



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 21, 2022 • 10:30 AM

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

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

Donna Maini

arr. Mark Hayes

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: God of grace!

ALL: God of glory!

ONE: Grant us wisdom!

ALL: Grant us courage!

ONE: For the facing of this hour.

ALL: For the living of these days.

ONE: Serving thee whom we adore.

ALL: Let us worship God!

† **MORNING SONG**

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

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 (*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 (*refrain*)

This song, a favorite of the youth of the church, was written by Canadian artist Brian Doerksen. Through the lyrics, the song assures us that God welcomes us as we are, and longs to bear witness to the diversity God has created.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Redeeming God, today we are reminded that the church is flawed and broken. The earliest of believers hurled insults at each other and were unfaithful toward one another. While many things have changed, many have also stayed the same. Forgive us for we have sinned in the manner as the saints who came before us. Let us remember this day that as the church wonders aloud about its place in the world, that love is patient and love is kind. Lead us to celebrate those who are present and embody a spirit of friendship to those who are not, for you have brought us here to share in the good news of your son, Jesus Christ. Remind us that no matter how long we have to serve, that we must always abide in faith, hope, and love... *(silent confession)* ... Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

† RESPONSE #420 v.2 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

Lo! The hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!

From the fears that long have bound us

Free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,

For the living of these days.

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. Abernethy

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

HOMILY

Above All, Love

Often known as the “wedding scripture,” I hope you will see this scripture this morning as it was intended; to serve a divided people.

RESPONSE

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from the Confession of 1967 9.33 and 9.35*) Rev. Abernethy

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. 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.

OFFERTORY "When I Think Upon Thy Goodness" Anthony Menardi, Tenor
Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

When I think upon Thy goodness, And recall Thy tender care,
Then, O Lord, my heart confesseth, How great Thy bounties are.

For Thy love it ever floweth, Like the sea, it hath no bound;
When in grief my heart was broken, Then, O Lord, was mercy found.

† **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** Bruce Northrop

SENDING

† SONG FOR DISMISSAL #420 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

Cure Thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces, pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore.

Our focus hymn for this Sunday, writer and pastor Henry Emerson Fosdick penned these lyrics amid the Great Depression. Originally written for the tune *Regent Square*, we sing the song to the tune of *CWM Rhondda*, a change that Fosdick himself despised.

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"
Arr. David Paxton

Rev. Abernethy

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

*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.*

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MVPC Announcements....

3 Ways to Watch!

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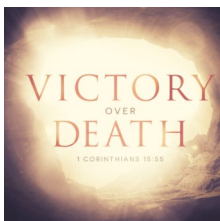
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Hymn idea? Sermon idea?
Let us know what you want to hear!

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, 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 28	1 Corinthians 15:50-58, "For All the Saints", Rev. Barrett Abernethy
September 4	Mark 6:30-32, "Come Away and Rest", Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Fall Kick-Off! Plan on joining us on Sunday, **September 11** after worship for our annual Fall Kick-off. Come learn how to get involved in the various ministries in the life of the church. We'll be serving BBQ Pork and have a corn hole tournament! We look forward to seeing you there!



Stephen Ministry: The job of turning things around can seldom be done alone. That is why our church has a trained group of laypeople called Stephen Ministers who will walk the path with you, offering encouragement, new strategies, and lots of listening. If you are going through a divorce, loss of job, grief, a big move, empty nest, new health diagnosis, or whatever rocks your world, we are here for you. Contact a minister or Pat Bartee, Stephen leader, to get started.

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!

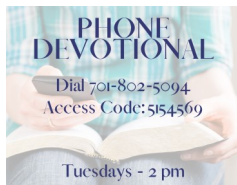


Mount Vernon Presbyterian
Church Directory
2021-2022

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

August 21, 2022



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

Giving



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

Ministry Team Cards: these cards include events for August–October and 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 next Sunday, **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 MVP Members' Gift of Wisdom: Fall issue is available in the Narthex and Information Centers.

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 MVP.



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, Dee Bradford-Smith, Nicole Brown, John Robert Christian, Alma Dowdakin, Rachel Barclift Emery, Neill Ferrill, Jeannie Lee, Alistair Morine, Irene Nelson, Karla Schultz, Beth S., Laura Snipes, Rob Southard, people of Ukraine, Zambia

Attendance: 8/14	Worship	86
	Online	24

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

Financial Update

August 11-17	Actual	Actual YTD	2022 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$ 6,770	\$ 328,320	\$449,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 1,660	\$ 24,512	\$ 60,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 60	\$ 6,209	\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 8,490	\$ 359,041	\$ 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