

MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

JUNE 16, 2024 • 10:30 AM

Reaching out to ... Welcome. Worship. Share. Serve.

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

Stop by our Connections table today to enjoy a bite of Lemon Cake courtesy of Malinda Holmes.

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELLS

GATHERING MUSIC

“Good, Good Father”

Emi Lutz & Rev. Jonathan Freeman, Guitar

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

OPENING PRAYER

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Abernethy & Nathan Abernethy

ONE: *Give Peace to Every Heart*

ALL: For peace is a spiritual gift.

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ALL: For us, like Eli, peace can be hard to see. We lament the violence of this world and the brokenness of our relationships.

ONE: *Give Peace, Lord*

ALL: For us, like Samuel, it can be hard to hear you, God. The noise can overwhelm and the cynicism can lead us to despair.

ONE: *Give Peace, Lord.*

ALL: Let us heed your Word! Let us answer your call! Let us find peace! Let us Worship God!

† MORNING SONG #414

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

FOREST GREEN

As those of old their firstfruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field
To God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
So we today our firstfruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give,
To make our life an offering to God that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true;
A world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to You,
Not just to serve Your cause, but share Your love with neighbors too.
O God who gave Yourself to us in Jesus Christ Your Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

† PRAYER FOR HOPE FOR OUR FATHERS *(see insert)*

Shari Freeman

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

† RESPONSE *(see insert)*

“The Fruit of the Spirit”

ASH GROVE

Caroline Winfrey Gillette

The fruit of the Spirit is love for our sharing,
It's joy in the gospel that we have from you.
It's peace that we live out with courage and daring;
It's patience, for we know that we have sinned, too.
It's kindness in all things and generous giving;
It's faithfulness seeking to follow your way.
It's gentleness, Lord, and it's self-controlled living;
Now make us more fruitful in these things, we pray.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Shari Freeman

(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

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

SCRIPTURES

Galatians 5:22-23

1 Samuel 3:1-10

HOMILY

“Summer Fruit: Peace”

According to our Book of Order (W.3.0302), a Prayer for Illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's word. This sense of utter reliance on the illumination of the Spirit is an important and distinctive mark of the Reformed tradition.

RESPONSE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from the Heidelberg Catechism, 4.021)*

ONE: What is true faith?

ALL: True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Abernethy

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.

This catechism was adopted first in 1563 and became the doctrinal basis for Reformed churches in Holland, Germany, and Hungary. Dutch explorers brought it to Manhattan Island in 1609, making it the first Reformed confession in the North American colonies.

OFFERTORY

"This Is My Father's World"

Mike & Kathy Havey

Franklin Sheppard

Edward Barnes

† DOXOLOGY *(see insert)* **"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"**

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
Whose grace has pardon me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

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As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Joan Rownd

SENDING

† SONG FOR DISMISSAL (*see insert*)

“Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

THY WORD

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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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. (*refrain*)

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

POSTLUDE

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

African-American Spiritual

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

Emi Lutz, Guitar

Rev. Jonathan Freeman, Guitar

*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

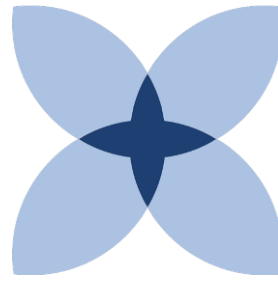


Our mailing address is:
P.O. Box 76051
Sandy Springs, GA 30358

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MVPC Announcements....

Sunday School
9:30 - 10:15am



Connection
10-10:25am

Worship
10:30-11:30am

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.

Upcoming Services/Events:



June 23 "Summer Fruit: Patience", Psalm 46, Rev. Barrett Abernethy

June 30 Los Niños Sunday, Lunch after worship in Fellowship Hall



Senior Adult Movie Matinee: "Chariots of Fire", Saturday, June 22 at 1pm in the Session Room.



VBS 2024! Saturday, August 10 from 9:30-2:30. All children in preschool through rising 5th grade are invited to join! Registration link: www.myvbs.org/mvpc2024/



Braves Game: We're going to the last Braves game of the season on Sunday, September 29! Tickets are \$60 each which includes carpool/parking and ticket. Make a check out to MVPC (include in the Memo line "Braves") and leave in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office.



Columbarium: Did you know that MVPC has a columbarium? Recently, several church members have secured a niche. If you are interested in purchasing a niche for you or a loved one, the cost is \$2,000 for one or \$2,400 for two people. We encourage you to consider this because starting August 1 the cost per niche will increase to \$2,500 for one and \$3,000 for two people. If you prefer a burial plot, MVPC currently owns 2 plots at Arlington Cemetery. If you would like to inquire about these plots, the columbarium, or any funeral wishes you may have, please contact the church office.

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

Giving



Healthy Aging Event: Sunday, August 25, 1:30-4pm. For more information, please check the Senior Adult Table in the Narthex. To register for the event, go to the following link: <https://mtvernonhealthyaging.eventbrite.com/>



The June Communion Offering is for the International Women's House, a shelter for victims of human trafficking and abused refugee and immigrant women and their children. For more information about the shelter, please go to www.internationalwomenshouse.com.



Family Promise will be here before you know it! This summer they will be here from Sunday, July 7 - July 21. There are many places you can help! Go to our website or the link in the Happenings email for the SignUp Genius.



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: Summer brings spare time for reflections. If you need someone to travel with you as you clear out the personal cobwebs and prepare for a renewed fall, Stephen Ministers are here to listen, engage you with questions, and walk with you through personal and spiritual concerns in your life. We are trained laypeople helping extend pastors care within our congregation and our community. Contact Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader, 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: Bob Addison, Bill Barron, Jeannie Chettleburgh, Lorry Clark, Hazel Cofield, Will Deal, Bill Duncan, Bruce Hagenau, Megan Kendall, Erven Kimble, Chuck McCrory, Karen Morine, Andy Nelson, Maria Nyunt, Maeve Ross, Will Rownd, Katherine Slayback (Anna Morine's caregiver), Greg Slingerland, Larry Stewart, and the people of Israel/Gaza, Ukraine, Myanmar, and Zambia

Attendance: 6/9 Worship 104, Online 19

Financial Update

As of June 12	Actual YTD	2024 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$274,603	\$509,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 22,051	\$ 60,000
Non-Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 19,800	\$ 9,000
Total	\$316,454	\$578,000

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