



**METROCREST**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# The Rejoicing Church

## The Epistle to the Philippians

**February 21, 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.*

Announcements

Opening Prayer

**“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

Trinity Hymnal #53, verses 1-3, 5

Praise to the Lord,  
The Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him,  
For He is Thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,  
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;  
Shelters thee under His wings,  
Yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,  
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
Here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
Come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

## **“All to Jesus I Surrender”**

Trinity Hymnal #562

All to Jesus I surrender;  
All to Him I freely give.  
May I ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.

### **(Refrain)**

I surrender all.  
I surrender all.  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender;  
Humbly at His feet I bow.  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;  
Take me Jesus, take me now. **(Refrain)**

All to Jesus I surrender;  
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine.  
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me,  
May I know Thy pow’r divine. **(Refrain)**

All to Jesus I surrender;  
Lord, I give myself to Thee.  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
Let Thy blessing fall on me. **(Refrain)**

Prayer of Intercession

Reading God’s Word – Philippians 4:4-9

Applying God’s Word

Bill Lovell

**“Let Your Reasonableness Be Known”**

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

Investing In God’s Work

Closing Song – “**How Great Thou Art**”

Trinity Hymnal #44

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder;  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

**(Refrain)**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **(Refrain)**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin. **(Refrain)**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! **(Refrain)**

Closing Blessing



## Living the Metrocrest Vision – Announcements for the Week - 2/21/21

Our Mission: *In dependence on Christ, we worship God the Father, grow in the grace of His Son, and serve our community and the world in the power of His Spirit.*

To do this, we strive as a community to **Worship, Walk, and Work** together.

### Damage to the Sunday School Wing

1. **MPC had a pipe burst on Tuesday night.** The entire Sunday School wing was flooded. Thanks to our hard-working deacons and a corps of volunteers, we were able to limit damage and begin remediation very quickly. In the meantime, the water in the building is turned off. Next steps and a timeline for repairs are being ironed out as we get further input from professionals.
2. **Online Service ONLY:** Due to the weather and the damage to the building, our service today will be online ONLY, via Facebook Live.
3. **Youth Ministry: *The Gathering*,** our large group meeting for all middle and high school youth, will not meet tonight. Watch for more information from Jay Marble.
4. **No Access to Multipurpose Room:** The Multipurpose Room was affected by the flooding and is also being used to store furnishings from the other classrooms. It will be closed until further notice.
5. **Church Office:** The Church Office will remain closed until water is restored. Staff will be working from home, and phones will be forwarded.

### Opportunities for Worship

6. **Next Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>:** Join us as Bill Lovell continues preaching in Philippians.
7. **Life Change** for the month of February will support SomeOne Cares Advocacy and Pregnancy center of Lewisville. SomeOne Cares provides expectant mothers, children, and families a variety of services including free pregnancy testing, baby food/formula, diapers/wipes, and doctor referrals.
8. **Tabletalk Devotions** are available in the lobby free of charge to aid in your personal, daily worship of God. If you'd like a copy mailed to you, please contact Laura at the church office.

### Opportunities to Walk and Work Together

9. **Discovering MPC:** All of our new friends from CCC and others, are warmly invited to join us for membership orientation on **Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-4:30pm** (pizza lunch provided). This is a great opportunity to learn more about MPC's mission and history. It's also a time to ask your questions about what we do and why. If you are interested in attending, please indicate which date works for you on your Welcome Card, via email ([laura@metrocrestchurch.org](mailto:laura@metrocrestchurch.org)), or RSVP via Realm.

10. **Sunday School:** *We're postponing re-opening Sunday School pending remediation of our classroom space. Coordinator Gwen Sterenberg and team are working together to create a safe environment. Stay tuned for more information!*
11. **Help Needed-Sound Team:** Are you looking for a place to serve? We are in need of additional volunteers to help with worship on Sunday morning. For more information, please contact Colin Deay (colin@metrocrestchurch.org).
12. **Women's Ministry:** On **Tuesdays 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.
13. **Men's Book Group:** What does scripture say about mentoring and discipleship? Join us for discussions on what scripture says and its applications in our lives as we learn to encourage each other. All men are welcome to join us via Zoom on **Tuesday evenings at 7pm**. To sign up for or to get more information please contact Paul Hartgrove (paul.hartgrove@gmail.com or call/text 972-816-2205).
14. **Care Groups** are still meeting throughout the week and month. Please reach out to your care group leader for more details.

### Coming Soon

15. **Lenten Forum:** On **Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am**, MPC will mark Lent 2021 by hosting a one-morning conference via Zoom to explore how we can handle, in a healthy Christian way, the challenges that we all face in life. We'll hear from **Pierce Taylor Hibbs**, Associate Director for Theological Curriculum at Westminster Theological Seminary, who has written an enormously helpful book called *Finding Hope in Hard Things: A Positive Take on Suffering*. For more details and to RSVP, please visit Realm.

Thank you for worshipping with us today! If you have a prayer request that you'd like to share, please click [here](#).

### Investing in God's Work:

Last Week's Offering:	\$ 3,535	Projected Giving to Date:	\$ 227,898
February Total Giving:	\$ 19,116	Actual Giving to Date:	\$ 214,554
Difference to date + or – ( - \$13,344)			

In order to fund our annual operating budget goal of \$359,090, our monthly giving should meet or exceed \$29,924, which comes to about \$6,906 per week. Our budget fiscal year is July 2020 - June 2021.



Let's get connected! **Realm** allows you to update your personal information, communicate with groups and teams, follow church announcements, look up members, manage online giving, and join events. To get started, contact us through the church office at [info@metrocrestchurch.org](mailto:info@metrocrestchurch.org) and we will help you get on your way!

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