

Celebration of Worship

* Congregation is invited to stand PH: Presbyterian Hymnal LH: Lift Up Your Hearts
Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church CCLI # 1092190

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

* OPENING SONG

What Child Is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary!

EPIPHANY CANDLE-LIGHTING

Pat Skelton and Becky Goodell

GIFT OF REVELATION

Speaker: Throughout advent we waited with hope and expectation
for the arrival of the Christ. We lit candles representing the gifts he
brings: gifts of hope, peace, joy and love. May the God of hope fill us
with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by
the power of the Holy Spirit.

Christmas Eve we lit the Christ candle, celebrating his birth, For unto us is
born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Christmas Day we celebrated the gift of the greatest story “knowing that
God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into
the world so that we might live through him.”

New Years Day we celebrated the gift of Jesus. For God has rescued us
from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his
beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Today we continue the celebration of Jesus birth by recognizing the gift of
revelation.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen
upon you.

All: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your
dawn. They shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

WORSHIP IN SONG

Arise, Your Light Is Come

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit’s call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives’ liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God’s power will make us strong.

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Welcome To Our World

Ruth Haines

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN’S DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kindergarten through 2nd grade go to **Sprouts** Room
3rd through 5th grade go to **Saplings** Room
Youth (6th-12th grade) are welcome to remain in worship or join the Saplings

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6
Matthew 2:1-12

SONG

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Gold and frankincense and myrrh, bring the Lord your finest honor,
promised child would be reviled, until the truth was known.

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

MESSAGE

“THE GIFT OF REVELATION”

Pastor Dan Holland

SONG

Here I Am To Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness.
Opened my eyes let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.

So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God,

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created. All for love's sake became poor.

So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God,
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

Repeat 2x

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Please hold the bread until all have been served as a symbol of our unity in Christ.
You may partake of the cup individually as a symbol of your commitment to Christ.
(The bread is gluten-free and the juice is grape juice, in hopes that all may participate.)

* SONG OF MEDITATION

* The Lord’s Prayer (sung by all)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Leading Our Worship Today	
Pastor	Rev. Dan Holland
Director of Music Ministry	Joshua VerHalen
Liturgist	Anne Long
Deacon of the Day	Ted Langrehr

WELCOME TO MVPC!

WELCOME TO MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We are so glad to have you worshipping with us. We are a warm, inquisitive, servant-oriented community of faith and we hope you sense God’s Spirit among us. Please fill out the Friendship Register when it is passed to you. If you are a new visitor, please include your contact information so that we may send you news of our upcoming events. You are invited to stop by the Espressbyterian for a delicious treat! If you have any questions about MVPC, please speak to any of the Elders wearing blue nametags. *Again, welcome!*

TODAY @ MVPC ...

9 to Noon Nursery Care
9:00 ADULT CLASSES
The Bible Class—Join teacher Bob Rauch for a discussion-based study the “Truly, Truly” sayings of Jesus in the Conference Room. No prior Bible experience is required.
10:30 Worship Service
Nursery Care and Sunday School
11:45 Fellowship Time: Please stay to enjoy treats and good conversation!
12:00 Nominating Committee Meeting

THIS WEEK @ MVPC ...

Monday
Tuesday
10 a.m. Bible Study in the Fireside Room
10:30 a.m. Prayer Group in the Library
5:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday
12:00 p.m. Mission Meeting in the Library
5:30 p.m. Family Night in the Great Room
6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Interested in attending a meeting? Want to see your Small Group or church-related meeting on the calendar? Contact the office to get more information.
360-424-7675 or email: mvpc@MountVernonPres.org



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UN-DECORATING TODAY

You are invited to stay after worship for a few minutes and help take down the Christmas decorations with us. Many hands make light work!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: JANUARY 29

Our regular Congregational Meeting will be held after worship on January 29. This will focus on presenting the 2017 Budget and Pastor’s Terms of Call. A change from previous years—we will not be presenting the Ministry Area reports at this meeting. We will distribute those reports in May.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY VOLUNTEER TRAINING January 22, 12-2 p.m. Lunch is provided!

We’re always accepting new volunteers—if you’re interested in volunteering with our children’s program please talk to Rebecca.

NO SENIOR SHEPHERDS LUNCH THIS MONTH

There is no Senior Shepherds luncheon this month. Please attend February 21 at noon for a delicious lunch and program. Only \$5!

PRAYER MINISTRY

We are praying for those in Care Homes, loved ones serving in the Armed Forces and all students from preschool through college and graduate school.

If you have a specific prayer request, please fill out a prayer card found in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate. If you prefer to be prayed for privately by the Pastor and Prayer Team only, please check the appropriate box. To be added to our People of Prayer email list or to submit a prayer request at any time, please email prayers.mvpc@gmail.com

GET INVOLVED WITH MVPC!

Small Groups:	Call the church to get connected!
Bible Study:	Studying the book of Genesis Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
Prayer Group:	10:15 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Library
Family Night:	Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.
Youth Group:	3rd Sunday of the month from Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Creative Kids:	Kids Music, Art and Drama, Sundays, 9-10 a.m.
Kids Sunday School:	Preschool, K-2nd, 3rd-6th, during 10:30 a.m. worship
Nursery:	Available Sundays, 9-noon and during special activities
Chancel Choir:	Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.
Glorify!:	Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Senior Shepherds:	3rd Tuesday @ noon.
Knitting Group:	4th Wednesday of the month at noon
Women’s Fellowship:	Fourth Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m.
Men’s Breakfast:	Fourth Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m.



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10:30 Worship

January 8, 2017



The Gift of Revelation

Our Vision Statement

*E*ncounter The Hope
of the living God through Jesus Christ
*E*ngage One Another
in authentic friendship
*E*mbrace The World
with the heart and hands of Jesus