



METROCREST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



32 Years of God's Love

October 10, 2021

Welcome!

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who struggle and desire victory;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who are strangers and want fellowship;
And to whoever will come –

*This church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

God Calls Us To Worship

Responsive Call to Worship from Ps. 148:1-6

Leader: Praise the LORD!

Unison: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!

Leader: Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!

Unison: Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars!

Leader: Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Unison: Let them praise the name of the LORD!

Leader: For He commanded and they were created.

Unison: And He established them forever and ever; He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

We Celebrate The Resurrection

“Holy! Holy! Holy!”

Trinity Hymnal #100

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 shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
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Acknowledging God's Presence

Worship Theme
Our Faithful God

Theme Verses

For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me; You take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for You are my refuge. Into Your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. Psalm 31:3-5

“How Great is Our God”

(Refrain)

How great is our God! Sing with me,
How great is our God - and all will see
How great, how great is our God!

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

(Refrain)

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End;
The Godhead three in one, He's the Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb.

(Refrain)

You're the name above all names, worthy of our praise;
My heart will sing: How great is our God!

(Refrain)

We Confess Our Sins

Prayer of Confession

Unison: Holy Lord, the affront of our sinfulness requires more repentance than we can offer. We cannot earn Your approval by our attempts to be righteous; we cannot overcome our offenses, even by our most sincere repentance. We need Christ's perfect righteousness counted to us, that we might stand in Your presence without guilt or shame, being counted even as Your children. Give us grace to live in joyful knowledge of Your love and mercy toward us, and grace to live in righteous obedience to Your holy Word.

Silence is kept for personal reflection and confession.

Responsive Assurance of Pardon
Based on Rom. 8:1-2

Leader: Hear the good news! There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Know that if you are a believer in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

Unison: **Thanks be to God.**

Lord's Prayer

Unison: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

“May the Peoples Praise You”

You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light,
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ.

May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy,
With endless life.

(Refrain)

May the peoples praise You,
Let the nations be glad;
All our blessing comes that we may praise –
May praise the name of Jesus.

All the earth is Yours and all within;
Each harvest is Your own.
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard;
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word. **(Refrain)**

This our holy privilege to declare
Your praises and Your name;
To every nation, tribe, and tongue
Your church proclaim. **(Refrain)**

Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty.
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty.
All creation praise Your glorious name. **(Refrain)**

**Affirmation of Faith from Westminster Shorter Catechism,
Q+A 23-26**

Leader: What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

Unison: Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Leader: How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

Unison: Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by His Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Leader: How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

Unison: Christ executes the office of a priest, in His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

Leader: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

Unison: Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Trinity Hymnal #252

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Prayer of Intercession – MPC Deacon – Daniel Greisser

We Reflect On God's Word

Reading God's Word – Hebrews 4:12-16

Understanding & Applying God's Word

Pastor Jimmy Davis

“The Heartbeat of Jesus”

Sermons can be listened to, or downloaded, through our web site

We Respond To God's Grace

Investing In God's Work (continue in silent prayer)

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion/Doxology”

We will feast in the house of Zion;

We will sing with our hearts restored.

“He has done great things”, we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire;

He is the Lord, our God.

We are not consumed by the flood;

Upheld, protected, gathered up. **(Refrain)**

In the dark of night, before the dawn,

My soul, be not afraid.

For the promised morning, oh, how long?

O God of Jacob be my strength. **(Refrain)**

Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed,

You are the faithful one.

And from the garden to the grave,

Bind us together, bring shalom. **(Refrain)**

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.

We Are Commissioned With God's Blessing

Closing Blessing

Postlude and Meditation

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Life at Metrocrest – Announcements for the Week – 10/10/2021

Discovering God's love and sharing it with others.

