

Mountain View Presbyterian Church
ADVENT

December 22, 2024

10:15 a.m.

* Please stand if you are able.

We invite you to prepare your heart & mind quietly before Worship in the Sanctuary.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Take this time to meet & greet those seated around you.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

"Wait for the Lord" by Jacques Berthier

Lighting the Candle of Love

Hetchler & Horner Family
Westminster Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship Christ

Who proclaims good news to the poor, binds up the broken-hearted,
frees the prisoner and comforts those who mourn.

We come to worship Christ

Who bestows a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy Instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

We come to worship Christ

Who rebuilds ancient ruins and restores broken places.
Who makes all things new.

* HYMN #23

Words on the Screen

Angels We Have Heard on High

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How many times, Lord Jesus, have you come to us unwelcomed?
How often have you visited yet we have been too busy to notice?
Help us to see more clearly Lord, and to repent of our indifference.
Make us more aware of your immediate presence
in the ups and downs of each ordinary day.
Thank you for the good gifts of the season
given through your precious forgiveness in Christ.
In Jesus name we pray, AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

* Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, Amen.*

SCRIPTURE

Micah 5: 1-4

Old Testament page 815

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Wexford Carol"
By Tom Fettke

Westminster Choir

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2: 1-9

New Testament page 1

* DOXOLOGY

"Doxology (Amen)"
By Phil Wickham, Luis Bourgeois, Thomans Ken

Led by Praise Team
Words on Screen

SERMON

Carols thru Time: "The Wexford Carol"

Rev. Jim Webb

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Christmas Bells Tiding"
Arranged by Micheal Ryan

Joyful Ringers

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 1: 1-6 KJV

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God, which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE

Ruth 1: 22 – 2:3

Old Testament page 230

* CHRISTMAS CAROL

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Words on the Screen
Led by Praise Team

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

Praise Team

"I Will Wait for You"

By Jordan Kauflin, Keith Getty, Matthew Merker, Stuart Townend

Participants in today's service are:

| | | | |
|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Bruce Boevers | Liturgist | Mira Mintcheva | Organ |
| Susan Chapman | Bell Director & Flute | Tamra Keller | Clarinet |
| Alaina Bongers | Harp | Steve Payton | Acoustic Guitar |
| Karl Foreman | Bass Guitar | Kurt Spence | Drums |
| Nancy Payton | Vocalist | Jacob Webb | Vocalist |
| David McArthur | Music Ministry Director & Piano | | |

Sam & Suzanna Hetchler, Sherie, & Sadie and Jim & Pat Horner Advent Family



The Flowers given today are given by Mary Foster & Sandy Rustad to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Little Ones and Worship

