

MOUNTAIN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THE LORD'S DAY

September 1, 2024

10:15 a.m.

* Please stand if you are able

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME / PASSING OF THE PEACE

..The Lord Be With You..
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, my love, my fair one and come away.
Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
For now the winter is past; the flowers appear on the earth.
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
The time of singing has come;
the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.
Join with all nature in manifold witness
Arise, my love, my fair one and come away.
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Let us worship God!

* **OPENING HYMN** - words will be on the screen

The Church in the Wildwood

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are quick to confess our faith, but slow to live it. We sing praise to your name, but we pass on the challenges of faith set before us. We repent once again, Lord. Forgive and change us, O God. By your grace, transform us. Root out the selfishness that hardens our hearts, and replace it with compassion and generosity. Empower us by your Spirit that we might be doers of your word and not hearers only. All this we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, 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

Genesis 13.14-18; Genesis 18.1-8

OT page 10, 13

SPECIAL MUSIC

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms - arr. Michael Eithun

Handbell Quartet

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

NT page 116

SERMON

Hymns Through Time: The Church in the Wildwood

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving / Lord's Prayer

Communion

*Please wait for the usher to release your row.
Tell the server whether you prefer wine or juice.
Take your bread (gluten-free is available) and cup
and consume the elements before returning to your seat.
Deposit your empty cup in the container provided near the servers.
If you cannot go forward, please raise your hand and a server will come to you.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Barmen Declaration

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to God's Creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification or sanctification through him.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 23.17-20

OT page 18

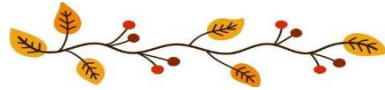
HYMN - # 383

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC



Participants in today's service are:

John Dynes
David McArthur
Susan Chapman
Mira Mintcheva

Liturgist
Director of Music
Handbell Director, Piano
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

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

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Announcements

1 Please sign the Sign-in Sheet located at the entry doors. 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 Worshiping with Little Ones Hey Families. Don't forget to grab your worship activity bag. We also have a picnic table for kids to use while parents look on from the couches in the lobby.

3 MVPC Weekly TLC Prayer List may be picked up at the entrance to the Sanctuary from one of the greeters following worship.

4 Prof. Work's Poetry Salon: T.H. Ferril, Colorado poet will be discussed. Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Room 100. Meet and discuss poems of various kinds. Newcomers welcome. Last class is 9/4.

5 Wanted: A part time Facilities Operations Technician that will work up to 20 hours per week. A copy of the job description and applications are located in the church office. If you have questions please call Garry Neuschwanger at 970-227-9018.

6 The Road to Nicaea Class with Rev. Bob will begin on Sept. 8 following morning worship. The class will be a 5-week session exploring the questions raised by Jesus' person and work, and how the church adopted the trinitarian language to describe God.



7 Biblical Overview Class with Rev. Tracee. If you ask yourself "where do I start to study the Bible" this class is for you. Beginning Sept. 8 following morning worship in Room 101 (across from the chapel). Check it out!



8 The next Discover MVPC (new member class) will be held on Sept. 29 at 8:45 am in Room 1. If you are interested in joining Mountain View or just want to know more about the church contact Kimberly@mymvpc.com.



Weekly Schedule

Sunday 9.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:15 am, Worship Together - Sanctuary
Monday 9.02	<p style="text-align: center;">Labor Day - Offices Closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 pm, Handbell Rehearsal - no rehearsal this week
Tuesday 9.03	
Wednesday 9.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 am, Men's Breakfast at the Village Inn 9:30 am, Fellowship Committee - 10:00 am, Jim Work Poetry Class - Room 100 - last class 4:00 pm, Men's Grief Group - Room 101 6:30 pm, Westminster Choir - Sanctuary
Thursday 9.05	Dottie Herzog Memorial Service 11:00 am
Friday 9.06	Vicki Spence Memorial Service 11:00 am
Saturday 9.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 - 12:00 Deacon Meal Prep. - Kitchen
Sunday 9.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:15 am, Worship Together - Sanctuary 11:30 am, Biblical Overview - Rev. Tracee - Room 101 11:30 am, Theological Turning Points- Rev. Bob - Room 100
Monday 9.09	Mel Kingdom Memorial Service 11:00 am

Finance Update

	<u>July 2024</u>	<u>Jan – July 2024</u>
Budget Income	\$ 52,778.46	\$ 434,316.01
Budget Expenses	\$ 63,065.37	\$ 480,302.39
Budget Difference	(\$ 10,286.91)	(\$ 45,986.38)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee #383

1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine:
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be Thou my Guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Savior, then in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

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Tune: *Olivet*; Composer: Lowell Mason, 1832
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The Church in the Wildwood (Little Brown Church)

1 There's a church in the valley by the wildwood,
No lovelier spot in the dale;
No place is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.

Refrain

Come to the church in the wildwood,
Oh, come to the church in the vale;
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.

2 Oh, come to the church in the wildwood,
To the trees where the wild flowers bloom;
Where the parting hymn will be chanted,
We will weep by the side of the tomb. *Refrain*

3 How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning,
To list to the clear ringing bell;
Its tones so sweetly are calling,
Oh, come to the church in the vale. *Refrain*

4 From the church in the valley by the wildwood,
When day fades away into night,
I would fain from this spot of my childhood
Wing my way to the mansions of light. *Refrain*

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Genesis 13:14-18

The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, 'Raise your eyes now, and look from the place where you are, northwards and southwards and eastwards and westwards; for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring for ever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth; so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. Rise up, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.' So Abram moved his tent, and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron; and there he built an altar to the LORD.

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1 Cor. 15:51-57

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'

'Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Genesis 23:17-20

So the field of Ephron in Machpelah, which was to the east of Mamre, the field with the cave that was in it and all the trees that were in the field, throughout its whole area, passed to Abraham as a possession in the presence of the Hittites, in the presence of all who went in at the gate of his city. After this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah facing Mamre (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan. The field and the cave that is in it passed from the Hittites into Abraham's possession as a burying-place.