

May 3, 2020

Prelude

Meditation Verse

Matthew 7:24-25, ESV

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

Service of Worship

Welcome

Come Let Us Worship Our God

Call to Worship

Luke 19:37-40, ESV

As He was drawing near – already on the way down the Mount of Olives – the whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

Songs of Praise

“O Come to the Altar”

White Songbook #101

“Lord I Need You”

White Songbook #100

“As The Deer”

White Songbook # 93

Prayer of Adoration

For the Old Testament readings, we are currently reading through the Book of Psalms.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 84, ESV

Leader: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

People: at Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Leader: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

People: Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Leader: As they go through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

People: They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

Leader: O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

People: Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of Your anointed!

Leader: For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Leader: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.

People: No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

ALL: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!

Hymn of Adoration

“A Wonderful Savior is Jesus My Lord”

Red Hymnal # 175

For the New Testament readings, we are currently reading through the Book of Romans.

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:1-6, ESV

There is therefore 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. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Call to Confession

Matthew 6:31-33

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Assurance

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Red Hymnal #92

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Doxology

Red Hymnal #731

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

***Hymn of Dedication**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Red Hymnal # 101

Hear the Word of the Lord

Sermon Text

Matthew 2:1-12, ESV

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.”

After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Sermon

Dave Durant

The Magi and the King

Introduction: The magi from the East undertook a dangerous journey out of a compelling desire to offer their worship and gifts to an infant who they knew was worthy of worship.

A. Herod's response upon hearing their question about the recent birth of the King of the Jews

1. Assembled the religious leaders to learn where the Christ was to be born – Mic. 5:2

2. Secretly met with the wise men

- To learn when the star appeared signifying his birth, and to tell the wise men to let him know where the Christ was

3. Planned to kill, not worship, Jesus

B. The religious leaders' response to the news of the sign

1. They did nothing then, nor later after Herod's death

a. Did not make inquiries and learn about Simeon and Anna, or the shepherds' visitation, or Mary's conception by the Spirit

b. Did not believe the prophecies in Mic. 5:2, Isa. 7:14, 9:6-7, and Dan. 2:36-45, 8:21

2. Their desire to remain in ignorance and unbelief was appalling – Jer. 5:30-31

3. Because of their sin and shame, they loved the darkness and did not want God – John 3:19-20

C. The good news is that God loved and saved many Jews, and loves and saves us – John 3:16

Responding to the Father's Love

*Hymn of Response

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

Red Hymnal #455

*Benediction

Praying for the Body

Health Concerns

Church: Sharon Benz, Tom Criss, Delora Howerton, and Ardyce Stevens

Relatives: Terry Sipes's brother, Rusty Ray

General

Unsaved in our families

Our Session, Deacons, and Church Staff

State and National government officials

Active Military

Church Ministries

Vacation Bible School

Missions

Pamyla Burrack (MTW - Berlin, Germany / Europe Leadership Team) -

- With churches "closed," one would think that ministry would draw to a halt - but that has been far from the case. Many of our church plants in Europe have gone virtual, with larger attendance than ever! Several of our field personnel have also reported an increase in the number of small groups they are able to offer via Zoom. Seminaries have gone on-line, and find that students are coming to class better-prepared than ever before. Since the students' "day jobs" are on hold, they have more time to study! Pray that this increase in attendance and participation will not be something to "fill the time," but will continue once the fear of COVID fades and life returns to some semblance of "normal."
- One of our missionaries has been battling bronchitis and pneumonia since January - she made the decision to stay on her field due to visa restrictions. Pray for her full healing and protection from COVID - she would be a prime candidate for the virus.
- Pray for our missionaries in Italy, who are nearing 8 weeks of strict lock-down.

Chris Garriott (RUF University of Maryland)-

- Praise God that we continue to have weekly Zoom RUF large group with about 20-30 students taking part in various places across Maryland, Florida, and Texas. The format is a game or trivia, prayer groups (in different "virtual rooms") a song led by our worship leader on guitar, and my preaching on "Faith in the Midst of Coronavirus".
- Pray for students to be motivated to finish the crazy semester. It's been difficult for them to get their studies done at home with all of the distractions there.
- Pray for next semester; we need new student leaders to take over for strong seniors graduating. Pray especially for small group Bible study leaders.
- Pray for Josh Lewis who is graduating and will be the new RUF Intern at Delaware State University in Dover.

Special Needs

- Please be in prayer for Grace Greenslit, who broke four ribs in a fall last weekend. She has been transferred to Lorien for rehabilitation. Please pray for her pain to subside, for healing, and for a smooth transition to her new surroundings.
- Please pray for Terry Sipes's nephew, Scott, who has been diagnosed with kidney cancer which has metastasized to his spine. Pray for the treatments he is undergoing, that they would work and that Scott's pain would be relieved. Pray that Scott and his family would draw closer to God and rely upon Him. Also pray for Dottie (Scott's mom and Terry's sister) who recently broke her hip, is losing strength and is in significant pain.
- Please continue to pray for our medical professionals and those who must continue to work with and have contact with the public – pray God will protect their health and make them a blessing to those with whom they interact.
- Please pray for both our professional teachers and our parents who have become teachers to students at home. Pray that God will give them patience, wisdom, energy and creativity as they make plans to educate and care for their students.
- Please pray for residents and employees of the Pleasant View Nursing Home in Mt Airy, as well as other nursing homes, as many have become infected with the coronavirus.
- Please continue to pray for our church officers who are meeting regularly online; they are praying for us all and hope to encourage us through their work. Please do not hesitate to contact any of them with your needs or requests.
- Please continue to pray for our pastors as they continue to faithfully try to meet the needs of our church family as well as prepare weekly sermons and encouraging messages.

