



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

GATHERING MUSIC

“Great Are You, Lord”

Michael W. Smith

Donna Maini

BAGPIPES PROCESSIONAL

“Amazing Grace”

John Mohr MacKintosh Pipes & Drums

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

OPENING PRAYER

† CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Our comfort and our companionship are in the name of the Lord,

ALL: **Who made heaven and earth, who nurtures life.**

ONE: In life and in death,

ALL: **We belong to God.**

ONE: We are baptized into Christ's death,

ALL: **And live into Him. Let us worship God!**

Today we welcome the John Mohr MacKintosh Pipes & Drums to MVPC. Together for over 35 years, the JMMPD performed at the 1996 Olympics and was at the Stone Mountain 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

Shari Freeman

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)

“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!

On this day we are reminded that the New Testament defines a “Saint” as not the rare person whose life shines with extraordinary holiness; it is used to describe the ordinary, garden-variety Christian.
 -Tom Long

CELEBRATION OF THE SAINTS

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Mary Frances Walker	11/16/22
Lou Baine	11/17/22
Martha Chambliss	2/12/23
Catherine Bathgate	8/22/23
Beverly Northrop	8/27/23
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.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE (*see insert*)

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

HOMILY

“Labyrinth’s Wisdom”

Rev. Abernethy

RESPONSE

† HYMN (*see insert*)

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

GRAND ISLE

† 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

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

“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

Bruce Northrop

† SPECIAL INTERLUDE

“Wayfaring Stranger”

Mike Havey - Guitar

Kathy Havey - Soloist

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

SENDING

† DEDICATION OF LABYRINTH

“Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet” Michael W. Smith

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Abernethy

POSTLUDE

“Highland Cathedral”

John Mohr MacKintosh Pipes & Drums

This labyrinth was the Eagle Scout Project of church member and Wesleyan student, Andrew Sevcik. Andrew planned and executed this project over several months with his mom, Michelle Smart, along with Steve Ray, Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt, and David Barclift.

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



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P.O. Box 76051
Sandy Springs, GA 30358

MVPC Announcements....



2024 MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ESTIMATE OF GIVING

Reaching Out To... Welcome. Worship. Share. Serve.

Name(s): _____

My total gift for 2024 will be \$ _____

I plan to give:

1 time Weekly Monthly Quarterly

Yes, please send me a Contribution Book.

Using the enclosed envelope, please bring your pledge card on Stewardship Sunday, October 22; mail your pledge card to: P.O. Box 76051, Sandy Springs, GA 30358; or send an email to mvconnect@mvpchurch.org.

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

- November 5 *"Seats of Discipleship: Judas"*, John 13:21-30, Rev. Barrett Abernethy
- November 12 *"Seats of Discipleship: John"*, 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