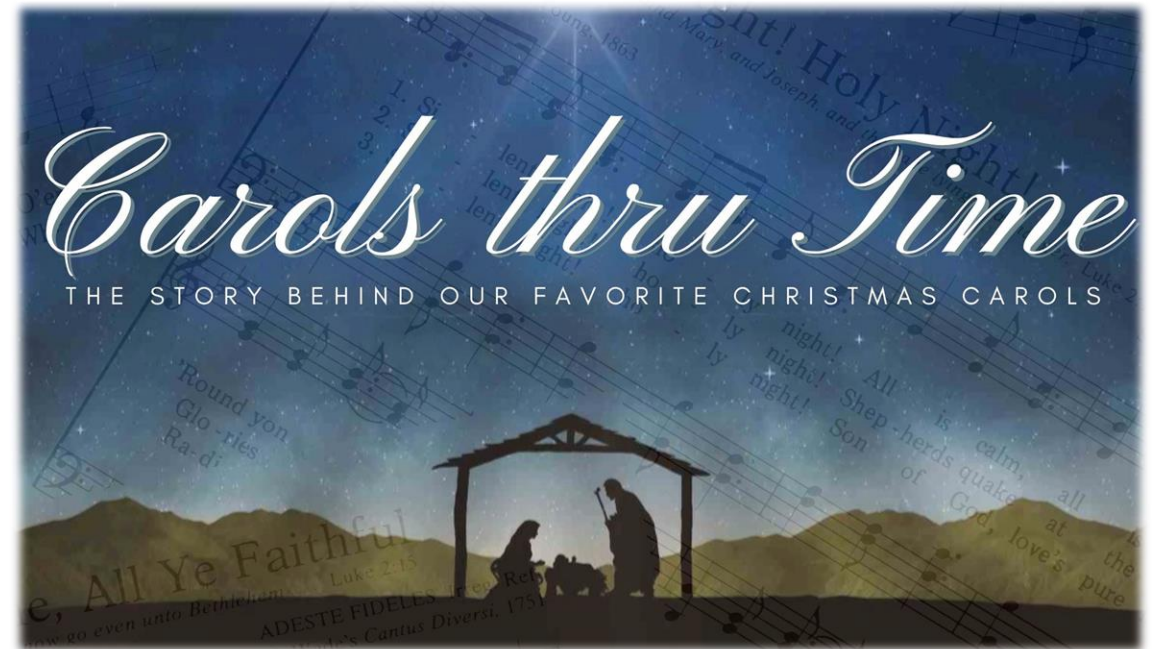
At MVPC, we love your children and we love to see families worshipping together! We also understand that children are at different development stages, so we have the MVPC Kid's Worship Training area and the Family Worship Room.

The **MVPC Kid's Worship Training Area** is located in the lobby area to the right of the Sanctuary doors. Items to help children understand the elements of worship are available as well as comfortable seating for children & adults.

The **Family Worship Room** is for very small children or ones needing a private area to change diapers, nurse, etc. (Room 110 / Nursery - please ask a Greeter to show you the way to the room in the Children's Hallway.)

MVPC Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm
CLOSED ON FRIDAYS
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The Reverend James H. Webb

Commissioned Pastor Larry Shores

The Reverend Tracee Hackel, Volunteer Theologian in Residence

The Reverend Robert D. Dooling, Pastor Emeritus

The Reverend Gary LeTourneau, Pastor Emeritus

December 22, 2024

Announcements

1. Lycaenidae Harp Collective Concert TODAY @ 4:00pm in Sanctuary

Let the enchanting sounds of a harp quartet transport you to a winter wonderland, as they perform a selection of timeless Christmas classics and festive melodies. Bring your friends and family to come celebrate the season. Free Will Offering at the door.

2. Alternative Giving

Alternative Giving is in full swing. Please visit the display table in the lobby before or after worship service to pick up your brochure/giving slip. Representatives from the Mission Committee will be available to help. Brochures are also available in the church office during the week. Make a difference in the life of a person in need.

3. End of the Year Donations & Gifts

This is a friendly reminder that Year End Donations and Gifts, in order to be counted as contributed in 2024 MUST BE turned into the Church Office by MONDAY, DEC 30, 2024, BY 3:00pm (as we are closed Tuesday Dec 31, 2024) OR they MUST BE POSTMARKED DEC 31, 2024. All others will be counted for the year 2025 giving.

4. NEW Level Up Discipleship Classes Begin

The discipleship process is more than teaching people the right knowledge about God. A disciple models him or herself after someone. Making disciples of Jesus goes beyond teaching facts about Jesus. It means teaching people how to know and be like Jesus — to obey God and seek His best for their lives. We have Sunday Classes as well as Weekday Classes beginning in January! A description of the levels of the Discipleship classes is available on the Bulletin Board in the hallway outside the Youth Room and on our website at www.myMVPC.com

