

MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 19, 2026, 10:30 am

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

† *You are invited to stand when you see this symbol.*



The Dream of Jacob by Marc Chagall

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

"Wanna Be Loved"
Asa Pedi, vocals

by The Red Clay Strays

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

OPENING PRAYER

† CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

ALL: Surely, God is in this place.

ONE: God's love is for us and for all people everywhere.

ALL: Surely, God is in this place.

ONE: As we share God's love and life, we are renewed by God's Spirit.

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

† OPENING HYMN (#29)

"O God, You Search Me"

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Ever-Present God, there is no place where you are not with us. You see us at our worst and at our best. There is much we would hide from you – the ways we harm your creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn toward you. Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, and our actions, that our lives may reflect your presence in this world ... *(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

Rev. Colussy-Estes

*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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathy Havey

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

Genesis 28:10-19

Rev. Colussy-Estes

SERMON

Unexpected Places

RESPONSE

† HYMN (#401)

“Here in This Place (Gather Us In)”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Shari Freeman

... 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.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS: Piper Neumann

ONE: There are varieties of gifts but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

ALL: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

ONE: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

ALL: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

† APOSTLES’ CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles’ Creed:

ONE: Do you believe in God the Father?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

ONE: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

ALL: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

ONE: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

ALL: I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION & LAYING ON OF HANDS

OFFERTORY

"Give Me Jesus"

African American Spiritual, arr. by Tom Trenney

Asa Pedi, Baritone

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"

You shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap) (3x)
While you go out with joy!

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Kathy Havey

SENDING

† CLOSING HYMN (#69)

"Here I Am Lord"

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G major

by J.S. Bach

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

Liam Jacobs, Contemporary Musician



We are located at: 471 Mt Vernon Hwy NE, Sandy Springs, GA 30328

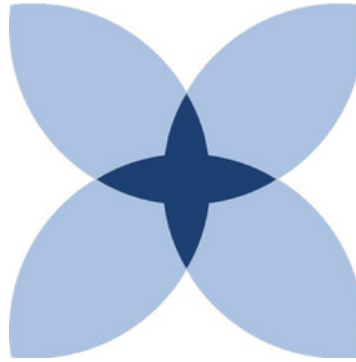
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MVPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 19, 2026

Sunday School
9:30-10:15am



Connections
10-10:25am

Worship
10:30-11:30am



Upcoming Services/Events:

- July 26** Psalm 128; Genesis 29:15-28, Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt
- August 2** Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 32:22-31, Rev. Shari Freeman
- August 7** Movie Night in the Courtyard
- August 9** Blessing of the Backpacks during Worship



CAT Scan Survey is live and ready for your feedback. The PNC will provide technical help today and July 26 after worship in the Session Room.

Construction: Parking on the back side of the church/the Spruill Lane side of campus is prohibited during construction. Also, during the summer, please use the Johnson Ferry entrance.

Our **July Communion Offering** is for the Atlanta VA Domiciliary. The Domiciliary provides residential rehabilitative programming for Veterans facing homelessness, mental health and/or substance use disorders. They facilitate community re-integration by promoting autonomy and self-sufficiency through assessments, treatment, education, referrals and linkages that improve veterans' quality of life.

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 **9:30am** in the Chapel and is using the curriculum *"The Present Word"*. **Crossroads** meets at **9:30am** in the Session Room, and is using a DVD series titled *The History of Christian Theology* by Prof. Phillip Cary of Eastern University. Contact Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt for more information.





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

Giving



Presbyterian Women: Save the date! The Presbyterian Women's Kickoff Salad Luncheon will be on August 9 after the morning service in the Kirk Center. Bring a salad and enjoy fellowship as we prepare for another year of Bible study. You will also be able to purchase a study guide.
Circle of Grace: We are taking 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.



Stephen Ministry: Summer is a good time for cleaning out and shoring up for our physical and spiritual welfare! If your emotional life is in disorder, Stephen Ministry can assist. Having a trusted, neutral, nonjudgmental partner who keeps your problems confidential is a huge asset and promotes healthy decision-making. Contact Pat Bartee, leader, or a pastor to get started.



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, Betsy Cozine, Nancy Vaughn Fletcher, Sherri Galloway, George Hammett, David Hill, Nancy Kennedy, Kathryn Mackie, our homebound & isolated members, ACE, CAC, Los Niños Primero, Clifton Sanctuary, Israel/Gaza, Ukraine, Myanmar, and Zambia.

Attendance 7/12: Sanctuary: 83 Online: 19



Financial Update

As of July 16, 2026	Actual YTD	2026 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$ 291,864	\$ 460,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$ 32,189	\$ 60,000
Non-Member Giving & Loose Offering	\$ 4,251	\$ 7,500
Total	\$ 328,304	\$ 527,500

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