

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee  
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 27:1, 4

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
**People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**  
Leader: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:  
**All: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**  
Leader: Let us worship our God!

WORSHIP IN SONG

Better Is One Day

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty  
For my soul longs and even faints for You  
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus:

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere  
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One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells

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To find You in the place Your glory dwells

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God  
Your Spirit's water to my soul

I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me  
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You, to You

Chorus x2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: We bless you, Holy God, with everything we have.  
We bless your holy name.

**People: You are the God who forgives us, redeems us, heals us.  
You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and full of love.  
As far as the east is from the west, so far do you remove sin from us.**

Leader: Sins for which we can't forgive ourselves,  
sins for which others cannot forgive us.

**People: Forgive us, Lord, and show us how to forgive.  
All: Free us from the things that get in the way—of our relationship with others, with ourselves, and with you. Cast out our sin and enter into our lives, that we might be your people grounded in love, grace, humility, and peace.  
Amen.**

WORSHIP IN SONG

Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our Hearts, We bend our knees, Oh Spirit come make us humble  
We turn our eyes from evil things, Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Give us clean hands, Give us pure hearts, Let us not lift our souls to another  
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Oh God let us be a generation that seeks, that seeks your face oh God of Jacob  
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INVITATION TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Go Up To The Mountain Of God

Chancel Choir

\* 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.

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 AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:1-4  
Matthew 4:12-23

MESSAGE

“RIDDLES IN THE DARK”

Rev. Jeff Binder, Guest Preacher

SONG

Christ Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Chorus:  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

Chorus

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

Chorus

BENEDICTION

Leading Our Worship Today

Pastor  
Guest Preacher  
Director of Music Ministry  
Liturgist  
Deacon of the Day

Rev. Dan Holland  
Rev. Jeff Binder  
Joshua VerHalen  
Sandy Ball  
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**  
**Creative Kids**—Grade-school age kids express their faith through art, music or drama in the Great Room  
**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!  
**12-1:30 CYF Volunteer Training** in the Great Room

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### THIS WEEK @ MVPC ...

**Monday**  
*Church office closed in the morning*  
**Tuesday**  
9:30 a.m. Centering Prayer in the Pastor’s Office  
10 a.m. Bible Study in the Fireside Room  
10:30 a.m. Prayer Group in the Library  
**Wednesday**  
12 p.m. Knitting Group in the Fireside Room  
5:30 p.m. Family Night in the Great Room  
**Thursday**  
**6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice** *(Schedule Change: this week only)*  
**Friday**  
**Saturday**  
9:00 Men’s Breakfast in Good Shepherd Hall  
9:00 Women’s Fellowship in the Fireside Room  
1:00 Memorial service and reception for Amy Higbee

*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*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT MVPC

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME REV. JEFF BINDER

Jeff is serving as the Associate Presbyter for Discipleship & Ministry with the Presbytery of the Peaks based out of Lynchburg, Virginia. Previously, Jeff served as the Associate Pastor for Families and Mission at the First Presbyterian Church of Tequesta, Florida. He has been working in community development and ministry for over 16 years, with his experiences leading him to Montana, New Jersey, Ghana, South Africa, Guatemala, and other locations around the world and throughout the US. Jeff is an avid Cleveland sports fan, so he can be found cheering on the efforts of his teams, or enjoying the outdoors on his days off.

2016 GIVING STATEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

### SECRET VALENTINE'S

Sign up to be a Secret Valentine to one of the MVPC kids! You bring a small treat/item to church to put in your assigned kid's Valentine bag on January 29th and February 5th, then bring a fun treat/item for them at the CYF Valentine party on **Sunday, February 12th from 9 to 10 am** where you get to let your valentine know who you are! **Sign up on the clipboard TODAY!**

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: JANUARY 29 AFTER WORSHIP

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. **Please pick up your Financial Annual Report in the Narthex today so you can review it this week in preparation for the meeting next Sunday.**

### COOKIES NEEDED

We are hosting a Memorial Service and Reception this Saturday for Amy Higbee (Mim Ambrose and Bob Higbee’s mother). Please bring your cookie donations to the kitchen Thursday or Friday between 9 and 12 or 2 and 3, or Saturday morning by 10 a.m. **Thank You!**

### MEN’S BREAKFAST

All Men are invited to attend the Men’s Breakfast this Saturday and enjoy a home-made breakfast and a presentation by Rev. Laurin Vance, sharing about his trek on the Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage trail.

### 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.



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## RIDDLES IN THE DARK

### 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