



METROCREST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



June 20, 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. 92:1-4

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
Unison: To sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
Leader: To declare Your steadfast love in the morning,
Unison: And Your faithfulness by night,
Leader: To the music of the lute and the harp,
Unison: To the melody of the lyre.
Leader: For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work;
Unison: At the works of Your hands I sing for joy.

We Celebrate The Resurrection

“This is My Father’s World”

Trinity Hymnal #111

This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings; and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world! I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world; the birds their carols raise.
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world! He shines in all that’s fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world. O Let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world! The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and Earth and Heav’n be one.

Acknowledging God’s Presence

Worship Theme

Faith Working Through Love

Theme Verses

You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.
Galatians 5:4-6

“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.

We Confess Our Sins

Prayer of Confession

Unison: Heavenly Father, we sin – grant that we may grieve because of it. Overthrow our envy, command our tongues, trample down our selfishness, deliver us from the idols of our hearts. Give us grace to be kind, pure, and peaceable; grace to live for Your glory; grace to be transformed into Your likeness. Take away our mourning and give us music; still our sighs and fill our being with song.

Silence is kept for personal reflection and confession.

Responsive Assurance of Pardon Based on 1 John 1:8-9

Leader: Hear the good news! If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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.**

“A Peace Unseen, Unknown”

A peace unseen, unknown,
Through countless troubles sought,
In Christ is found alone,
By His own sorrows bought;
What remedies this world proffers,
Though they be sweet and bright,
Bring not the rest His blood confers,
Nor bid the soul alight.

In anxious hours long,
In worry's firm embrace,
My fears, turned fast to song,
Shall celebrate His grace.
Though tears should flow in violent streams,
As ever they shall cease:
In midnight's black my Savior beams,
And fears their hold release.

Lord, bear me to the end,
Unslowed and unashamed;
My falt'ring steps defend,
To Your own glory aimed.
No crown I seek of victory
Whose splendor soon shall cease,
But that of love beyond degree:
Your grace, O God, Your peace.

We Profess our Faith

Apostles' Creed

Unison:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Moment for Mission – Kathleen Barclay – Mission Overview

Prayer of Intercession – MPC Elder – James Woods

We Reflect On God's Word

Reading God's Word – Acts 21:17-26

Applying God's Word

Pastor Bill Lovell

“The Problem of Theological Disagreement”

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

We Commune At God's Table

Invitation To The Lord's Table – 1 Corinthians 11:27-28

Please come forward by rows, using the aisle to your left, then return using the aisle to your right. When all have been served, we will partake together. We offer both grape juice and, in the outer ring of each tray, in tinted cups, wine. Please dispose of cups in the receptacles at the back.

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Unison: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Unison: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Unison: It is right for us to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Unison: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory to You, O Lord, most high.

Leader: Hear us now as we pray the prayer that Your Son the Lord Jesus Christ taught us to pray, saying:

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.

Words of Institution

“Behold the Lamb”

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember:
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond: and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

Holy Communion

We Respond To God's Grace

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

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day.
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

(Refrain)

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for Promised Land.
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for Promised Land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more. **(Refrain)**

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father’s face,
And in His bosom rest? **(Refrain)**

We Are Commissioned With God’s Blessing

Closing Blessing

Postlude and Meditation

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Life at Metrocrest – Announcements for the Week – June 20, 2021

Discovering God's love and sharing it with others.

