



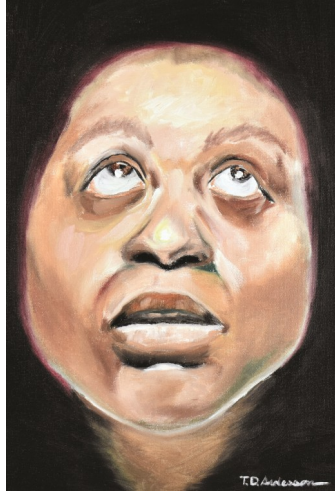
MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2026 • 10:30 AM

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

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



"Rabbouni!" By Rev. T. Denise Anderson (oil on canvas)

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELLS

GATHERING MUSIC

"Easter Rejoicing"

Brass Ensemble
arr. Todd Marchand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (#232)

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

OPENING PRAYER

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

ONE: What are you looking for?

ALL: **The light before dawn.**

ONE: What are you looking for?

ALL: **A reason to hope.**

ONE: What are you looking for?

ALL: **Joy after grief and flowers after winter.**

ONE: What are you looking for?

ALL: **A place to belong.**

ONE: What are you looking for?

ALL: **We are looking for the Messiah.**

ONE: Good news! Come in. Love is alive!

ALL: **Surely God is in this place. Let us worship God!**

RESPONSE

† HYMN (#246)

"Christ is Alive!"

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Nicene Creed*)

Rev. Shari Freeman

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God
from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he
came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly
human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Risen Indeed!"

Words & Music: Allen Pote

Chancel Choir & Brass Ensemble

† DOXOLOGY (#399)

"God Welcomes All" (2x)

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Colussy-Estes

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Shari Freeman

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.)*

COMMUNION MUSIC

“The Trumpet Shall Sound”, from MESSIAH

G.F. Handel

Keenan Kade, Baritone
James Thomas, Trumpet

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

† CLOSING HYMN (#245)

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Colussy-Estes

(Please remain in your pew through the Choral Benediction.)

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Hallelujah Chorus”

Text and Music: G.F. Handel

Choir, Brass Ensemble, Congregation

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

Charles-Marie Widor

(Symphony No. 5 OP. 42, No. 1)

(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

Rev. Shari Freeman, Associate Pastor

Jill Hudson, Music Director & Organist

Chancel Choir

Brass Ensemble

James Thomas, Trumpet

Dan Howard, Trumpet

Dalton Hill, French Horn

Sean Mack, Trombone

Peter Fabian, Tuba

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

Hallelujah Chorus

CONGREGATION PART

Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16

MESSIAH

George Frideric Handel (1685–1750)

Setting by HAL H. HOPSON

Introduction
(Keyboard)

CONGREGATION (Unison voices)

f Hal - le - lu-jah! Hal - le-lu-jah! Hal-le-

6 lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal - le - lu-jah! Hal - le-lu-jah! Hal - le-lu-jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-

11 le - lu-jah! *mf* for the Lord God Om-nip - o-tent reign - eth. **A** *f* Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-

16 lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! *mf* for the Lord God Om-nip - o-tent reign-eth. *f* Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-

21 lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! **B** 12 **C** 7 **D** 10
 For the Lord God Omnipotent The Kingdom of this world and He shall reign for ever
 reigneth. Hallelujah. is become the kingdom of and ever.
 our Lord and of His Christ;

E *mf* King of Kings, _____ and Lord of Lords, _____ King of Kings, _____

60 _____ and Lord of Lords, _____ *f* King of Kings, _____ and Lord of Lords, _____ **F**

68 _____ and Lord of Lords, _____ **G** 11 *f* and He shall reign for ever and ever, King of Kings, and Lord of Kings, and Lord of
 of Lords, Hallelujah, of Lords, _____

83 Lords, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and He shall reign for ev - er and ev - er. King of

89 Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal - le - lu - jah! *ff*



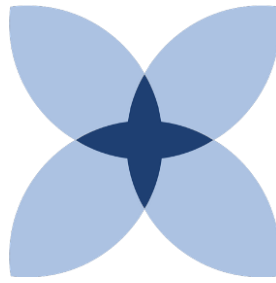
Easter Lilies 2026

*The following people have presented lilies to decorate the Sanctuary
in honor or loving memory of those listed beside their names.*

Bob Addison	In memory of Ann Addison
Dee Bradford-Smith	In memory of Marcia Bradford Hutchinson In honor of Connections Volunteers
John & Meg Christian	In memory of beloved family
Pat Davis	In memory of Allen & Mary Elizabeth Summerville In honor of my grandchildren
Mark & Joann Fifield	In memory of Carl & June Fifield, William O'Hara In honor of Ann O'Hara, Martha Williams
Dick & Shari Freeman	In memory of Jeannie Chettleburgh & Daniel Freeman
Jeanne Gilliland	In honor of Pastor Jane Moyo
Charlie & Lisa Gray	In memory of Eleanor Brazell, Warren & Josephine Gray, Ed & Mary Ann Parker
Bruce & Wendy Hagenau	In memory of Norma McMinn & Karl Hagenau In honor of Jeanne Hagenau
Malinda Holmes	In memory of Robert H. Holmes, MD
Jill Hudson	In honor of the wonderful MVPC Choir
Cathy Jenkins	In memory of Jim & Sandra Harbuck
Penny Kiel	In honor of the Worship Committee
Sam & Mary McClurg	In honor of family
Minton Family	In memory of Roy & Jody Storm
Anna Morine	In memory of Rubicon & Abbie
Joey Noszek	In memory of Bonnie Noszek
Tim & Carrie Southard	
Sally Williams	In memory of loved ones
Mary Lea Woods	In memory of Virginia Woods & Karen Woods Damron

MVPC Announcements....

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



Connection
10-10:25am

Worship
10:30-11:30am

Upcoming Services/Events:



April 12 Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Rev. Shari Freeman

April 19 Acts 2:42:47, Psalm 23, Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes



The Trumpet Fanfare at the beginning of "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" was written by the late MVPC organist, Dr. Dennis G. Stabler, for the inaugural playing of the Trompette en Chamade on Easter Sunday, 1994.



Church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday April 6.



Join us for lunch with the pastors next Sunday, April 12 after worship at City BBQ.



Our April Communion Offering is for the Community Assistance Center Food Pantry. This month, we are focusing on items for summer lunches and diapers. Many CAC clients rely on school lunches and breakfasts, so those families get extra food during the summer months. 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.

Anna Morine has a special request for diapers in sizes: Newborn, 2, 5, and 7. They can be dropped off in the Outreach Bin outside the church office

April 5, 2026



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 in the Session Room. 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, friends of the Bumgarner, Ann Dillon, Bruce Hagenau, George Hammett, 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 3/29: Sanctuary: 130 Online: 14

Financial Update

As of March 30	Actual YTD	2026 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$ 169,044	\$460,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 18,022	\$ 60,000
Non-Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 867	\$ 7,500
Total	\$187,933	\$ 527,500

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

