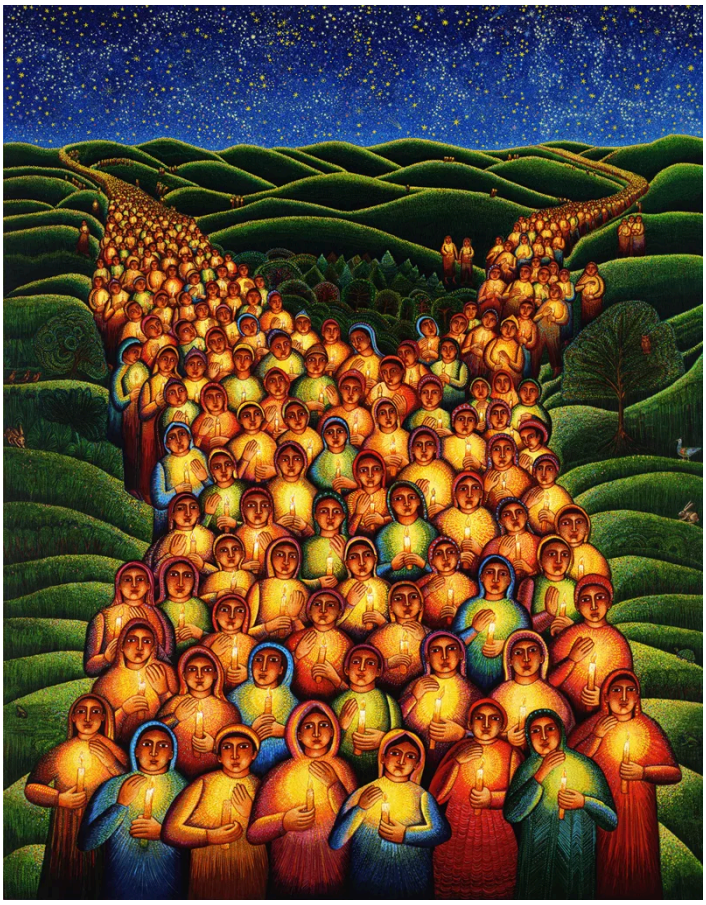
MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2026, 10:30 AM

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

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



Festival of Lights
by John August Swanson

GATHERING

PIPE & DRUM PROCESSIONAL **"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"**
John Mohr MacKintosh Pipes & Drums

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Penny Kiel, Kirk Chalpan, Sharon Murphy

OPENING PRAYER

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Colussy-Estes

ONE: Happy are we
ALL: when our treasures cannot be quantified.
ONE: Happy are we
ALL: when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.
ONE: Happy are we
ALL: when our pain is held in the balm of love.
ONE: Happy are we
ALL: when our delight comes from beyond ourselves. Let us worship God!

† **OPENING HYMN** *(#326)* **"For All the Saints"**

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. Shari Freeman

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up people among us who live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Forgive us when we have admired power and overlooked the meek, when we have turned away from those who mourn, when we have spoken about peace but held on to division, and when we have asked for mercy without offering it to others. And now in silence, we bring before you all the things we need to lay down … *(silent confession)* … Amen.

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

ONE: … In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

† **RESPONSE** *(#698 2x)* **"Take, O Take Me as I Am"**

Take, O take me as I am;
Summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CELEBRATION OF THE SAINTS Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

(Children are invited forward to assist the pastors with the liturgy and celebration)

Barbara Bruce	1/10/2026	Mason King	6/27/2026
Mary Smith	3/1/2026	Linda Young	8/17/2026
Sam Brasher	3/16/2026	Helen Johnson	9/18/2026
David Switzer	5/10/2026	George Hammett	9/26/2026
Jack Bobeng	6/8/2026	Joseph Dingle	10/7/2026
		Rena Edwards	10/20/2026

BAGPIPERS LAMENT **"MacPherson's Lament"**

(Afterward, the children are invited to Children's Church in the Chapel)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Felicia Hutt

SCRIPTURE Revelation 7:9-17
Matthew 5:1-12 Rev. Colussy-Estes

SERMON "All Tribes and Peoples and Languages"

RESPONSE

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

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(The Apostles' Creed)* Rev. Shari Freeman

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

OFFERTORY **"Nova Scotia's Broken Heart"**
John Mohr MacKintosh Pipes & Drums

† **DOXOLOGY** (*#608)* **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

† **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Felicia Hutt

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Rev. Colussy-Estes
INVITATION TO THE TABLE Rev. Freeman
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Rev. Toney-Schmitt

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: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with the faithful of every time and place:

ALL: (#552) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

ONE: …great is 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

SENDING

† CLOSING HYMN **"When The Saints Go Marching In"**

1. Oh, when the saints, go marching in… oh when the saints go marching in…
Lord, I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in.

