

MOUNTAIN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
THE LORD’S DAY

January 21, 2024

10:00 a.m.

\* Please stand if you are able

GATHERING MUSIC

6 Hymn Tunes - Felix Mendelssohn

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Titus 3:4-8, NRSV

When the goodness and loving kindness  
of God our Savior appeared, He saved us,  
not because of any works of righteousness that we had done,  
but according to His mercy, through the water of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.  
This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,  
so that, having been justified by His grace,  
we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.  
The saying is sure.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.  
We have a high priest  
who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses.  
He has been tempted in every way, just as we are,  
yet was without sin.  
Therefore he is able to save completely  
those who come to God through Him,  
because He always lives to intercede for them.  
Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence,  
so that we may receive mercy  
and find grace to help us in our time of need.

\* OPENING HYMN - #420

God of Grace and God of Glory

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,  
You have set before us the path,  
but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way.  
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Remind us, O God,  
that we are always Your children,  
that we are chosen and precious in Your sight,  
that we always have much to learn.  
Forgive us, O God.  
Help us to seek You every day,  
to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance,  
and help us to return to the path and walk with You.  
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE

\* Gloria Patri  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 150

OT page 551

SPECIAL MUSIC

How Great Thou Art with Majesty - arr. Joel Raney

Joyful Ringers

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 9.1-14

NT page 209

\* DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy ghost. Amen.

SERMON

The Great Ends of the Church:  
The Maintenance of Divine Worship

The Reverend James Webb

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD’S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Bells Must Ring! - John A. Behnke

Joyful Ringers

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Declaration of Faith

In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God’s undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God’s demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by our siblings in Christ, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

SCRIPTURE

*Psalm 29*

OT page 477

\* HYMN - #485

*To God be the Glory*

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

*March of the Priests - Felix Mendelssohn*



Participants in today’s service are:

Joan Fishburn  
David McArthur  
Susan Chapman  
Donna Fullerton

Liturgist  
Director of Music  
Handbell Director, Piano  
Organ



The flowers today are in celebration of all January Birthdays!



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Office Hours

*Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Friday: 9:00 a.m. to noon*


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The Reverend James H. Webb  
The Reverend Robert D. Dooling, Pastor Emeritus  
Pastor Larry Shores, Commissioned Pastor

January 21, 2024

# Announcements

- 1 As you enter worship, please **sign the Friendship Pad**. It's a small thing but very important. If you are a non-member, please give us your address/phone information. We would love to connect with you!
- 2 **Worshipping with Little Ones:** Little Ones are welcome to Worship in the Sanctuary or the Kid's Worship Training area. The MVPC Kid's Worship Training area is located in the lobby area to the right of the Sanctuary doors. Items to help children understand the elements of worship are available as well as comfortable seating for children & adults. (Those needing a private area to change diapers, nurse, etc. please ask an Usher to show you our Family Room located in the Children's Hallway.)
- 3 MVPC Weekly **TLC Prayer List** may be picked up at the organ in the front of the Sanctuary after Worship.
- 4 A new **Flower Chart** has been posted in the Narthex. Sign up early to pick your favorite date. Rowe's will again be providing the arrangements at \$40 and will invoice you directly. Please indicate the reason you are sharing your flowers with us and especially if you are going to use a different florist. The flowers are delivered on Friday, kept in a cool room, watered on Saturday and then transferred to the Sanctuary/s on Sunday morning.
- 5 A **GriefShare support group** for people grieving the death of a loved one is starting soon. Please join us: Mondays in the Parlor, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM starting on January 22nd. **Update: GriefShare is Cancelled -** We will be rescheduling the GriefShare class for late spring. If you are interested in attending, please contact [Kimberly@mymvpc.com](mailto:Kimberly@mymvpc.com) or call the church office.
- 6 **Alternative Giving:** A big thank you to all who participated in our 2023 Alternative Giving mission opportunity. Mountain View collected over \$13,000. These funds were disbursed this month and will certainly bless the mission organizations receiving the money. The Mission Committee is thankful for the generosity of our congregation. God Bless!
- 7 Please note these changes: **Jan. 28.** One service at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. Followed by the **Annual Meeting.** **Feb . 11** One Service at 10:00 in the Sanctuary.
- 8 **Time Change for Discover MVPC / New Member Class\*\*\*** - because of recent schedule changes, we have moved the Discover MVPC class to **11:30 AM** in the Nook for Sunday, January 28th. If you have any questions or concerns, contact [Kimberly@mymvpc.com](mailto:Kimberly@mymvpc.com). Otherwise, we will see you after worship and juannual meeting in the Nook.



As you enter, please be respectful,  
silently preparing your heart for worship

## Weekly Schedule

<b>Sunday</b> <b>1/21</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>10:00 am, Traditional Worship</b> - Sanctuary</li><li>• <b>11:15 am, “Romans” with Rev. Bob</b> – Room 100</li><li>• <b>3:00 pm, Praise Team Rehearsal</b> – Life Center</li><li>• <b>5:00 pm, Common Table and Contemporary Worship</b> - LC</li></ul>
<b>Monday</b> <b>1/22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>10:30 am, Outreach Communion</b> – Brookdale North</li><li>• <b>5:00 pm, Handbell Rehearsal</b> – Chapel</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>1/23</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>1:30 pm, SLF "Jesus the Game Changer 2"</b> - Room 1</li><li>• <b>7:00 pm, Men’s Study–Jesus the Game Changer 1</b>, Library</li><li>• <b>7:00 pm, Women’s Study</b> – Room 1</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>1/24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>8:00 am, Men’s Breakfast</b> at the Village Inn</li><li>• <b>1:00 pm, Prayer Shawl Ministry</b> - Library</li><li>• <b>6:30 pm, Westminster Choir Rehearsal</b> - Sanctuary</li></ul>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>1/25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>7:00 pm, Praise Team Rehearsal</b> - Life Center</li></ul>
<b>Friday</b> <b>1/26</b>	
<b>Saturday</b> <b>1/27</b>	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>1/28</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>10:00 am, Traditional Worship</b> - Sanctuary</li><li>• <b>11:00 am, Annual Meeting</b> - Sanctuary</li><li>• <b>11:15 am, “Romans”</b> - <b>Class Cancelled today</b></li><li>• <b>11:30 am, Discover MVPC/New Member Class</b> - Nook</li><li><b>No Common Table or Contemporary Worship</b></li></ul>

## God of Grace, and God of Glory #420

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on Thy people pour Thy pow'r;  
crown Thine ancient Church's story,  
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways.  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3 Cure Thy children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to Thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

4 Set our feet on lofty places;  
Gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christlike graces,  
Pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
That we fail not them nor Thee!  
That we fail not them nor Thee!

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5 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of Thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
serving Thee whom we adore,  
serving Thee whom we adore.

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## To God Be the Glory #485

1 To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

### *Refrain*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

2 Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

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## Psalm 150

Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

## Hebrews 9:1-14

Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and

Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy-seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail.

Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary has not yet been disclosed as long as the first tent is still standing. This is a symbol of the present time, during which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshipper, but deal only with food and drink and various baptisms, regulations for the body imposed until the time comes to set things right.

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

## Psalm 29

A Psalm of David.

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;

worship the LORD in holy splendour.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders,

the LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful;

the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,

and strips the forest bare;

and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.

May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!