

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 PH9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING

Dave and Arlene Andersen

Advent is the beginning of the church year. The word is derived from the Latin word which means “coming”. Advent is a time of expectant waiting for the celebration of the coming of Christ. Each week, as part of our Advent tradition, we light a candle to prepare our hearts for the light of the world, who was, and is, and is yet to come. This year we celebrate gifts that result from the coming of Christ.

GIFT OF HOPE

Speaker: This is the candle of Hope. Throughout history God’s messengers have brought hope to those who listen to the Lord.

Speaker: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.
~Psalm 33:20

Speaker: We light this candle in the hope of eternal life that God, who never lies, promised before the ages began. ~Titus 1:2

Speaker: For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ~Galatians 5:5

All: May the God of hope fill us with the holy spirit.

WORSHIP IN SONG

PH356

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Come Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

Amazing Grace

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

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
’Tis grace has brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

* 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.

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

Matthew 1:18-25

MESSAGE

“THE GIFT OF HOPE”

Pastor Dan Holland

SONG

Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the King!

Holding on to hope, we are going to see the King!
Holding on to hope, we are going to see the King!
Holding on to hope, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

BENEDICTION

<i>Leading Our Worship Today</i>	
Pastor	Rev. Dan Holland
Director of Music Ministry	Joshua VerHalen
Liturgist	Matthew Riggins
Deacon of the Day	Sandy Ball

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!

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- 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.
- Chancel Choir:** Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.
- Glorify!:** Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Senior Shepherds:** 3rd Tuesdays @ noon. Mark your calendar!
- Knitting Club:** 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.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to all who participated in this awesome world-wide children's outreach!



We're on the web!
www.MountVernonPres.org
Contact the church office:
360-424-7675
Email: mvpc@MountVernonPres.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Christmas Dessert

Save The Date! December 8, 2016

\$5 Tickets on Sale Today, Before and After Church Service.
Our Christmas Dessert is the best way to start your Christmas Festivities. Our speaker is Teresa Rinker and we will be entertained by the Harmony N. W. Chorus. All this followed by a tasty dessert and fellowship.
If you have any questions please call Dee Jobe 360-630-0797
A Committee meeting will be held December 4 after worship in the Library.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

We are signing up volunteers now to help with the Christmas baskets! There are many opportunities for helping, from small 1 hour commitments to bigger 3-4 hour time slots. Talk to Barb Hazelwood for more information!

WHITE GIFT OFFERING

December 11 we will receive the White Gift offering for the Deacons. The Deacon ministry is not funded as part of the general budget, so the White Gift offering makes possible the many Deacon ministry activities.
In the past year, in addition to regular activities the Deacons have provided scholarships for children attending Tall Timber summer camp, purchased provisions for the Annual Christmas Baskets organized by the Mission Ministry, provided boxes for Operation Christmas Child, helped fund the new Hearing Assistance system now being used Sundays during worship, provided extra funding for Friendship House Mission, and facilitated memorial services and receptions for our MVPC community.
The Deacons thank you in advance for praying for and giving from your heart so that we may continue and enlarge our ministry.

MALT: Music And Live Theater

ATTENTION MALT'ers!!
Tickets for the MVHS Winter Concert on Dec. 14 @ 4 pm will be on sale *before and after worship* in the Narthex. No-host dinner follows the concert. Join this great fellowship event.

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



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10:30 Worship

November 27, 2016



The Gift of hope

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