Today

1. **Today is the 21st Sunday of Pentecost:** Pentecost is the longest season of the church calendar, running this year for 27 weeks! From now until the beginning of Advent on Sunday, November 28, we will be reflecting on Christian discipleship.
2. **Happy Anniversary:** The first public worship service of Metrocrest Presbyterian Church was held on October 8, 1989. Today, on our anniversary Sunday, Metrocrest celebrates 32 years of God's loving faithfulness to us. Through all the twists and turns of the past three decades, God has walked with us, sustained us, and brought us to this new day.
3. **Welcome, Jimmy & Christine Davis:** Our guest preacher this morning is the Rev. Jimmy Davis, Pastor of Mountain Fellowship PCA in Signal Mountain, TN. Jimmy and his wife Christine have three great kids, Abi (22), Micah (22), and Anna (19). Jimmy was MPC's first Youth Director, beginning work on December 1, 1992. After graduating from Dallas Seminary, he was ordained and served churches in Pensacola, FL, and Knoxville, TN, before returning to work at MPC from August 2009-December 2018. Jimmy will preach today on "The Heartbeat of Jesus" from Hebrews 4:12-16. Please extend a warm MPC welcome to Jimmy & Christine.
4. **Anniversary Gift:** To mark our 32nd Anniversary, please take a free copy of "Gentle & Lowly" by Dane Ortlund, courtesy of our friends at Crossway Books. Christianbook.com gives it a 4.7 out of 5!
5. **Hope Korean Presbyterian Church:** MPC is delighted to be partnering with our sister congregation, Hope KPCA, as they reach out to Korean speakers in our neighborhood. They will meet this afternoon, as usual, in the Multipurpose Room, beginning at 2pm.
6. **Holy Communion Rescheduled:** With all the anniversary activity, we have rescheduled Holy Communion one week to next Sunday, October 17.
7. **Youth Ministry:** Tonight, *The Gathering*, our large group meeting for all middle and high school youth, meets from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the church. We'll be continuing our study of the Old Testament Kings.
8. **T-Shirts:** If you ordered one of our special MPC-branded t-shirts, you can pick it up today in the lobby at the Fellowship table. Steve & Liz Withers also have info on making payment.

Upcoming Activities & Events

9. **Adult Bible Class: Adult Bible Class 1**, taught by Elder James Woods in Room D-04, is continuing a study of the Gospel of Mark. **Adult Bible Class 2**, led by Deacon Will Grover in Room D-03, is continuing a study of C.S. Lewis' "Mere Christianity."

10. **Children & Youth Sunday School:** Children and Youth meet for Sunday School every Sunday at 9am.
11. **Women's Ministry:** On **Wednesdays from 10-11am**, there will be a **Ladies' Prayer Time** hosted by Gwen Sterenberg via Zoom. More details and the Zoom meeting invitation are available via Realm, or you may contact the church office for details.
12. **Men's Book Group:** Please join us at the church on **Tuesday evenings at 7pm (beginning October 12th)** as we consider Alistair Begg's book, "Brave by Faith: God-Sized Faith in a Post Christian World". More details are available via Realm and on the flyer in the lobby. Please reach out to Paul Hartgrove via text, call, or email (972-816-2205, paulhartgrove@gmail.com) if you have questions.
13. **Youth Ministry:** The Presbytery's annual "**Roctober**" Youth Retreat is coming up next **Friday, October 15th**. We'll be back at Camp Copass, and we'll arrive Friday evening and leave Saturday evening. This year, the speaker will be Joe Deegan, the Worship Resource Coordinator at Reformed Youth Ministries. If you have any questions, please contact Jay Marble (jay@metrocrestchurch.org) or call the church office.
14. **Christian Community Action: CCA's food pantry is resuming in person activities!** Join us **Wednesday, October 20th** from 5:30 - 8:00pm as we help with shopping, bagging, loading cars, and working the registers. We need about 8-10 volunteers. CCA is located at 200 South Mill Street in Lewisville. Stay tuned for more details via Realm.

News & Needs

15. **Life Change** for the month of **October** will support **Paul Miller and Metanoia Prison Ministry** (a ministry of the PCA through Mission to North America). Their mission is to engage, educate, and equip the Church for the discipleship, mentoring and reintegration of prisoners. The Greek term "Metanoia" means a "change of mind"; this ministry seeks to equip prisoners with the Gospel so that hearts and minds of prisoners will be transformed. Please save your change to help this worthy Ministry, and as always, you can write a check (with Life Change in the memo line) or donate online via Realm!

High Fives & Thanks

16. **Coats for Polser Elementary:** Huge THANKS to everyone who donated one of the 25 coats MPC delivered last week for kids at Polser Elementary.
17. **Fellowship Team:** We are grateful for the hard work of **Steve & Liz Withers**, in organizing MPC's 32nd anniversary picnic yesterday in the park. We estimate over 120 people attended!
18. **Six Years at MPC:** We are grateful for MPC Administrative Assistant **Laura Stites** who this past week celebrated her 6th anniversary working at MPC by helping organize the anniversary picnic!

Please click [here](#) to fill out our Welcome Card or to submit a prayer request. We would love to know that you worshipped with us today!

Investing in God's Work:

Last Week's Offering:	\$ 14,494	Projected Giving to Date:	\$ 124,842
September Life Change:	\$ 1,365	Actual Giving to Date:	\$ 139,606
Difference to date + or - (+ \$14,764)			

In order to fund our annual operating budget goal of \$463,700, our monthly giving should meet or exceed \$38,642, which comes to about \$8,971 per week. Our budget fiscal year is July 2021 - June 2022.



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