

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Piper Neumann

Resurrected God, you continue to show up in our lives! Death does not control you, and death cannot stop your love for us. You appeared to the disciples many times after your resurrection to share your love for them, but they struggled to recognize you. We wonder if we miss moments to recognize you as well, just like the disciples. Guide us, Resurrected God, and let us join with others who seek to recognize you no matter how many times we mess up. Guide us in a way of life which spreads your love that is greater than death ... *(silent confession)* ... Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE #304

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain;

Yes, Jesus loves me!

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The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, “Let them come to Me.” *(refrain)*

CHILDREN’S HANDBELLS “Amazing Grace”

“How Firm a Foundation”

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

(Afterwards 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

Christina Toney-Schmitt

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:36b-48

HOMILY

“Reflections on the Young Adult Small Group”

Joey Noszek
Samantha Block

SENDING

† SONG FOR DISMISSAL #540

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

RANDOLPH

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
Unseen wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
When life's perils thick confound you;
Put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

POSTLUDE

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

George Elvey

Leading Today's Worship Service

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, Senior Pastor
Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Associate Pastor
Shari Freeman, Director of Spiritual Care
Jill Hudson, Music Director
Roger Scanlan, Choral Conductor
Chancel Choir of MVPC

*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

MVPC Announcements....

Save the Date!
70th Anniversary Service
May 19, 2024
For this service we need pictures;
please bring/donate any you have
to the church!



Welcome! We are glad to worship with you today!

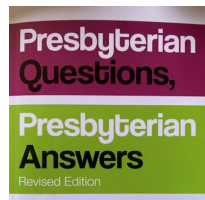
Visitors & Membership: Please go to our website: mvpchurch.org, contact our church office at 404.255.2211, or speak with one of our pastors after the service. Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it down the pew as you greet your neighbor. If you are a visitor, please stop at the **Welcome Table** and pick up a visitor bag.

Upcoming Services/Events:



April 21 Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo, President of Columbia Theological Seminary, *"Does My Life Matter?"*, Psalm 80:1-7, John 10:11-18
Dr. Aloyo will also led a combined special Sunday School class beginning at 9:30am in the Chapel.

April 28 *"How To Be Content"*, Philippians 4:4-13, Rev. Barrett Abernethy
Outdoor Service, Earth-Care Sunday



Inquirers Lunch: Are you new to MVPC? You are invited to the lunch TODAY in the Kirk Center after worship to find out where you can get plugged in or have all your burning questions about what we do here.



Senior Adults: We have two trips coming up! On Thursday, April 18 we will be going to Columbia Seminary for Columbia Day, and then on Saturday, May 18 we are going to the Monastery. Details and signups for both trips are in the Narthex.



Volunteers Needed for our 70th Anniversary on May 19! We will need greeters, gophers, shepherds, set up/cleanup, name tags, parking lot, etc. If you're interested, contact the church office or send an email to debbie@mvpchurch.org.

April 14, 2024



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

Giving



The April Communion Offering is for the Food Pantry at the Community Assistance Center. CAC provides basic needs assistance for Dunwoody and Sandy Springs neighbors to prevent homelessness and hunger while promoting self-sufficiency and empowering them to thrive. For more information, please go to www.ourcac.org



Presbyterian Women: The Day Circle met on Tuesday, April 9, and studied Lesson 5: *A Person with Leprosy Encounters Jesus* in the Horizons Bible Study. The Book Circle met on Friday, April 12, and reviewed *Stars of Alabama* by Sean Dietrich. All women are invited to come to our PW events!



Adult Sunday School: Discovery meets in the Chapel and is using the curriculum *"The Present Word"*. Crossroads meets in the Session Room and is watching a DVD series titled *"Great Figures of the New Testament"* by Amy-Jill Levine. Both classes meet at 9:30am. Contact Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt for more information.



Stephen Ministry: The Stephen Ministry at MVPC has trained, skilled laypeople who are bound by confidentiality who are here to walk with you through temporary trials. It might be an empty nest, a recent move, a job loss, the death of someone near and dear to you, a new diagnosis, mid-life angst, or something just too unsettling to face alone. We are here and ready to give encouragement, presence, and lots of listening. Please contact Stephen Ministry today by calling Pat Bartee or a pastor.



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: Bob Addison, Jeannie Chettleburgh, Willard Deal, Eliana, Bruce Hagenau, Mark Hughes, Megan Kendall, Chuck McCrory, Karen Morine, Meredith Nash, Maria Nyunt, Maeve Ross, Greg Slingerland, Linda Thomas, Isabelle Vanucci, Allen Wade, and people of Israel, Ukraine, Myanmar, and Zambia

Attendance: 4/7 Worship 99 Online 23

Dates for your calendar:

- May 12 **Mother's Day Outdoor Service, 10:30am**
- May 19 **70th Anniversary Service, 9am Fellowship, 10:30am Worship, 11:30am Lunch**
- June 30 **Los Niños Primero Sunday and Luncheon, 10:30am**

Financial Update

April 1-11	Actual	Actual YTD	2024 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$ 12,884	\$195,213	\$509,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 3,050	\$ 17,124	\$ 60,000
Non-Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 65	\$ 16,975	\$ 9,000
Total	\$ 15,999	\$229,312	\$578,000

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