

Mountain View Presbyterian Church
ADVENT

December 1, 2024

10:15 a.m.

* Please stand if you are able.

We invite you to prepare your heart & mind quietly before Worship in the Sanctuary.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Luke 21: 25-28

Christ is coming!
We see the signs!
Christ is coming!
We will be ready!
Christ is coming!
Raise your heads because your redemption is drawing near!
Praise be to God! We will worship and prepare.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

“Wait for the Lord” by Jacques Berthier

Neuschwanger Family
Westminster Choir

Lighting the Candle of Hope

* HYMN #9

Words on the Screen

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Prince of Peace, the wars and rumors of wars betray our addiction to violence, our destructive and dehumanizing ways. We deserve your judgment and condemnation. Yet, you remain faithful, a steadfast source of peace in the midst of our warring madness. Holy God, turn us from evil. Return us to Christ and his path of peace. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. 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.***

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 7:10-17

Old Testament page 598

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Rejoice and Be Merry”
By Tom Fettke

Westminster Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-35

New Testament page 53

* DOXOLOGY

“Doxology (Amen)”
By Phil Wickham, Luis Bourgeois, Thomans Ken

Led by Praise Team
Words on Screen

SERMON

Carols thru Time: “Emmanuel”

Pastor Larry Shores

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation
Lord's Prayer
Communion**

**Please wait for the usher to release your row to go forward to receive Communion.
*(If you are unable to walk forward,
please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your pew)*
Please take your bread (a gluten-free option is available).
Please tell your server whether you prefer wine (in clear cup) or juice (in purple cup).
We would ask that you consume the elements up front.
Please deposit your empty cup in the white containers provided up front
and return to your seat via the outside aisle.

SCRIPTURE

John 1:14-18

New Testament page 86

* CHRISTMAS CAROL

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
By Phil Wickham

Words on the Screen
Praise Team Leading

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Minute for Mission: Alternative Giving

Tom Dragano

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

Participants in today's service are:

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Sylvia Dooling | Liturgist | Kurt Spence | Drums |
| Susan Chapman | Bell Director & Piano | Steve Payton | Guitar |
| David McArthur | Music Ministry Director | Nancy Payton | Vocalist |
| Mira Mintcheva | Organ | Sharon Webb | Vocalist |

Garry & Wava Neuschwanger

Advent Family



The Flowers given today are given by :

- Dean & Carol Mizer celebrating their 63rd Wedding Anniversary!
- Delee Bonser-Kingham celebrating Lela Bonser 89th Birthday!

Little Ones and Worship

At MVPC, we love your children and we love to see families worshipping together! We also understand that children are at different development stages, so we have the MVPC Kid's Worship Training area and the Family Worship Room.

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.

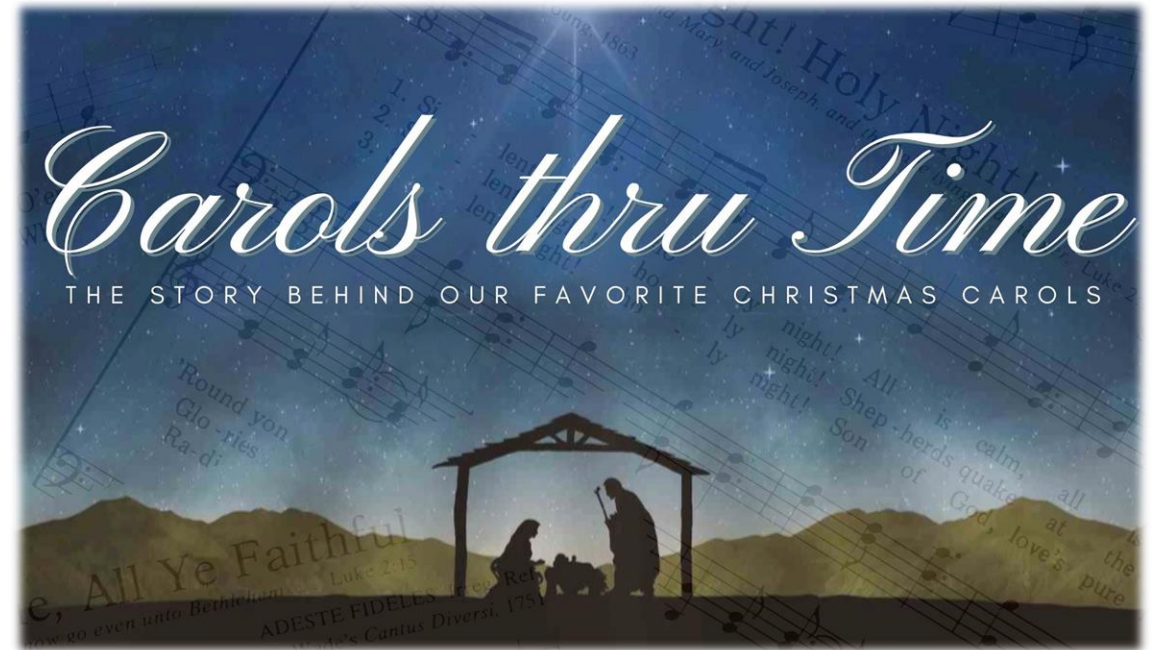
The ***Family Worship Room*** is for very small children or ones needing a private area to change diapers, nurse, etc. (Room 110 / Nursery - please ask a Greeter to show you the way to the room in the Children's Hallway.)