Today

1. **Today is the Fifth Sunday of Pentecost:** Pentecost is the longest season of the church calendar, running this year for 27 weeks! From now until Advent, we will be reflecting on Christian discipleship.
2. **Holy Communion:** This morning we will share the Lord's Supper. At MPC, we welcome to Jesus' Table all baptized adults who worship Jesus as Lord and Savior and are in communion with His church.
3. **Happy Father's Day:** Happy holiday to all the Dads at MPC!
4. **MPC Mission:** Today we welcome our Mission Coordinator Kathleen Barclay who will be introducing our newly formed Mission Team and giving an overview of MPC's local and international mission activities.
5. **Life Change for the month of June will support the MPC youth ministry.** Money raised will help offset the cost of camps, retreats, and mission trips. If you'd like to contribute, you can give online via Realm or by check during the entire month of June. The Life Change bucket will be available during the church service.
6. **Updated COVID Policy:** MPC welcomes but does not require face coverings in the main worship service or Sunday School. We continue to provide an online worship option via Facebook Live.
7. **Children's Program Inserts:** Each Sunday, we provide younger children with a weekly program insert to help them engage the sermon text. This week's material is provided by ministry-to-children.
8. **Children's Sunday School Classes:** Children meet for Sunday School on Sunday from 9-10am. We are currently set to continue through next Sunday, June 27.
9. **Adult Bible Class:** The Adult Bible Class meets Sundays from 9-10am. We just concluded Colin Deay's study of grace. Next Sunday, June 27, Aaron Gruben will lead a one-week discussion of the Crusades, and then, beginning in July, James Woods plans to launch a study of the Gospel of Mark! Watch for further details. The nursery will be available for those with small children, and coffee and refreshments will be offered in the lobby.

Upcoming Activities & Events

10. **Youth Group:** This week (6/23), we've been graciously invited over to the McAnally's home (1107 Cambridge Drive, Carrollton, TX 75007) to enjoy swimming and fellowship! This will be during our regular youth time, from 6-8pm! We'll be grilling burgers and hot dogs, so if possible please bring \$5 per family to offset the cost of food. Boys bring drinks, girls bring salty snacks or fruit, and leaders bring a dessert!
11. **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.

12. **Picnic in the Park:** You are invited to bring a picnic lunch **next Sunday, June 27**, and join us after church for a time of Christian fellowship, across the street at Oak Hills Park (1210 E Hebron Pkwy, Carrollton TX 75010). Think simple, low-key, Christ-centered! We hope to see you there!

News & Needs

13. **Kitchen volunteers needed:** With Sunday school returning, we are also resuming the coffee and refreshment service. We are looking for volunteers that are interested in either set up and clean up for coffee and refreshment service or providing refreshments (or both!). If you are interested in learning more contact Janiece Carter, (214) 478-1510, or email janiececarter01@gmail.com.
14. **MPC Budget Update:** MPC operates on a July-June fiscal year. Because of a change in the church's insurance situation, the Board of Deacons is delayed in completing the budget for 2021-2022. To allow the time needed, the Session has authorized a continuation of last year's budget through July 31.
15. **MPC Softball Game:** Get your gloves and bats out and get ready for some friendly competition on the Softball Field! We are renting a field in the McKinnish Sports complex (2335 Sandy Lake Rd, Carrollton, TX 75006) and having a friendly softball game on the evening of **Saturday, July 10 from 6-9pm!** For more information and to register, please visit Realm. Sign-ups will also be available in the lobby.
16. **2021 General Assembly:** The annual General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America is scheduled for June 29-July 2 in St. Louis, MO. Representing MPC will be **Ruling Elders James Woods & Larry Perry**, and **Teaching Elder Bill Lovell**. You can explore what's happening on the General Assembly website, www.pcaga.org.

High Fives & Thanks

17. **Metrocrest is growing:** MPC's Average Sunday Attendance sank during COVID to a low of 96 per Sunday, but attendance has been climbing over the past several weeks as old friends return post-pandemic and new friends are drawn to what God is doing among us:
 - **Sunday, June 13** 153 (highest in 2021, excluding Easter 161)
 - Sunday, June 6 143
 - Sunday, May 30 141
 - Sunday, May 23 114
 - Sunday, May 16 122
 - Sunday, May 2 98

Attendance is of course ONLY one measurement, but it's important to us, and we want to thank God for continuing to bring friends to Metrocrest. Please invite your friends and family to join us soon!

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:	\$ 8,771	Projected Giving to Date:	\$ 345,300
June Total Giving:	\$ 19,493	Actual Giving to Date:	\$ 383,966
Difference to date + or - (+ \$38,666)			

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 and we will help you get on your way!

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