



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 30, 2022 • 10:30 AM

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

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

“Brother James Air”
arr. Alice Jordan

Donna Maini

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Soli Deo Gloria.

ALL: Glory to God alone.

ONE: Glory that unites our faith and Christ.

ALL: Glory that unites our scriptures and grace.

ONE: Glory that directs our very being to God.

ALL: Glory to God! Let us worship God!

† **MORNING SONG #280**

“Amazing Grace” John Mohr Mackintosh Pipes & Drums
AMAZING GRACE

Our bagpipers today are from John Mohr Mackintosh Pipes & Drums. They perform annually at the Stone Mountain Highland Games and have been using our campus for their rehearsals for many years.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;

’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Shari Freeman

Our Confession
is inspired by
"A prayer for
Reformation
Sunday" by
Chris Currie
published in
the
Presbyterian
Outlook.

On Reformation Sunday we celebrate our great leaders, and we honestly remember their brokenness. For Martin Luther's international leadership and fervent antisemitism, we confess alongside him. For John Calvin's good and blessed society in Geneva that killed those who rejected his rule, we confess alongside him. For John Knox's passionate defense of the faith in the political arena and his puritanical rejection of art and diversity, we confess alongside him. For a Reformation that used violence and sowed division between our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters, we confess alongside them. Reformed and always being reformed, according to your word oh God.... *(silent confession)* ... Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

† RESPONSE #526

"For All The Saints"

SINE NOMINE

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

CELEBRATION OF THE SAINTS

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

Mary Lou Newman	12/9/21
Ann Addison	4/14/22
Laura Snipes	8/29/22
Jeannie Lee	9/21/22
John Robert Christian	9/24/22

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Shari Freeman

(All children 5th grade and younger are invited to come forward for storytelling and prayer.)

† 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 9:13-25

HOMILY

"Glory to God Alone"

RESPONSE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Scots Confession 3.01*)

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory. Amen.

Our Affirmation is the first chapter of the charter document of the Church of Scotland. The Scots Confession was written in part by John Knox on request of the Scottish Parliament, and it is the oldest of the Reformation-era confessions in our *Book of Confessions*.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Shari Freeman

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

Requiem: Op. 48, No. 7: "In Paradisum" ("Into Paradise")
Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

God's holy angels lead you to paradise;
may saints in their glory receive you at your journey's end,
guiding your footsteps into the Holy City Jerusalem,
Choirs of angels sing you to your rest:
and with Lazarus raised to eternal life,
may you for evermore rest in peace.

† 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

Bob Addison

SENDING

† SONG FOR DISMISSAL

“Sound of the Saints”

Audio Adrenaline

Oh I love to hear the song of creation the wind and the rhythm of the rain
Oh the thunder it speaks of Your power but there's something in the sound of the saints

I've been washed in the roar of the ocean found peace in the echoes of a cave
And the trees of the field they clap their hands but there's something in the sound of the saints

From the lips of those You saved a redemption song will rise
With a sound so full it cracks the sky

Whoa we sing hallelujah whoa we sing amen
Hear the sound of the saints as we march onto Zion
Singing alleluia amen
(Singing) alleluia amen

I will hear the chorus of the angels forever a symphony of praise
I long to hear the voice of my Savior and He hears us the sound of the saints

From the lips of those You saved
A redemption song will rise
Ev'ry tongue ev'ry tribe hear the Church Your bride

Whoa we sing hallelujah whoa we sing amen
hear the sound of the saints as we march onto Zion
Singing alleluia amen
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† BENEDICTION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

POSTLUDE

“Scotland the Brave”

Harry Lauder (1870 - 1950)

JMM Pipes & Drums

Leading Today's Worship Service

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Associate Pastor

Matthias Young, Director of Worship

Donna Maini, Accompanist

Shari Freeman, Seminary Intern

We sincerely thank Laurie Bailey and all of the members of
John Mohr Mackintosh Pipes & Drums for sharing their time and talents
during today's worship service.

We are located at:
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Sandy Springs, GA 30328
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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

Favorite/Least favorite scriptures or passages of the Bible?

Favorite: _____

Least: _____

Welcome! We are glad to worship with you today!

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:



November 6 **Outdoor**, “*The Beauty of Unity*”, Ephesians 4:1-16,
Rev. Barrett Abernethy

November 13 “*Affordable Housing*”, 2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13, Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Conversation (Adult Sunday School): Discovery meets in the Chapel and is using the book “The Present Word”. Crossroads meets in the Session Room and is studying “*Mere Christianity*” by C. S. Lewis. Contact Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt for more information.

Presbyterian Women: The **Day Circle** and the **Sunday Circle** are meeting together on Tuesday, November 8, in the Chapel. They will study Lesson 4, *Sabbath and Surrender*, in the Bible study guide, *Celebrating Sabbath*. The **Circle of Grace** will meet on November 13 at the home of Carrie Southard. The **Book Circle** will meet on November 11 and review *The Flawed Family of God* by Carol Heisel and Suzy Park.

Youth: We are looking forward to The Presbytery Middle School Retreat at Camp Calvin (Nov. 4-6), and the Senior High Camping trip to North Georgia (Nov. 11-13).

It's not too late to turn in your pledge card! Please feel free to mail it back or drop it off at the church office. You can also fill out your pledge online at mvpchurch.org.

2022 MVPCHURCH VERMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ESTIMATE OF GIVING

Name(s): _____

My total gift for 2022 will be \$ _____

Give to give:

☐ 1 time ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly

Using the enclosed envelope, please bring your pledge card to the Communion Sunday, October 23, and your pledge card to: P.O. Box 7000, Sandy Springs, GA 30077 or send an email to pledge@mvpchurch.org.

These Days Daily Devotions for Oct-Dec are available in the narthex and in the church office. The November-December **Upper Room** is also available in the Information Centers and in the Narthex. Pick one up and one to share with a friend!

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

Giving



Ministry Team Cards: are available to be picked up in the Narthex.

The November Communion Offering will continue one of our congregation's longest outreach traditions (more than 25 years!) by collecting non-perishable food items for Stirred-Up Ministries to distribute in Thanksgiving baskets for vulnerable families in the East Lake area of Atlanta. Stirred-Up Ministries is a year-round enrichment program for at-risk youth providing summer sports camps, tutoring, mentoring, and family counseling designed to help the kids succeed in school and embrace God's vision and purpose for their lives.



Stephen Ministry: Ghosts of the past haunting your dreams? Masking yourself as happy to avoid facing deep sorrow? At MVPC we offer a solution! Our Stephen Ministers are ready to walk with you through the gloom and help you to a less burdened and lighter future. If you are going through a "hard patch" and would benefit from companionship, encouragement, clarification, resources, and the renewal of your spirit, contact a pastor or Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader.

The MVPC Members' Gift of Wisdom: Fall issue is available in the Narthex and Information Centers.

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

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, Eliana, Alistair & Karen Morine, Irene Nelson, Jerniyah Paris, Elaine Rawlings, Wilma Schmidt, Rob Southard, and people of Ukraine and Zambia.

Attendance: 10/23 Worship 99
 Online 23

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

Financial Update

October 19-26	Actual	Actual YTD	2022 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$ 3,551	\$ 406,600	\$449,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 6,476	\$ 41,839	\$ 60,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 272	\$ 7,081	\$ 10,000
Total	\$10,299	\$ 455,520	\$ 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