

MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ALL SAINTS' DAY - OUTDOOR OCTOBER 29, 2023 + 10:30 AM Reaching out to ... Welcome. Worship. Share. Serve.

+ For those who are able, please stand.

GATHERING MUSIC	<u>GATHERING</u> "Great Are You, Lord" Donna Maini	Michael W. Smith	Today we welcome the John Mohr MacKintosh Pipes & Drums to MVPC.	
BAGPIPES PROCESSIONAL John N	"Amazing Grace" Mohr MacKintosh Pipes & D	rums	Together for over 35 years, the JMMPD performed at the 1996	
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Barrett Aberneth OPENING PRAYER			1	
 CALL TO WORSHIP ONE: Our comfort and our comp ALL: Who made heaven and ea ONE: In life and in death, ALL: We belong to God. ONE: We are baptized into Chris ALL: And live into Him. Let us 	rth, who nurtures life. st's death,	the Lord,	Highland Games last weekend. They practice each Saturday on our campus and we are grateful for their partnership.	

† MORNING SONG (see insert) "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" AMAZING GRACE

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 FOR CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up saints to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ ... (silent confession) ... Amen.

+ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: ...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. ALL: Thanks be to God.

+ RESPONSE (see insert)

On this day

we are reminded that

the New Testament

defines a

life shines with

gardenvariety Christian. -Tom Long

"Saint" as not the rare

person whose

extraordinary

holiness; it us used to describe the ordinary,

"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

Mary Frances Walker 11/16/22 Lou Baine 11/17/22 Martha Chambliss 2/12/23 8/22/23 Catherine Bathgate 8/27/23 Beverly Northrop Roy Barbee (JMMPD) 10/9/23

BAGPIPERS LAMENT

"MacPherson's Lament"

(The children are invited to Children's Church in the Chapel.)

+ PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE (see insert)	Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9	
HOMILY	"Labyrinth's Wisdom"	Rev. Abernethy

RESPONSE

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" **+ HYMN** (see insert)

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 86, 7.196)

What is the communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible church enjoy immediately after death?

The communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible Church enjoy immediately after death, is in that their souls are then made perfect in holiness, and received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of god in light and glory; waiting for the full redemption of their bodies, which even in death continue united to Christ, and rest in their graves as in their beds, till at the last day they be again united to their souls.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

OFFERTORY	"I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"	arr. Allison Krauss
	Mike Havey - Guitar	
	Kathy Havey - Soloist	

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 +

SPECIAL INTERLUDE +

"Wayfaring Stranger" Mike Havey - Guitar Kathy Havey - Soloist

(Congregation is invited to proceed to the Labyrinth for the dedication.)

Bruce Northrop

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

GRAND ISLE

SENDING

† DEDICATION OF	IABYRINTH		
	"Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"	Michael W. Smith	This labyrinth was the Eagle Scout Project
Т	hy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto m hy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto m afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're the Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.	y path.	of church member and Wesleyan student, Andrew Sevcik. Andrew planned and
† BENEDICTION		Rev. Abernethy	executed this project over several
POSTLUDE	"Highland Cathedral" John Mohr MacKintosh Pipes & Drums		months with his mom, Michelle Smart, along with Steve Ray, Rev. Isaac Toney- Schmitt, and

Leading Today's Worship Service Rev. Barrett Abernethy, Senior Pastor Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Associate Pastor Donna Maini, Accompanist Roger Scanlan, Choral Conductor Shari Freeman, Seminary Intern John Mohr MacKintosh Pipes & Drums

If you are interested in joining MVP Church, go to the Visitor's Table to pick up a visitor bag and a little gift.

We are located at: 471 Mount Vernon Hwy., NE Sandy Springs, GA 30328



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

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MVPC Announcements....



Read	hing Out To	Welcome. Worship. Share. Serve.
In	Name(s):	
		My total gift for 2024 will be \$
NOT ANY AVE IN THE N. Y.		I plan to give:
	🗆 1 time	Weekly Monthly Quarterly
		Yes, please send me a Contribution Book.

Thank you to everyone who turned in their cards last week!

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** and pick up a visitor bag.

Upcoming Services/Events:

	Fall Sermon Series: Seats of Discipleship				
3	November 5	<i>"Seats of Discipleship: Judas",</i> John 13:21-30, Rev. Barrett Abernethy			
2	November 12	" <i>Seats of Discipleship: John",</i> John 21:20-25, Rev. Barrett Abernethy			





Dutch Lunch with the Pastors: TODAY, Oct. 29 following worship! Join Isaac and Shari at City Barbeque (corner of Abernathy and Roswell Rd.).



CAC Concert: November 9 @ 7pm at Temple Sinai. Please support our mission partner and our choir as they perform at this special concert. Tickets are \$25 and all proceeds benefit CAC. Signup at the Senior Adult table in the Narthex.



Fall Back: Don't forget to turn your clocks back next Saturday. We don't want to miss seeing you in church!



Mark Your Calendar: Our 70th Anniversary Homecoming Service will be Sunday, May 19, 2024.

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

October 29, 2023



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

Giving





Our November Communion Offering will continue one of our congregation's longest outreach traditions by collecting non-perishable food items for Stirred-Up Ministries to distribute 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. We will Stuff the Bus on Sunday, November 19, so please bring your items by 10:00 AM that day.



Presbyterian Women: All women are welcome to join any of these PW activities! The Day Circle will meet on Nov. 14 at 10am in the Session Room. Sarah Chalpan will teach Lesson 7, An Ethiopian Eunuch Encounters the Good News of Jesus, in the Horizons Bible Study: Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts by Olive Mahabir. The Book Circle will meet on Nov. 10 at 10am in the Session Room. They will review The Dutch House by Ann Patchett. The Circle of Grace November 12, 5-6:30pm meet at Shelly Ray's home to prepare the College Care Packages. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Cumming.







Adult Sunday School: Discovery meets in the Chapel and is using the curriculum "The *Present Word*". Crossroads meets in the Session Room and is studying "The Language" of God" by Francis Collins. Contact Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt for more information.

Stephen Ministry: Stephen Ministry is made up of skilled, trained lay people who, like Stephen of old, feel their spiritual gifts are found in helping others cope, understand, and grow. Please utilize them when a problem in your life becomes too hard to carry alone. In confidentiality, they help one unburden, unpack, clarify, and move forward, in companionship along the way. Suggest them for a friend or neighbor as they also serve the community. Contact Pat Bartee or a pastor to get involved.

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: Dede Callahan, Fay Hendricks, Megan Kendall, Mary Lynch, Chuck McCrory, Karen Morine, Meredith Nash, Andy Nelson, Carter Ramsey, Virginia & Mary Lea Woods, and people of Israel/Gaza, Ukraine, Myanmar, Turkey, and Zambia.

Attendance:	10/22/23	Worship	100
		Online	5

<u>Financial Update</u>				
October 20-26		Actual	Actual YTD	2023 Budget
Pledge Member Giving Member Giving Non-Pledge Non-Member Giving &	\$ \$	2,972 220	\$ 388,081 \$ 66,425	\$471,275 \$60,000
Loose Offering Total	\$ \$	257 3,449	\$ 6,924 \$ 461,430	\$ 9,000 \$540,275

If you have any announcements that you would like to appear in the *Happenings* or *Good News*, please email them to debbie@mvpchurch.org