

MOUNTAIN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THE LORD'S DAY

September 29, 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

from Psalm 124

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
**In speaking, in silence,
in movement, in stillness,
God is with us.**
God alone saves us.
God alone helps us.
God alone sets us on the path of peace.
Let us worship the Lord of Heaven and Earth!

* **OPENING HYMN - # 150**

Come , Christians , Join to Sing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ,
We call you Lord, yet it is too easy for us to worship other things.
Other agendas, other relationships, other gods.
You tell us we cannot serve two masters,
Yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere,
diverting our time, our energy, our money, upon our own will.
Forgive us, gracious Savior,
when our hearts are led astray and
when we serve other gods and worship them.
We repent from our distractions and sin.
Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem,
To take up our cross and follow you.
We pray this, counting on your grace in 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

Psalm 124:1-8

OT page 540

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Need Thee Every Hour - arr. Joel Ramey

Handbell Ensemble

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:38-41

NT page 42

* **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

Unexpected Us

The Reverend Jim Webb

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

James 5:13-16

NT page 217

* **HYMN - # 383**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC



Participants in today's service are:

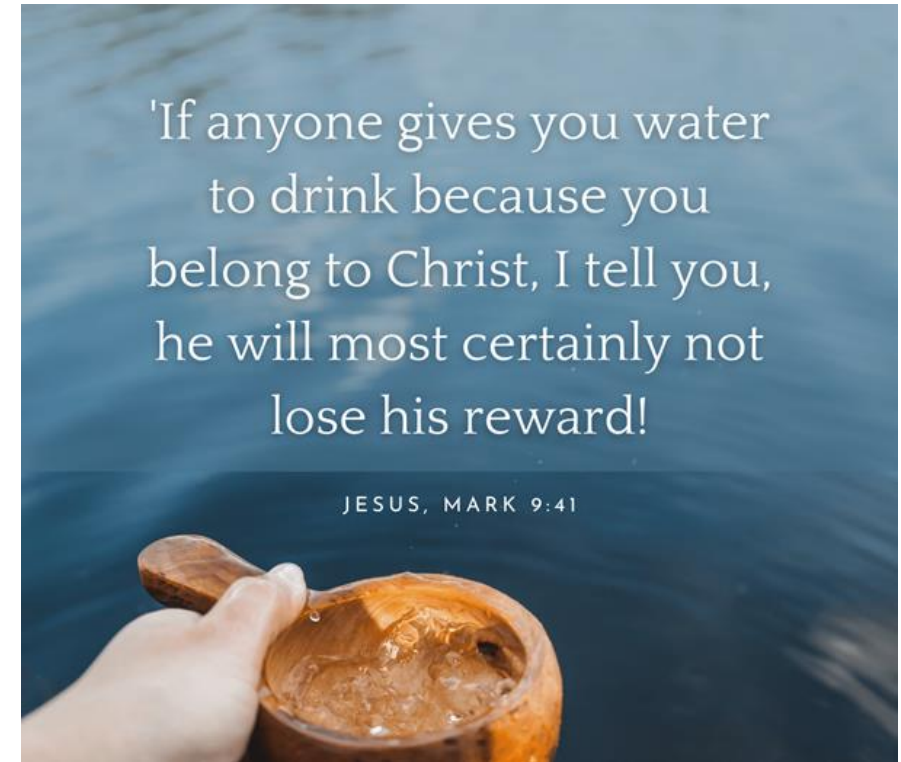
Rich Keller
David McArthur
Susan Chapman
Mira Mintcheva

Liturgist
Director of Music
Handbell Director, Piano
Organ



The flowers today are shared by Earl and Vicki Lehrer in memory of Vicki's mother.

We also have flowers from Susan Chapman in memory Of Ed Chapman.



MOUNTAIN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2500 N. Garfield Avenue
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www.myMVPC.com

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

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Announcements

1 Friendship Pad Sign-In

As you enter worship, please sign the Friendship Pad 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 Little Ones and Worship

Little Ones are welcome to Worship in the Sanctuary or the Kid's Worship Training area! 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 HNS Donations

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

4 TLC Prayer List

MVPC Weekly TLC Prayer List may be picked up at the entrance to the Sanctuary from one of the greeters following worship. **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 tlcprayer@mymvpc.com, or call the office and the receptionist can get the information. If you have any questions, please call Donna in the office (Tues-Fri mornings)

5 HIRING: Part-Time Facilities Operations Technician

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 any questions, please call Garry Neuschwanger at 970-227-9018.

6 **Mountain View's Mountain Views** Newsletter is available in the lobby.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 9/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45 am, Discover MVPC (New Member Class) - Room 1 • 10:15 am, Sunday Morning Worship • 11:15 am, Theological Turning Points – Room 100 w/ Rev. Bob • 11:15 am, Biblical Overview - Room 101 w/ Rev. Tracee
Monday 9/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:00 pm, 2023 Financial Review - Room 1 • 5:00 pm, Handbell Rehearsal – Chapel
Tuesday 10/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 pm, Women's Bible Study: Colossians – Room 1 • 7:00 pm, Men's Bible Study: Jesus Game Changer - Library
Wednesday 10/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 am, Men's Breakfast at the Village Inn • 9:30 am, Fellowship Committee - Room 1 • 6:30 pm, Westminster Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Thursday 10/03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00 pm, Fellowship Sponsored Bridge - all invited - Parlor • 1:30 pm, Spirit Filled Living: Enemy @ Table - Room 1
Friday 10/04	
Saturday 10/05	
Sunday 10/06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:15 am, Sunday Morning Worship - World Communion • 11:15 am, Theological Turning Points – Room 100 w/ Rev. Bob • 1:15 am, Biblical Overview - Room 101 w/ Rev. Tracee

Finance Update

	<u>August 2024</u>	<u>Jan – Aug 2024</u>
Budget Income	\$ 49,386.95	\$ 483,702.96
Budget Expenses	\$ 60,709.97	\$ 541,012.36
Budget Difference	(\$ 11,323.02)	(\$ 57,309.40)

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!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1830
Tune: *Olivet*; Lowell Mason, 1831
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Come, Christians, Join to Sing # 150

1 Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia, Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King,
Alleluia, Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before His throne rejoice;
praise is His gracious choice,
Alleluia, Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia, Amen!
Let praises fill the sky,
Alleluia, Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend,
to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end,
Alleluia, Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia, Amen!
Life shall not end the strain,
Alleluia, Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore,
"Alleluia, Amen!"

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Psalm 124

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side
—let Israel now say—
if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
then over us would have gone
the raging waters.

Blessed be the LORD,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Mark 9:38-41

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.'

James 5:13-16

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.