

Mountain View Presbyterian Church
The Lord's Day

March 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.

* **Please stand if you are able.**

GATHERING MUSIC

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Do you not know that all of us
who have been baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death?
Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
so, we too might walk in the newness of life.

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 23

The Lord leads us like a shepherd.
God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.
The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.
God's goodness and mercy are always close.

* **OPENING HYMN – # 476**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life,
transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope.
We are weak, but you are strong.
Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true.
We are seldom right, but you are never wrong.
Forgive us, redeem us, transform us.
Take away the sin that burdens us,
and restore us to the people you would have us be,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

Zechariah 10.1-6

OT page 833

ANTHEM

Lord, Have Mercy - Pepper Choplin

SCRIPTURE

John 1.14-18

NT page 86

* **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.*

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

Amazing Grace - vs. 1, 2, 5 (Newton's Original Verses)

SERMON

The Reverend James Webb

Amazing Grace: The Fullness of God

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless
life, breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 6.17-20

NT page 207

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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Minute for Deacons

Jill Johnson

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC



Participants in today's service are:

Alistair MacDonald
David McArthur
Susan Chapman
Donna Fullerton

Liturgist
Music Director, Piano
Handbell Director, Piano
Organ



Whoever is truly humbled — will not be easily angry, nor harsh or critical of others. He will be compassionate and tender to the infirmities of his fellow-sinners, knowing that if there is a difference — it is grace alone which has made it! He knows that he has the seeds of every evil in his own heart. And under all trials and afflictions — he will look to the hand of the Lord, and lay his mouth in the dust, acknowledging that he suffers much less than his iniquities have deserved.
John Newton

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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

The Reverend Robert D. Dooling, Pastor Emeritus

Pastor Larry Shores, CP

March 19, 2023



As you enter, please be respectful,
quietly preparing your hearts 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. Do you enjoy making new friends and greeting old friends? Why not become a Sunday Morning Greeter! A sign-up sheet is located in the Lobby or contact Kimberly Caldwell if you are interested.
3. Little Ones are welcome to Worship in the Sanctuary of in the Kid's Worship Training area located in the Lobby area to the right of the double doors. Items to help children understand the elements of worship are available as well as comfortable seating for children and 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.)
4. 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.
5. The Weekly list for TLC Prayer may be picked up from Donna at the front of the Sanctuary after worship.
6. Discover MVPC Class will be held on March 26 at 4:00 pm in Room 1. This is a one-time meeting in which you will have time to learn what it means to be a Presbyterian and ask question of the Pastor/s and Elders. If you are interested contact Kimberly Caldwell, Connections Coordinator.
7. Easter Flowers go on sale today, March 19 in the Lobby. If you would like to help decorate our sanctuary/s for Easter Sunday look for the Deacon table before or after worship. The cost is \$22.50/each and as always, you make take them home after worship.
9. Save the date! Our Spring Prayer Vigil is planned for April 21-22. Sign-up board is at the office reception area throughout the week. Early signers get first pick of time.
9. A new Grief Support Group will start on April 13th. We will meet Thursdays from 2:00 -3:30 PM in room 108 with light snacks provided. We will have 6 weeks of structured discussions, readings, and activities to help us progress through grief. Open to everyone. To reserve your spot contact Kimberly Caldwell at Kimberly@myMVPC.com or call the church office at 970-663-3810 and ask for Kimberly.



Weekly Schedule

Sunday 3/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 am, Traditional Worship Lenten Series – Amazing Grace • 11:15 am, How to Spell Presbyterian – Chapel with Rev. Bob • 2:00 pm, Galatians Bible Study – Room 1 with Garry • 3:00 pm, Praise Team Rehearsal • 5:00 pm, Common Table – Life Center
Monday 3/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00 pm, Handbell Rehearsal – Chapel, Bell Room
Tuesday 3/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:30 pm, Spirit Filled Living; no meeting this week • 7:00 pm, Women's Bible Study; James – Room 1 • 7:00 pm, Men's Bible Study; Essential Truths... - Library
Wednesday 3/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 am, Men's Breakfast at the Village Inn • 6:30 pm, Westminster Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Thursday 3/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 pm, Praise Team Rehearsal - Life Center
Friday 3/24	
Saturday 3/25	
Sunday 3/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 am, Traditional Worship Lenten Series – Amazing Grace • 11:15 am, How to Spell Presbyterian – Chapel with Rev. Bob • 2:00 pm, Galatians Bible Study – Room 1 with Garry • 3:00 pm, Praise Team Rehearsal - Life Center • 4:00 pm, Discover MVPC – Room 1 • 5:00 pm, Common Table – Life Center

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! # 476

1 O worship the King all-glorious above!
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might and sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
The chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form,
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Text: Robert Grand, 1833 alt
Tune: *Lyons*; attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)
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Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

5. Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

Text: vs. 1-6 John Newton, 1779; vs 7 from a Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790
Tune: *Amazing Grace, 1831*; Virginia Harmony, arr. Edwin O. Excell 1900
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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms - words will appear on the screen

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms.
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887
Tune: *Showalter, 1887*; Anthony J. Showalter
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Zechariah 10:1-6

1 Ask rain from the Lord in the season of the spring rain, from the Lord who makes the storm clouds, who gives showers of rain to you, the vegetation in the field to everyone.

2 For the teraphim utter nonsense, and the diviners see lies; the dreamers tell false dreams, and give empty consolation. Therefore the people wander like sheep; they suffer for lack of a shepherd.

3 My anger is hot against the shepherds, and I will punish the leaders; for the Lord of hosts cares for his flock, the house of Judah, and will make them like his proud war-horse.

4 Out of them shall come the cornerstone, out of them the tent peg, out of them the battle bow, out of them every commander.

5 Together they shall be like warriors in battle, trampling the foe in the mud of the streets; they shall fight, for the Lord is with them, and they shall put to shame the riders on horses.

6 I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph. I will bring them back because I have compassion on them, and they shall be as though I had not rejected them; for I am the Lord their God and I will answer them.

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.

Hebrews 6:17-20

17 In the same way, when God desired to show even more clearly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it by an oath, **18** so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God would prove false, we who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us.

19 We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain,

20 where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.