2. Oh, when the stars, refuse to shine…Oh, when the stars refuse to shine…
I will meet them all up in heaven, When the stars refuse to shine.

3. And on that hallelujah day… And on that hallelujah day…
Lord, I want to be in that number, On that hallelujah day.

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **"Bells of Dunblane"**

John Mohr MacKintosh Pipes & Drums

Together for 49 years, the John Mohr MacKintosh Pipes & Drums performed at the 1996 Olympics and continue to perform at the Stone Mountain Highland Games. They practice each Saturday on our campus, and we are grateful for their partnership.

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

We are located at: 471 Mt Vernon Hwy NE, Sandy Springs, GA 30328
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MVPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Sunday School
9:30-10:15am

Connections
10-10:25am

Worship
10:30-11:30am

Upcoming Services/Events:



November 8 Matthew 25:1-13, Rev. Shari Freeman

November 15 Stewardship Dedication Sunday, Matthew 25:31-46, Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt





Sunday, November 8 - Congregational Lunch Honoring Our Volunteers! Join us after worship on Sunday, November 8 at a lunch honoring the many volunteers that we rely on here at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church. Whether you serve as an usher, love to serve meals or serve on a committee we want to honor and celebrate you!

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Sunday, November 15 - Stewardship Dedication Sunday We have spent much of the fall hearing from church members who have Faithfully Served with our ministry partners. On November 8 we'll give thanks for all the Faithful Service that you have provided to the life of the congregation. Sunday, November 15 we'll have the opportunity to dedicate ourselves to our next season of Faithful Service with the presentation of our pledge cards.

stirred:up

Our **November Communion Offering** will continue one of our congregation's longest outreach traditions by collecting non-perishable food items for Stirred-Up Ministries to distribute in Thanksgiving baskets for vulnerable families in the East Lake area of Atlanta. Stirred-Up Ministries is a year-round enrichment program for at-risk youth providing summer sports camps, tutoring, mentoring, and family counseling designed to help the kids succeed in school and embrace God's vision and purpose for their lives.

THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL

Adopt a Hymnal - Dedicating a hymnal to someone is a good way to honor people close to us, to remember people that are no longer here, or to give special thanks to someone. Please complete the form in the red box in the Narthex or return to the church office. The suggested donation per hymnal is $25.

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

Giving



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 as well as 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 DVD series titled *The History of Christian Theology* by Prof. Phillip Cary of Eastern University. Contact Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt for more information.

Presbyterian Women: We will meet on November 10 at 10:30am in the Session Room. Rev. Shari Freeman will teach lesson 3: Freedom in Christ. The Book Circle will meet on November 13, and Kathy Havey will lead a review of *Remember Us* by Robert M. Edsel. Circle of Grace will meet November 15 at 5pm.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry: Fall is a welcome change of scene for most people. The color, the smells, the comfort of routines. But, with a waning amount of sunshine, empty nests, and colds and flu emerging, sometimes, fall becomes a time of sadness and depression. Our Stephen Ministers are trained to deal with sadness and mild depression (we refer to professionals for deepening depression). If sadness overwhelms you, please contact us and see if we can help! Contact Pat Bartee, 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: Rick Davis *(friend of Charlie Gray)*, Mark & JoAnn Fifield, Dick Freeman, Gerald Fudge, Sherri Galloway, Mary Lynch *(Felicia Hutt's mother)*, Kathryn Mackie, Kathy Whitacre-Stewart, our homebound & isolated members, PNC, ACE, CAC, Los Niños Primero, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, Israel/Gaza, Nepal, Ukraine, Myanmar, Venezuela, and Zambia.

Attendance 10/25: Worship: 82 Online: 24

BE AWARE: *Please do not respond to any text or email that appears to be from any of our pastors or staff members requesting money or gift cards. If you have any questions about emails from staff, please contact the church office.*

Financial Update

As of October 29, 2026	Actual YTD	2026 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	$ 393,583	$ 460,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	$ 45,822	$ 60,000
Non-Member Giving & Loose Offering	$ 5,662	$ 7,500
Total	**$ 445,067**	**$ 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