: For it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

ALL: Jesus continued, "Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

ONE: Jesus took the children up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

ALL: Let us worship God!

† **MORNING SONG #403**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

CONVERSE

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge - take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

Our VBS theme this year was "Friends with Jesus." This hymn connects us with that theme and was written in 1855 by Joseph Scriven to comfort his mother, who at the time lived in Canada while she was in Ireland.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION & HOPE

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

God of Grace, we confess that we are not always the friends you call us to be. We can be as rude as we are loving. We can be as hurtful as we are comforting. We can be as closed-off as we are inviting and open. Forgive us God, and pour grace over this community. Fill our sanctuary with the hope that those invited in will find a home, that feelings of hurt and isolation will transform in love and acceptance, and that friendship will live here. Touch our struggles and our hopes, lay hands on them, and bless them... *(silent confession)* ... Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

† RESPONSE #304

"Jesus Loves Me!"

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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

Romans 5:11

HOMILY

Friends with Jesus

This famous hymn provided a source of comfort for future President John F. Kennedy and the other survivors of the WWII vessel PT-109. The Solomon Island natives who helped rescue the Marines connected with one another by singing this song. The Islanders learned the hymn from Seventh-Day Adventists missionaries.

RESPONSE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from Deuteronomy 6:4-9*)

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Abernethy

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.

OFFERTORY

"Concertino" Op. 21, No. 2
Paul Creston

Ryan Sawyer, Marimba
Donna Maini, Piano

† 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

Patricia Hibbard

Instruments like the marimba have been present throughout the history of Sub-Saharan Africa. Today's marimba is most similar to marimbas found in Angola and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

SENDING

† SONG FOR DISMISSAL

"Here I Am, Lord"
HERE I AM, LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain. I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? (*refrain*)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? (*refrain*)

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

POSTLUDE

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"
ROYAL OAK

Ryan Sawyer
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
Ryan Sawyer, Guest 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:
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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



WWW.MVPCHURCH.ORG

Hymn idea? Sermon idea?

Let us know what you want to hear!

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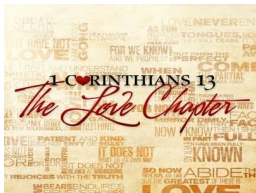
2. _____

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, 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:



August 21 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, "Above All, Love", Rev. Barrett Abernethy

August 28 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, "For All the Saints", Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Committees & Coffee: All are invited **TODAY** at 11:30am in Fellowship Hall.



Stephen Ministry: "Loneliness does not come from having no people around you, but from being unable to communicate the things that seem important to you." Carl Jung
The Stephen Ministry at our church provides a skilled, trained layperson to listen to and hear you when you are hurting, angry, confused, or lonely. Please contact a pastor or Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader to ask questions or to get involved.

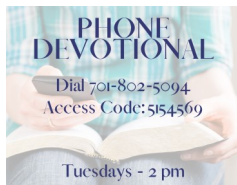
Connection Snacks: We have just three slots open. SignUp Genius is on our website or you sign up in the Narthex. Thank you to the ones who have signed up and brought snacks!



Church Directory: It's that time again when the directory needs to be updated. If your address, email, or phone number has changed, please contact debbie@mvpchurch.org or call the church office with your updates. **Deadline: August 31**

Ways to Connect: Are you on our mailing list for the weekly *Happenings* email? How about the monthly newsletter *The Good News*? If not and you would like to receive them, send an email to debbie@mvpchurch.org

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

Giving



Ministry Team Cards: these cards include events for 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.



August Communion Offering is for the International Women's House, a shelter for abused refugee and immigrant women and their children. Shopping list is on the blue bags in the Narthex. For more information about the shelter, please go to www.internationalwomenshouse.com.

Presbyterian Women: Save the date! The Presbyterian Women's Kickoff Luncheon will be on **August 28** in the Kirk Center right after the morning service. Bring a salad and join us for the luncheon and installation of officers. Drinks will be provided.



The MVPC Members' Gift of Wisdom: Fall issue will be available in the Narthex and Information Centers later this month.

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 or call the church office at 404.255.2211.

Prayer Concerns: Mrs. JB, James Ballew, Nicole Brown, John Robert Christian, Alma Dowdakin, Rachel Barclift Emery, Neill Ferrill, Jeannie Lee, Alistair Morine, Irene Nelson, Beverly Northrop, Karla Schultz, Rob Southard, Dave Whitacre, people of Ukraine, Zambia

Attendance: 8/7	Worship	78
	Online	27

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

Financial Update

August 1–10	Actual	Actual YTD	2022 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$ 8,662	\$ 321,550	\$449,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 345	\$ 22,852	\$ 60,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 161	\$ 6,149	\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 9,168	\$350,551	\$ 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