



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2026 • 10:30 AM

Reaching Out to ... Welcome. Worship. Share. Serve.

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



GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELLS

GATHERING MUSIC

“Your Love Never Fails”

Rev. Jonathan Freeman
by Anthony Skinner and Chris McClarney

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

OPENING PRAYER

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

ONE: We gather together in the presence of God,

ALL: the Lord of heaven and earth:

ONE: the Creator of our world and everything in it;

ALL: the One who gave us life and breath,

ONE: the One who is never far away from any of us,

ALL: the One in whom we live and move and have our being. Let us worship God together!

† **OPENING HYMN (#238)**

“Thine Is The Glory”

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Toney-Schmitt

God, our loving parent, we fumble around trying to find our way in this life of faith. We cause ourselves and others suffering along the way. We worship idols around us rather than you, in whom we live and move and have our being. We are like children, testing boundaries and ignoring your call on our lives. All too often we think we have it figured out, only to stumble yet again. But you overlook our ignorance and call us to change our hearts and turn back to you. Forgive us and help us to seek you every day ... *(silent confession)* ... Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: ...God listens and hears us when we cry out, when we speak honestly about where we have fallen short.

ALL: Thanks be to God who does not ignore our prayers and who loves us still!

† RESPONSE

“Be Not Afraid”

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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CHILDREN’S MOMENT

*(All children of God are invited to come forward for storytelling and prayer.
Afterwards the children are invited to Children’s Church in the Chapel.)*

SENIOR RECOGNITIONS

Sam Nelson - Pope High School

Kate Christian - Miami University (Ohio)

Kendall Slayden - Miami University (Ohio)

Connor Plumly - Vanderbilt

Adele Davis - Colorado College

Melissa Teja - Michigan State

Kelton Southard - Georgia Tech, Master’s Degree

† 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

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SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 3:13-22

Acts 17:16-31

Rev. Colussy-Estes

SERMON

“God’s Offspring”

RESPONSE

† HYMN (#686)

“God of our Life”

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language Edition*)

Rev. Shari Freeman

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

OFFERTORY

“A Mother’s Love”

Words & Music: Boyd Bacon

(If you would like to contribute financially to Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church or its mission, ushers will be stationed at the doors of the narthex to accept your gifts.)

† DOXOLOGY (#399)(2x)

“God Welcomes All”

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

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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SENDING

† **CLOSING HYMN (#372)**

“O for a World”

† **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Colussy-Estes

POSTLUDE

“I Will Sing My Maker’s Praises”

by: Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

Rev. Jonathan Freeman, Contemporary Musician

Chancel Choir

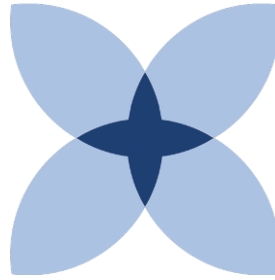
We are located at:
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Sandy Springs, GA 30328



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

MVPC Announcements....

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



Connection
10-10:25am

Worship
10:30-11:30am

Upcoming Services/Events:



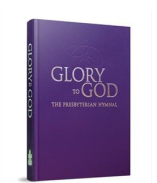
- May 17** 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11, Acts 1:6-14, Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt/Youth and Young Adults
- May 19** Taizé, 7pm in the Sanctuary
- May 24** Pentacost/Outdoor, Acts 2:1-21, Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes
Lunch Bunch

Nominating
COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee Needs Your Help! The Nominating Committee is working to create a slate of recommended members to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee. The congregation will vote in a Congregational Meeting at the end of May to approve those recommended. If you are interested in being a direct part of the search for our next Senior Pastor, please get in touch with a member of the Nominating Committee and let us know of your interest. Be aware there is a commitment of time for a period of months. Self-nominating will get your name before the Nominating Committee but does not guarantee you will be in the final group of 5-7 members who will be recommended to the congregation. If you are interested or know someone you think should be part of the Pastor Nominating Committee, please contact one of the following people no later than May 20: Barbara Brooks, Diane Bumgarner, Meg Christian, Charlie Gray, or David Hill.



Congratulations to Derek & Olivia Spain (along with big brothers Henry and Hudson) on the birth of Romeo Davis Spain on April 30. The rose on the Communion Table is in his honor. The proud grandparents are Ed & Carolyn Spain.



Adopt a Hymnal has begun! If you wish to dedicate a hymnal, please fill out the enclosed form and put it in the red box in the Narthex or turn it in to the office along with a check made out to MVPC or you may use PayPal. Suggested donation \$25/hymnal.

Our **May Communion Offering** is for the summer camp program of Stirred-Up Ministries, an enrichment program for at-risk youth in the East Lake area of Atlanta. In addition to the summer camp program, Stirred-Up Ministries offers year-round support to these youth and their families including after school tutoring and mentoring, family counseling and intervention, and a food pantry for emergency needs.

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May 10, 2026



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

Giving



Presbyterian Women: The **Day Circle** will meet this Tuesday, May 12 at 10:30 in the Session Room. Sarah Chalpan will teach lesson 9: *When You Are Walking With Jesus: The Road to Emmaus*. The **Book Circle** met on May 8. Gigi Gunther led a review of *James* (historical fiction and humor) **Circle of Grace:** We will take the summer off but please check back for our Fall schedule. Please email Lisa Cumming at lisa.j.cumming@gmail.com if you have 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 & 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: Our Stephen Ministry is beginning another book study to help us keep our listening and helping skills honed for service to our church and community. We feel strongly that our wells must be deep to help others. We are best used when temporary troubles become too sizable to manage. We offer another perspective, encouragement, clarification of goals, and resources and strategies to try may help the situation quickly and give relief. Please contact Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader, or a pastor to get onboard.



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, Dee Bradford-Smith, Allison Eustis, Bruce Hagenau, George Hammett, David Hill, Megan Kendall, Nancy Kennedy, Kathryn Mackie, Patricia, Barbara Pirkle, our homebound & isolated members, ACE, CAC, Los Niños Primero, Clifton Sanctuary, Israel/Gaza, Ukraine, Myanmar, and Zambia.

Attendance 5/3: Sanctuary: 89 Online: 19

Financial Update

As of May 7	Actual YTD	2026 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$ 201,740	\$460,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 20,095	\$ 60,000
Non-Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 2,766	\$ 7,500
Total	\$ 224,601	\$ 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