



## MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TRINITY SUNDAY

MAY 31, 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**

**"Shenandoah"**

Traditional Folksong

*arr: Andrew Parr*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

**OPENING PRAYER**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: In mystery and wonder

**ALL: We see the face of God.**

ONE: In earthiness and the ordinary

**ALL: We know the love of Christ.**

ONE: In heights and depths and life and death

**ALL: The Spirit of God is moving among us. Let us worship God!**

† **OPENING HYMN (#1)**

**"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"**

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Creator God, as we are made in your image, we give you thanks for the seed of creativity you planted within each person. Help us to appreciate creativity where we don't always notice it. Forgive us for those times we have wasted our capacity to create, or used our creativity as a force for destruction rather than reconciliation. Help us live in awe of the creativity within all of us. Give us the patience and courage to nourish that creativity, and the strength and persistence to express it ... *(silent confession)* ... Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

† RESPONSE (#399)(2x)

**"God Welcomes All"**

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

**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.)*

† 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**

Ed Spain

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 8  
Genesis 1:1-2; 4

Rev. Colussy-Estes

**SERMON**

"Creation Creativity"

**RESPONSE**

† HYMN (#303)

**"God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"**

**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 on 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**

**“God! Eternal, Always and Forever”**

Chancel Choir

*by: Gregg Sewell*

*(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 (#80)(2x)**

**“You Shall Go Out With Joy”**

† **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Ed Spain

**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.**

ONE: We offer our songs of praise to you:

**ALL: (Response)(#552)**

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

ONE: As we struggle to understand such a gift, as we seek to live such faithfulness, we live in that mystery called faith:

**ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**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

**“Sing”**

Chancel Choir  
*by: Cantor Natalie Young*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

† CLOSING HYMN (#14)

**“For the Beauty of the Earth”**

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Colussy-Estes

### POSTLUDE

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The choir performed “Shenandoah” and “Sing” with Holy Innocents’ Choir on April 30 as part of a benefit concert for the Community Assistance Center.

#### 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**

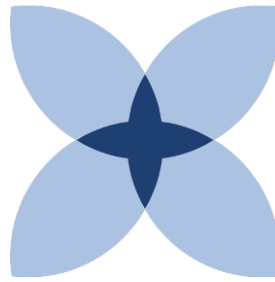
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# MVPC Announcements....

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



Connection  
10-10:25am

Worship  
10:30-11:30am

## Upcoming Services/Events:

- May 31** Congregational Meeting
- June 7** Psalm 33:1-12, Genesis 12:1-9, Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes  
Gabriel Walder & Lunch immediately after worship in Fellowship Hall
- June 14** Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 Genesis 18:1-15, Rev. Shari Freeman



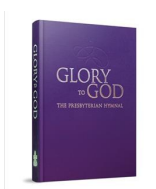
There will be a short congregational meeting immediately following worship TODAY to hear a report from the nominating committee.



**URGENT NEED:** 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.



Construction has begun with the Frontier and parking lot. The Mount Vernon entrance is closed for the summer. Please use the Johnson Ferry entrance in the meantime.



**Adopt a Hymnal** There's still time to Adopt a Hymnal! Dedicating a hymnal to someone is a good way to honor people close to us or to remember people that are no longer here or to give special thanks to someone. Please complete the form in the bulletin and leave in the red box in the Narthex or return to the office. The suggested donation per hymnal is \$25.

**Blue Hymnal:** If you dedicated a hymnal in the past and would like to pick it up, they are sorted alphabetically in the corridor between the Narthex and Session Room.



**Sermons and Cervezas:** join us during June on Wednesday evenings at 6pm on the patio of El Azteca for Mexican food and discussion. Begins this Wednesday, June 3! See you there!

**Inquirers Lunch:** If you have questions about what we do here at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, join us for lunch on Sunday, June 14.



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

Giving



**Presbyterian Women:** Presbyterian Women has finished the studies and reviews. We will not meet again until our kickoff luncheon in August. Have a wonderful summer! **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](mailto: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:** Needing another perspective and a listening ear without judgment? Your Stephen Ministers are here to walk with you through trying times. Their goal is to provide presence and listening so that you can be empowered to clarify your path forward. Confidentiality and the presentation of resources you may not know about are part of the relationship with your Stephen Minister. 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](mailto:barbara@babrooks.com) or call her at 404.422.5175.

**Prayer Concerns:** Carol Beckman, Kristen Bennett, Dee Bradford-Smith, Betsy Cozine, 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 5/24:** Sanctuary: 79 Online: 23



**Financial Update**

As of May 28	Actual YTD	2026 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$ 227,073	\$460,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 30,335	\$ 60,000
Non-Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 3,111	\$ 7,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 260,519</b>	<b>\$ 527,500</b>

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](mailto:debbie@mvpchurch.org)