



**MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 20, 2022 • 10:30 AM**

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

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**“Let All Things Now Living”**  
arr. James Mansfield

Donna Maini

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: This week our world prepares to share in a spirit of gratitude.

**ALL: As the church, let us express the gratitude we have for Christ Jesus.**

ONE: Why are we thankful for Christ?

**ALL: Because his throne sits on a platform of service.**

ONE: How does he serve?

**ALL: He sees the least as the greatest and longs for us to embody this spirit.**

ONE: Where do we find this spirit?

**ALL: Right here. In the Word. Let us worship God!**

† **MORNING SONG #142**      **“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”**  
**CORONATION**

All hail the power of Jesus’ Name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!  
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Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!  
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O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!  
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!  
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Matthew 25 reveals how Christ longs to see more than one person repent of sin, but rather an entire society to change its ways. We live into this hope every Sunday when we give time to confess as first a body (in unison prayer), and individually (in silent confession).

## † PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations:

We confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry; we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless. We have not welcomed the stranger, nor have we visited the imprisoned. We have not paid attention to these, our sisters and brothers, and in our neglect we have failed to serve you. Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family, and give us the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints in this world and in the world to come...  
(*silent confession*) ... Amen.

## † ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

## † RESPONSE #155

**“Rejoice the Lord is King”**  
**DARWALL’S 148TH**

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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## CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

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

Afterwards the children are invited to Children’s Church in the Chapel.)

## † 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.)

Christ the King marks the final Sunday of the Christian calendar. Next week, we begin anew as we prepare for the birth of Christ during Advent. Hence, as we close this year, we return to Matthew 25, a famous passage that invites us to witness what the kingdom of heaven, and the reign of Christ, envisions.

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Abernethy

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:31-46

### HOMILY

“Christus Rex 1 (King Christ 1)”

## RESPONSE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from the Brief Statement of Faith*)

Rev. Abernethy

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

OFFERTORY

“Praise the Lord, All You Nations”

James Biery (b. 1956)

*Praise the Lord, all you nations: extol God, all you peoples.  
For great is God's steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.  
Hallelujah!*

† 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

Glen & Charlie Grove

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Abernethy

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Isaac 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 elder will bring communion to you.*)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

## SENDING

### † SONG FOR DISMISSAL

#### **“For Everyone Born”** FOR EVERYONE BORN (see insert)

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

#### *Refrain*

and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,  
Compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,  
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair,  
(refrain)

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong,  
(refrain)

For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, a abused, with need to forgive,  
In agner, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live,  
(refrain)

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,  
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, te right to be free,  
(retrain)

### † BENEDICTION

Rev. Abernethy

### POSTLUDE

**Fanfare on “Lobe Den Herren”**  
Craig Penfield (b. 1948)

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

*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



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)

Back by Popular Demand..

Zooming Thru the Carols!

What is(are) your favorite Christmas Carol(s)?

**Welcome! We are glad to worship with you today!**

**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:



**November 27**

*"Characters of Christmas – Angel Gabriel"*, Luke 1:26–38, Shari Freeman

**December 4**

*"Characters of Christmas – Joseph"*, Matthew 1:18–25, Rev. Barrett Abernethy

**Hanging of the Greens:** Nov. 27 @ 5pm in the Sanctuary. Brunswick Stew dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall.



**Children's Christmas Workshop:** All children ages 4–fifth grade are invited on **Saturday, December 3** from 10am – 1pm for some fun including crafts, games, a movie, and a pizza lunch! Please RSVP to [Isaac@mvpchurch.org](mailto:Isaac@mvpchurch.org)



**Save the date!** The Presbyterian Women Christmas Luncheon will be on **December 11** after the morning service in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$20, and we will be taking reservations for the next couple of Sundays.

**Adopt a Family:** The CAC Program Holiday connects families who need assistance with people who would like to spread some joy during the holiday season. Families who qualify for the program provide a wish list for their children and the donors "adopt" the families to provide holiday gifts. The generosity of donors and volunteers helps to bring some holiday cheer for families and their children. If you would like to adopt a family or have questions, please contact CAC at [adoptafamily@ourcac.org](mailto:adoptafamily@ourcac.org)

**Senior Adults:** Join us for lunch and a White Elephant Gift Exchange, Saturday, Dec. 10 at 12:30pm in the Kirk Center.

**It's not too late to turn in your Pledge Card!** We have many ways to turn it in: mail it, put it in offering plate on Sunday, drop it off at the church office, email it to [Yvonne@mvpchurch.org](mailto:Yvonne@mvpchurch.org), call Yvonne (404.255.2211 ext. 216), or complete online @ [mvpchurch.org](http://mvpchurch.org). As of November 17, we have received 68 pledge cards for \$407,475.

2023 MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ESTIMATE OF GIVING

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

My total gift for 2023 will be \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to give: ☐ 1 time ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly

Using the enclosed envelope, please bring your pledge card to the Membership Secretary, October 23, mail your pledge card to: P.O. Box 7880, Sandy Springs, GA 30350, or send an email to [membership@mvpchurch.org](mailto:membership@mvpchurch.org)

**November 20, 2022**





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 MVPC Members' Gift of Wisdom:** Winter issue will be available in December.

**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.

**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. **DEADLINE: TODAY!**



**Stephen Ministry:** Stephen Ministry offers one-on-one, confidential assistance from a trained and skilled layperson when one is in a temporary difficult spot. Sharing a burden tends to reduce its' impact and helps clarify the issue and "unmuddy" the water. Stephen Ministers stay with you until you have weathered the storm, providing support, encouragement, and hope. If you or a friend need this kind of relationship, please contact a pastor or Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader.

**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 \$18,465. 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:** Tisa Edge and her daughter Jordan Glover, Craig Mackie, 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.

**Christian Sympathy** to the Walker family on the death of Mary Francis November 16. A memorial service at the church will be at a later date.

**Christian Sympathy** to the Baine family on the death of Lou Baine on November 18. A service will be planned.

**Attendance:** 11/13 Worship 69  
Online 17

## Financial Update

November 10-17	Actual	Actual YTD	2022 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$11,900	\$ 432,842	\$449,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 0	\$ 42,550	\$ 60,000
Non Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 151	\$ 7,362	\$ 10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,051</b>	<b>\$ 482,754</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)