MVPC Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm

CLOSED ON FRIDAYS IN DECEMBER

970-663-3810



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www.myMVPC.com

The Reverend James H. Webb

Commissioned Pastor Larry Shores

The Reverend Tracee Hackel, Volunteer Theologian in Residence

The Reverend Robert D. Dooling, Pastor Emeritus

The Reverend Gary LeTourneau, Pastor Emeritus

December 1, 2024

Announcements

1. Friendship Sign-In

As you enter worship, please sign the Friendship Sign-In located at the entrance to the Sanctuary. It's a small thing but very important. If you are a non-member, please let us know you were here with your information. We would love to connect with you! Thank you!

2. MVPC Pledge Cards

It's not too late! We have received 119 cards to date. We ask that you return your Pledge Card for 2025 in the Offering Plate, dropping by the Church Office, or by mail to MVPC as soon as possible. This helps us in planning our 2025 budget. Thank you!

3. MVPC Newsletter

The December newsletter is out! With the recent changes in the Church Office, we would appreciate it if you would let us know if you DID NOT receive the newsletter by your requested delivery (i.e. Online/Email or US Postal Service). Please send an email to Christy@mymvpc.com or call the Church Office during the week so we can make the appropriate changes. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

4. Alternative Giving

Alternative Giving starts today and runs through December 22. Visit the display table located in the lobby before or after worship service to pick up your brochure/giving slip. Representatives from the Mission Committee will be available to help. Brochures are also available in the church office during the week. Consider how you might make a difference in the life of another person.

5. MVPC Annual Christmas Luncheon Dec 15 @ 11:30am

The annual Christmas luncheon will be on Sunday December 15th after church. As in past years it will be a potluck, with Fellowship providing the meat and drinks. Please sign up on the sheets in the Sanctuary Lobby, Church Office, and also online at our website www.myMVPC.com

6. Christmas Poinsettias

Deacons will once again be taking orders for Poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary on Christmas. Sign-up can be done in person on the first three Sundays in December (1, 8, and 15) before and after worship. In addition, orders may be placed online at www.myMVPC.com December 15 under the Give tab. The cost of each Poinsettia is again \$25 and requested to be paid at time of sign-up. Plants may be taken home after the last Christmas Eve service or designated for donation.

7. PW Thanksgiving Offering

Because God has been so generous to us, we respond by passing on that blessing to the people who need help. All proceeds from this offering will go to Malawi for student scholarships for secondary education. Please see the article in the MVPC November Newsletter for more information. The offering ends today.

8. HNS Donations

Carts for donations to House of Neighborly Service are located in the Lobby and across from the Reception Desk in the Church Office. Thank you for continuing to remember others.

9. TLC Prayer List – NEW WAY TO PICK UP PAPER COPY

To place a name on the TLC list you must first have permission from the individual. There are cards in the pew holders you can fill out and place in the offering plate, email tlc@mymvpc.com, or call the office and the receptionist can get the information. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office. **PAPER COPY of the MVPC Weekly TLC Prayer List may be picked up at the CHURCH OFFICE RECEPTIONIST DESK during the week.**

Weekly Schedule

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|----------------------|---|--|--|
| SUN 12/1 | 10:15 am 11:15 am | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT WORSHIP Alternative Giving Biblical Overview 2 w/ Pastor Tracee | Sanctuary Sanctuary Lobby & Online Room 101 |
| MON 12/2 | 5:00 pm | Handbell Rehearsal | Chapel |
| TUES 12/3 | 9:30 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm | Staff Meeting Men's Bible Study: Jesus the Game Changer 2 Women's Advent Study: Joy to the World | Meeting Room 1 Library Sanctuary Lobby |
| WED 12/4 | 8:00 am 9:30 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm | Men's Breakfast Fellowship Committee Burrito Making for Community Kitchen Poetry Hour with Prof Jim Work Building & Grounds Committee Westminster Choir Rehearsal | At the Village Inn Meeting Room 1 Life Center Room 100 Meeting Room 1 Sanctuary |
| THURS 12/5 | 12:30 pm 1:30 pm | Building Bridges Spirit Filled Living w/ Pastor Jim Webb | Parlor Meeting Room 1 |
| FRI 12/6 | | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED | |
| SAT 12/7 | | | |
| SUN 12/8 | 10:15 am | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT WORSHIP Alternative Giving | Sanctuary Sanctuary Lobby & Online |

Finance Update

| | October 2024 | Jan - Oct 2024 |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Budget Income | \$ 53,242.85 | \$ 608,938.73 |
| Budget Expenses | \$ 54,725.52 | \$ 658,269.51 |
| Budget Difference | (\$ 1,482.67) | (\$ 49,330.78) |

Isaiah 7: 10-17

10 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying,

11 Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.

12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.

13 Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also?"

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

15 He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

16 For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

17 The Lord will bring on you and on your people and on your ancestral house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria."

Luke 1: 26-35

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,

27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.

33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

35 The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

John 1: 14-18

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

15 (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ")

16 From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

17 The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

18 No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. (Refrain)

3 O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (Refrain)

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Doxology (Amen)

Verse 1

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above you heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Chorus

Amen Amen Amen
God we praise You
God we praise You

Verse 2

Praise God for all that He has done
Praise Him for He has overcome
The grave is beaten love has won
Praise God our Savior Christ the Son

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