

MOUNTAIN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY

September 17, 2023

10:00 a.m.

* Please stand if you are able

GATHERING MUSIC

David McArthur

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Proverbs 22

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favor is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:

The Lord is the maker of them all.

The clever see danger and hide;

but the simple go on, and suffer for it.

The reward for humility and fear of the LORD
is riches and honor and life.

Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse;
the cautious will keep far from them.

Train children in the right way,
and when old, they will not stray.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give instruction to the wise, and they will become wiser still;
teach the righteous and they will gain in learning.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

For by me your days will be multiplied,
and years will be added to your life.

* OPENING HYMN - sing to tune 343; words on the screen

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we ask for wisdom and understanding
in our homes, our workplaces, our schools,
our church committee meetings, our legislatures and our courts.

We ask you to show us your way, O God.

Show us your way and forgive us when we stray.

We ask for your forgiveness,

peace, hope, and grace as we walk in your will.

Help us to keep our vision clear, as you are at work in our lives.

Continue to show us your way, O Lord.

In Jesus Name, 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, Amen.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

By Faith - Michael Lawrence

Westminster Choir

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19

OT page 472

PSALTER - words will be on the screen

God's Glory Fills the Heaven

Psalm 19

*The 3 stanzas reflect the psalm's three themes:
creation, the giving of the Law, and the human response to these gifts.*

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 1.18-27

NT page 156

* 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

Road Trip: The Way of Wisdom

The Reverend James Webb

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Book of Common Worship

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

OT page 552

Proverbs 2.1-8

* HYMN - words will be on the screen

Rock of Ages

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC



Participants in today's service are:

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| Sylvia Dooling | Liturgist |
| Bob Dooling | Water Bearer |
| David McArthur | Director of Music |
| Mary Hymans | Piano |
| Donna Fullerton | Organ |



MOUNTAIN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Office Hours

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

Friday: 9:00 a.m. to noon

TLC line: 970-663-3810 or email tlcprayer@myMVPC.com

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

September 17, 2023



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

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 Carts for **donations to House of Neighborly Service** are located in the Lobby and by the Reception Desk. Thank you for continuing to remember others. HNS only accepts unopened food and unopened non-perishable commodities such as TP. **No used clothing or other household items.**
- 3 The **Weekly TLC Prayer** List may be picked up from Donna at the organ in the front of the Sanctuary.
- 4 Families can use the **Little Ones worship training table** located in the lobby area. There are Bibles, books, stuffed friends, coloring books and crayons. Parents have comfortable seats where they can supervise and still observe the service. The Family Room (Rm 118) is also open and available if you need a quieter space with a changing table.

Weekly Schedule

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| Sunday 9/17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 am, Traditional Worship - Sanctuary • 11:15 Class on Romans w/ Rev. Bob – Youth Room #100 • 2:00 pm, Sunday Afternoon class: Colossians – Room 1 w/ Larry • 3:00 pm, Praise Team Rehearsal - Life Center • 5:00 pm, Common Table - Life Center |
| Monday 9/18 | |
| Tuesday 9/19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:30 pm, SFL Group: Jesus the Game Changer – Room 1 • 1:30 pm, PP&C Committee - Library • 3:00 pm, S&F Committee: Room 1 • 7:00 pm, Men's Bible Study: Joshua - Library w/ Pastor Larry • 7:00 pm, Women's Bible Study: – Room 1 w/ Terry Shores |
| Wednesday 9/20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 am, Men's Breakfast at the Village Inn • 6:30 pm, Westminster Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary |
| Thursday 9/21 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 pm, Session - Chapel • 7:00 pm, Praise Team Rehearsal - Life Center |
| Friday 9/22 | |
| Saturday 9/23 | |
| Sunday 9/24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 am, Traditional Worship - Sanctuary • 11:15 Class on Romans w/ Rev. Bob – Chapel • 2:00 pm, Sunday Afternoon class: Colossians – Room 1 w/ Larry • 3:00 pm, Praise Team Rehearsal - Life Center • 3:30 pm, Discover MVPC (New Member Class) • 5:00 pm, Common Table - Life Center |

Psalms 19

- [1](#) The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- [2](#) Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
- [3](#) There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
- [4](#) yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
- [5](#) which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- [6](#) Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.
- [7](#) The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
- [8](#) the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
- [9](#) the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- [10](#) More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.
- [11](#) Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- [12](#) But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.
- [13](#) Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- [14](#) Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

1 Corinthians 1:18-27

- [18](#) For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
- [19](#) For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."
- [20](#) Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?
- [21](#) For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.
- [22](#) For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,
- [23](#) but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,
- [24](#) but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
- [25](#) For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.
- [26](#) Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.
- [27](#) But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

Proverbs 2:1-8

- [1](#) My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you,
- [2](#) making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding;
- [3](#) if you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding;
- [4](#) if you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures—
- [5](#) then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.
- [6](#) For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
- [7](#) he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly,
- [8](#) guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of his faithful ones.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty to deliver; let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

4 Finish then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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God's Glory Fills the Heavens (Psalm 19)

1 God's glory fills the heav'ns with hymns; the domed sky bears the maker's mark.
New praises sound from day to day and echo through the knowing dark.
Without a word their songs roll on; into all lands their voices run.
And with a champion's strength and grace from farthest heav'n comes forth the sun.

2 God's perfect law revives the soul; its precepts make the simple wise.
Its just commands rejoice the heart; its truth gives light unto the eyes.
Forever shall this law endure: unblemished, righteous, true, complete.
No gold was ever found so fine, no honey in the comb more sweet.

3 God's servant may I ever be: this world my joy, that Word my guide.
O cleanse me, LORD, from secret sin; deliver me from selfish pride.
Accept my thoughts and words and deeds; let them find favor in your sight.
For you alone can make me whole, O LORD, my refuge and my might.

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Rock of Ages

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

2 Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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