- Please continue to pray for each other – members of our church family – that God will strengthen and sustain our church.
- Please pray for wisdom for our leaders as they make impactful decisions during this pandemic.

Calendar

- **Sunday, May 3rd** at 7 pm - Middle/High school youth group meeting via Zoom (see announcement below for details)
- **Tuesday, May 5th and subsequent Tuesdays** at 7:00 pm- Prayer meeting via Zoom (see announcement below for details)
- **Wednesdays** from 7-9 pm – New Market Small Group meeting via Zoom
- **Saturdays** from 4-5 pm- Woodbine Small Group will be meeting weekly by “video conference” for Bible study and prayer. Contact Barry Downey at bdowney@smithdowney.com or 410 -961- 9468 if interested in joining.

Announcements

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the following changes to our church calendar have been made:

- Corporate worship services have been suspended, and an online worship service is available in its place on the church website (www.mtairypca.org).
- Choir and Grace Notes practices have been suspended until further notice.
- Youth group in-person meetings have been suspended until further notice but the group will be meeting electronically occasionally. Contact Jamie Moore or Emily Benz for more information.
- There will be no Hymn Sing at the Pleasant View Nursing home this month.
- There will be no Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study this month.
- There will be no Woodbine, Lisbon, Glenwood, Mt. Airy, or Family small group meetings until further notice.
- Mainly music has cancelled the spring session in its entirety.

We will contact you with updates as they become available; please let us know if you have any changes to make to this current list.

The middle/high school youth group will be holding a virtual meeting this evening (May 3rd) at 7 pm. They will be using Zoom. Please contact Emily Benz (emb61293@aol.com) or Jamie Moore (jamawaka@gmail.com) for the meeting id and password.

Online weekly prayer meetings are taking place using the Zoom app/program on Tuesday evenings. Everyone should have received an email invitation to join us. If you have not received one, or if you have received an invitation but are unsure of how to begin the process of joining, please contact the church office. Although an email invitation is necessary, you may actually participate using a landline phone as well as cell phones and electronic devices.

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, June 29-July 3, 2020 and as of now is still on track to take place. If you are willing to help out in any way, please contact Vicki Olson or Colleen Cagle. We'd love to have our youth volunteer as well! This is a great outreach opportunity to our community as well as a wonderful time of fun and learning for our church family's own children; please be in prayer about how you can be of service!

Missions and Missionaries

International Missionaries

Larry & Sandy Rockwell	Peru (MTW)
Roberta Brown	Japan (MTW)
Pamyla Burrack	Germany (MTW)
Marcus & Bethany Gadson	England (Serge)
Matt & Tara	West Africa (MTW)
Dan Faber	China (IXO)
Craig & Ree Coulbourne	Japan (MTW)
Garry & Anita Chambers	Belize (MTW)
Matt & Ellen Zell	Honduras (Equip Intl)
Adam & Michelle Cain	Honduras (MTW)
Jon & Olya Powell	Ukraine (MTW)
Kirk and Anna Norris	Ukraine (MTW)
Johnny & Annette Johnson	Czech Republic (MTW)
Barb & Ken Scheffter	PAC Ministry (MTW)

Local Missions

English as a Second Language	Mt. Airy, MD
Frederick Rescue Mission	Arnold Farlow, Frederick, MD
Reformed University Fellowship	Chris Garriott, UMD

Short Term Missions

Belize	Ernest Betson, Unity Presbyterian Church
Peru	Larry & Sandy Rockwell
Ukraine	Powell/ Norris

General Fund Financial Report			
Last Week's Giving	Weekly Budget Goal	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budget Goal
\$3,105.00	\$8,791.59	\$90,636.72	\$149,457.03
Building Fund Weekly Financial Report			
Original Loan Amount	Last Week's Giving	Year to Date Giving	Loan Balance*
\$1,600,000	\$0.00	\$2,490.00	\$179,776.16

All offerings to the Building Fund are applied directly to the loan principal.

**Balance amounts are as of preceding month's end.*

Ordained Leaders at MAPC:

Pastor

Dave Durant

Assistant Pastor

Jerry Maguire

Ruling Elders

Pete Brophy, Jeff Cagle, Barry Downey,
John Horst, Gregg Moore, Mike Zeher

Deacons

Denis Brady, Tom Criss,
Joshua Davie, Ken Hohl, Jamie Moore

Church Staff:

Administrative Assistant- Janet Geary
Assistant to the Pastor and Deaconate- Ken Wilhelm
Bookkeeper- Pat Moore
Choir Director- Barb Scheffter

Ministry Leaders:

Christian Education Committee- Barry Downey
Children's Bible Time- Jessica Davis
ESL ministry- Ken Hohl
mainly music[©] - Hal Ball
MAPC Homeschool Umbrella- Kathy Durant and Janet Geary
Missions Committee- Ken Hohl
Nursery- Colleen Cagle and Stefanie Esbrandt
Sunday School Coordinator- Becky Wiggin
Vacation Bible School- Colleen Cagle and Vicki Olson
Women's Ministries- Sharon Benz and Kathy Durant
Worship Committee- Pete Brophy
Youth Group -Emily Benz and Jamie Moore

A complete list of ministry leaders is available in the front of the church directory.