

MOUNTAIN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THE LORD'S DAY

August 4, 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 / REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.
Surely, God is in this place
and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.
God's love is for you
and for all people in his mercy.
That we may share God's love and call to life in Christ,
That we may be renewed
in the revealing and refreshing Spirit of God.
Surely, the living Christ is with us.
Praise the Lord!

* **OPENING HYMN** - words will be on the screen
Nearer, My God, to Thee

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God,
we live our lives as best we can—
dealing with difficult relationships and situations,
putting failures and disappointments behind us,
and moving into each new day
with as much energy, goodwill,
and optimism as we can muster.
But here, right now, we confess,
we seldom have the right answers,
we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives,
we just move ahead.
We need to repent once again.
Forgive us for not seeking your wisdom and will.

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Fill us with courage and a heart to draw near to you,
that we may live lives of discipleship and peace for Christ.
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

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 28.10-22

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Sweet Hour of Prayer - Sandra Eithun

Handbell Ensemble

SCRIPTURE

James 4.4-8

NT page 216

* **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

Hymns through Time: Nearer, My God, to Thee

Reverend Jim Webb

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come, Share this Feast of Love - Beall / Larson

Mary and Bruce Boevers
Mary and Dan Hymans

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.

SCRIPTURE

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Psalm 119.144-160

* HYMN - # 145

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You - Peter Lukin



Participants in today's service are:

Ken Johnson	Liturgist
Susan Chapman	Piano
Mary Hymans	Organ



The flowers today are shared by Phil and Lois Ashcraft in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!!



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

August 4, 2024

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 Worshipping 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: "Narrative Poems". Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Room 100. Meet and discuss poems of various kinds. Newcomers welcome.

5 Men's Grief Group: Everybody grieves differently. Sometimes we need to honor those differences with separate classes. MVPC is hosting a GriefShare Support Group for *Men Only* led by Pastor Shores and Irv Johnson. It is an opportunity for men to support each other during their walk with grief. Classes run from Aug, 7 to Sept. 11. Sign-up in the Narthex, call the church office or contact Kimberly@myMVPC.com.

6 HNS is working with local agencies to help victims of the Alexander Mountain Fire. They are asking for any of the following:

Gluten free foods

Pet Food

New or gently used clothing

Monetary donations.

Snacks

Hygiene Items



You may put any donations in the HNS drop off locations in the Narthex or the Office Reception area. Thank you.

7 All Church Picnic: August 25 after worship
Sign up in Lobby or the Office so we can better plan on the number that will be attending and what you are bringing, if you can help. Most of all, we just want you to come!!!!



Weekly Schedule

Sunday 8/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am, Contemporary Worship – Life Center • 10:15 am, Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
Monday 8/05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00 pm, Handbell Rehearsal - Chapel
Tuesday 8/06	
Wednesday 8/07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 am, Men's Breakfast at the Village Inn • 9:30 am, Fellowship Committee - Room 1 • 10:00 am, Jim Work Poetry Class - Room 100 • 4:00 pm, Men's Grief Group - Room 101
Thursday 8/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 pm, Deacons - Room 100 • 7:00 pm, Praise Team Rehearsal - Life Center
Friday 8/09	
Saturday 8/10	
Sunday 8/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am, Contemporary Worship - Life Center • 10:15 am, Traditional Worship - Sanctuary



The House of Neighborly Service thanks you so much for your faithful support. Currently they in desperate need of the following items:

peanut butter

tuna

canned vegetables

canned fruit

other nonperishable food

monetary donations can be used to purchase items in bulk

There are places in the church lobby (Narthex) and in the church office to drop off your donations. Thank you for sharing.

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! # 145

1 Rejoice, O pure in heart!
rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 At last the march shall end;
still chanting as you go,
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe. *Refrain*

3 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest,
the pilgrims reach their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

4 Then on, ye pure in heart!
rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King. *Refrain*

Text: Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1865
Tune: *Marion*; Arthur Henry Messiter, 1883
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Nearer, My God, to Thee

1 Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee,
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me!
still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

2 Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams I'd be
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

3 There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;
all that thou sendest me, in mercy given;
angels to beckon me
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

4 Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,
out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
so by my woes to be
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

5 Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,
still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Text: Sarah F. Adams, 1841; based on Genesis 28:10-22
Tune: *Bethany*; Lowell Mason, 1856
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Genesis 28:10-22

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, 'If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you.'

James 4:4-8

Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, 'God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us'? But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says,

'God opposes the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.'

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Psalms 119:144-160

Your decrees are righteous for ever;
give me understanding that I may live.

With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD.
I will keep your statutes.

I cry to you; save me,
that I may observe your decrees.

I rise before dawn and cry for help;
I put my hope in your words.

My eyes are awake before each watch of the night,
that I may meditate on your promise.

In your steadfast love hear my voice;
O LORD, in your justice preserve my life.

Those who persecute me with evil purpose draw near;
they are far from your law.

Yet you are near, O LORD,
and all your commandments are true. - *continued*

Long ago I learned from your decrees
that you have established them for ever.

Look on my misery and rescue me,
for I do not forget your law.

Plead my cause and redeem me;
give me life according to your promise.

Salvation is far from the wicked,
for they do not seek your statutes.

Great is your mercy, O LORD;
give me life according to your justice.

Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,
yet I do not swerve from your decrees.

I look at the faithless with disgust,
because they do not keep your commands.

Consider how I love your precepts;
preserve my life according to your steadfast love.

The sum of your word is truth;
and every one of your righteous ordinances endures for ever.