MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 5, 2026 10:30 am

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

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

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC **"Shall We Gather at the River?"** *by Robert Lowry*

Traditional Spiritual

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

† CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: For God alone my soul waits in silence

ALL: Steadfast love belongs to the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER, Act 1 **We Begin our Story** Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

† **HYMN** *(#720)* **"Jesus Calls Us"**

Act 1, Scene 1 **The Story of a Call from God** Mary Lea Woods

† **HYMN** *(#8)* **"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"**

Act 1, Scene 2 **Truth and Consequences** Mike Havey

CALL TO CONFESSION, Act 2 Rev. Colussy-Estes

† **SONG OF CONFESSION** *(#28)* **"You Are Before Me, Lord"** *(verses 1, 3 & 5)*

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

ONE: Jonah ran to the sea, as far away from the landlocked town of Nineveh as he could get, and yet even there he could not escape God's presence

ALL: Sometimes we run, but we know there is no place we can escape God's presence.

ONE: But here is the good news: God's presence is, first and foremost, a presence of mercy and grace, love and compassion. After all, God forgave Jonah.

ALL: We give thanks to God! In Jesus Christ we too are forgiven!

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

† **RESPONSE** *(#623)* **"I've Got Peace Like a River"**

(The children are invited to Children's Church in the Chapel.)

THE WORD

Act 3 **Nineveh Hears God, and Listens** Joey Noszek

RESPONSE

† **HYMN** *(#435)* **"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

Act 4 **Jonah Talks Back to God** Rev. Shari Freeman

OFFERTORY **"A Living Prayer"** *by Alison Krauss*

Kathy and Mike Havey

(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** David Hill

Act 4, Scene 2 **Jonah Learns that All Good Things Come from God**

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 sing songs of joy to you:
ALL: (Response)*(#552)* **"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

ONE: As we would faithfully follow Jesus, going a little farther with him each day, we proclaim the mystery of 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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

† **CLOSING HYMN** *(#649)* **"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"**

† **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **A Patriotic Medley**
Bob Martin, accordion

The Story of Jonah: A Service of Story and Song
By Rev. Kelly Boubel Shriver

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

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MVPC Announcements for July 5, 2026

Sunday School
9:30 - 10:15am

Connection
10-10:25am

Worship
10:30-11:30am

Upcoming Services/Events:

- **July 12** Psalm 119:105-112, Genesis 25:19-34, Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt
- **July 19** Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24, Genesis 28:10-19a

Lunch Bunch: Join us for our lunch **today** Sunday, July 5 after worship at City BBQ

Family Game Night: Join us for fun and games on Sunday, July 12 from 5-8pm in Gailey Hall.

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.

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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. Beginning July 12 we will have a DVD Series titled *The History of Christian Theology* by Prof. Phillip Cary of Eastern University and winner of several teaching awards. Contact Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt for more information.

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 if you have questions.

Stephen Ministry: Grieving beyond an acceptable comfort level? Need encouragement and someone just to talk to as you serve as primary caregiver? Retired and having trouble filling your life with new things? Lost a job and having trouble finding another? Just moved and having difficulty settling in the new space? Having to parent your own parents? These are just a few examples of situations where meeting with a Stephen Minister might lift your spirit and help you get back on track. To get connected, contact Pat Bartee, and leave a message. Or ask a pastor to contact us.

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, 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 5/28: LNP Sanctuary: 395 Online: 20

Financial Update

As of June 30, 2026	**Actual YTD**	**2026 Budget**
Pledge Member Giving	$ 287,172	$460,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	$ 31,339	$ 60,000
Non-Member Giving & Loose Offering	$ 4,096	$ 7,500
Total	**$322,607**	$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

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