

MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29, 2025 • 10:30 AM

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

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



Power Play by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Silk painting with digital drawing and collage

GATHERING

Join us in the Narthex for the procession of the palms.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN (#88) "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

† CALL TO WORSHIP/LITANY

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes
Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

† OPENING HYMN (*see insert*) "A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Colussy-Estes

God, forgive us for the times when we do not trust your word and do not follow where you lead. We long to be the ones who can go into the village ahead of you. Forgive us when we play it safe. God, forgive us for forgetting that you are always coming toward us. You are drawing near, like a king on a donkey. Help us find you in our midst. Creator God, forgive us for the moments when we choose greed over generosity, or when we choose our self-image over our loyalty to you. Give us the courage to be unabashed in our faith. Give us the strength to throw our coats on the road. Son of David, give us the conviction to shout your name from the rooftop. Give us the wisdom to sing, "Hosanna!" With hope in our hearts we pray to you, Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel: Nothing can separate us from God's love.

ALL: We are loved, forgiven, and sent out to serve. Hosanna! Amen

† RESPONSE (#333)

"Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

Text & Music: Karen Lafferty ©1972, Maranatha! Music

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.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mary Kilgore

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-29

Matthew 21:1-11

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

SERMON

"Where are you headed?"

RESPONSE

† HYMN (#461)

"God is Here"

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*A Sanctified Art*)

Rev. Colussy-Estes

We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world's suffering, who lights a candle in the darkest night, who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars. We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth, who is bold in seeking justice, and humble in taking power. We believe in a God who sees our hurt and wraps love around it, cocooning us in hope, tethering us to one another. We believe in a God who is always carrying us from the pain of the world into the hope of a new day. That is where God is headed. That is where we follow. May it be so. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"My Eternal King"

Chancel Choir

by: Jane Marshall

† DOXOLOGY (2x)

"God Welcomes All"

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mary Kilgore

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Colussy-Estes

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 to remain seated, an elder will bring communion to you.)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

"A Stable Lamp is Lighted"

Anthony Menardi, Soloist
Text: Richard Wilbur. Music: David Hurd

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

SENDING

† CLOSING HYMN (#89)

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Marche Triomphale”

Paul Fey

(The primary role of a postlude is to provide a musical transition, connecting the sacred worship experience to the secular world as people leave the church. Feel free to depart during the postlude, or hang around and hear the grand Mount Vernon organ!)

Leading Today's Worship Service

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes, Interim Senior Pastor

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Associate Pastor

Jill Hudson, Music Director

Rev. Jonathan Freeman, Contemporary Musician

Chancel Choir

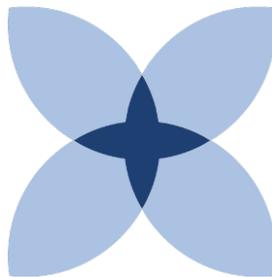
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MVPC Announcements....

Sunday School
9:15/9:30 - 10:15am



Connection
10-10:25am

Worship
10:30-11:30am



Scan to sign up for the
Maundy Thursday
Agape Meal

Upcoming Services/Events:



April 5

"Who are you looking for?", John 20:1-18, Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes
Sunrise: 7am, Worship: 10:30am

seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

Holy Week at Mount Vernon Presbyterian

Palm Sunday - Sunday March 29 @ 10:15am
Palm Parade, lunch and Egg Hunt

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 2 @ 6:30pm
Agape Meal

Good Friday - Friday, April 3 @ 12noon
Service of Prayer and Reflection

Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 5
7am - Sunrise Service
10:30am - Easter Service



Palm Sunday
Lunch
Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday
Flower Cross



Remember to bring your flowers to decorate the Easter cross in the Courtyard next Sunday! Then join us for lunch after worship along with an Egg Hunt!

The March Communion Offering is for the Columbia Theological Seminary (CTS) Student Food Pantry. Many CTS students, especially international students, do not have vehicles for easy transportation, so the food pantry is a great help. The food pantry is sponsored by the seminary, the Columbia Friendship Circle, and local congregations. For more information about CTS Student Life, please visit <https://www.ctsnet.edu/student-life/>



Pastor Jane Retirement: If you would like to give toward a retirement gift for Pastor Jane, please reach out to Wendy Hagenau. If anyone would like to wish Pastor Jane well on her retirement they should plan to either come for a filming session today (3/29) after worship in the Session Room or send a video to cargillhutt@gmail.com.

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

Giving



Presbyterian Women: The **Day Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 14 at 10:30am. Pat Bartee will teach lesson 8: *Remembering Jesus' Baptism*. The **Book Circle** will meet on Friday, April 10 at 10am in the Session Room. Kathy Havey will review *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain. **Circle of Grace's spring schedule:** April 19, at Debbie Barcliff's home, May 3 at Dale Morine's home. Please email Lisa Cumming at lisa.j.cumming@gmail.com if you questions.



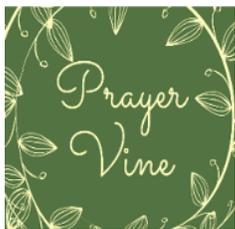
Little Blessings Room: The Little Blessings Room (located in the Session Room) is available for parents to go with their 0-3 year olds during the worship service. The worship service is live-streamed into the room, and there are chairs for nursing and holding babies and toys for toddlers.



Adult Sunday School: Discovery meets at **9:15am** in the Chapel and is using the curriculum "*The Present Word*". **Crossroads** meets at **9:30am** in the Session Room and is using a video curriculum about "The Historical Jesus", led by Prof. Bart Ehrman, North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Contact Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt for more information.



Stephen Ministry: People who have utilized Stephen Ministry at our church have sought help for various reasons, but all have wanted a dependable, trustworthy, non-judgmental, confidential environment with a trained, trusted person who could listen, help clarify, add perspective, and stay the course. That relationship has moored them, given them hope and, often, a renewed spirit. Please contact Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader, or a pastor to get involved. Contact Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader, or a pastor, to get connected.



Do you feel a need for prayer? Have our Prayer Vine pray for you! Email your requests to barbara@babrooks.com or call her at 404.422.5175.

Prayer Concerns: Carol Beckman, Jack Bobeng, friends of the Bumgarners, Shari Freeman, Bruce Hagenau, George Hammett, David & Christy Hill, Megan Kendall, Kathryn Mackie, Barbara Pirkle, Elizabeth Small, Linda Young our homebound & isolated members, ACE, CAC, Los Niños Primero, Clifton Sanctuary, Israel/Gaza, Ukraine, Myanmar, and Zambia.

Christian sympathy for the friends and family of Sam Brasher who died March 16. A service is TBD.

Attendance 3/22: Sanctuary: 89 Online: 30

If you would like to contribute financially to Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church or its mission, offering plates are in the Narthex.

Financial Update

As of March 25	Actual YTD	2026 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$ 161,122	\$460,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 17,672	\$ 60,000
Non-Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 702	\$ 7,500
Total	\$ 179,496	\$ 527,500

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