- **Discipleship 201 - Level Up 2/3 Class**
w/ Pastor Larry Shores & Pastor Jim Webb
Sundays @ 9:00 am in Room 101 – *BEGINS JAN 5!*
- **New Testament Overview – Level Up 3 Class**
w/ Pastor Tracee Hackel
Sundays @ 11:30am in Room 101– *BEGINS JAN 5!*
- **“Don’t Let the Devil Have a Seat at Your Table” – Level Up 1 Class**
w/ Pastor Jim Webb
Sundays @ 11:30am in Meeting Room 1– *BEGINS JAN 5!*
- **Men’s Bible Study: 1st Peter – Level Up 4 Class**
w/ Pastor Larry Shores
Tuesdays @ 6:30pm in the Library– *BEGINS JAN 7!*
- **Women’s Bible Study: Ephesians – Level Up 3 Class**
w/ Terry Shores
Tuesdays @ 6:30pm in Meeting Room 1– *BEGINS JAN 14!*
- **Spirit Filled Living: “The Message of Jesus” – Level Up 1/2 Class**
w/ Pastor Jim Webb
Thursdays @ 1:00pm in Meeting Room 1– *BEGINS JAN 9!*

5. HNS Donations

Carts for donations to House of Neighborly Service are located in the Lobby and across from the Reception Desk in the Church Office. Thank you for continuing to remember others.

6. TLC Prayer List

To place a name on the TLC list you must first have permission from the individual. There are cards in the pew holders you can fill out and place in the offering plate, email tlc@mymvpc.com, or call the office and the receptionist can get the information. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office. PAPER COPY of the MVPC Weekly TLC Prayer List may be picked up at the Church Office Receptionist Desk during the week.

Weekly Schedule

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|----------------|---------------------|---|--------------------------|
| SUN 12/22 | 10:15 am 4:00 pm | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT WORSHIP Harp Collective Concert | Sanctuary Sanctuary |
| MON 12/23 | 5:00 pm | Handbell Rehearsal | Chapel |
| TUES 12/24 | 5:00pm 7:30 pm | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICES Candlelight Worship: Stories & Songs Candlelight Worship: Lessons & Carols | Life Center Sanctuary |
| WED 12/25 | | MERRY CHRISTMAS! CHRIST OUR SAVIOR IS BORN! CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED | |
| THURS 12/26 | | | |
| FRI 12/27 | | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED | |
| SAT 12/28 | | | |
| SUN 12/29 | 10:15am | WORSHIP | Sanctuary |

Finance Update

| | November 2024 | Jan - Nov 2024 |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Budget Income | \$ 98,244.56 | \$ 707,183.29 |
| Budget Expenses | \$ <u>67,728.74</u> | \$ <u>725,998.25</u> |
| Budget Difference | \$ 30,515.82 | (\$ 18,814.96) |

Wexford Carol

1. Good people all, this Christmas time,
Consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done
In sending His beloved Son
With Mary holy we should pray,
To God with love this Christmas Day
In Bethlehem upon that morn,
There was a blessed Messiah born.

2. The night before that happy tide,
The noble virgin and her guide
Were long time seeking up and down
To find a lodging in the town.
But mark how all things came to pass
From every door repelled, alas,
As was foretold, their refuge all
Was but a humble ox's stall.

3. Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep
Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep
To whom God's angels did appear
Which put the shepherds in great fear
Prepare and go, the angels said
To Bethlehem, be not afraid
For there you'll find, this happy morn
A princely Babe, sweet Jesus, born.

4. With thankful heart and joyful mind
The shepherds went the babe to find
And as God's angel had foretold
They did our Saviour Christ behold
Within a manger He was laid
And by his side the virgin maid
Attending on the Lord of Life
Who came on earth to end all strife.

5. There were three wise men from afar
Directed by a glorious star
And on they wandered night and day
Until they came where Jesus lay
And when they came unto that place
Where our beloved Messiah lay
They humbly cast them at His feet
With gifts of gold and incense sweet.

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Micah 5: 1-4

1 Now you are walled around with a wall; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the ruler of Israel upon the cheek.

2 But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

4 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

Matthew 2: 1-9

1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,

2 asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;

4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.

8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

Ruth 1: 22 – 2:3

22 So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

1 Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband's side, a prominent rich man, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

2 And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain, behind someone in whose sight I may find favor." She said to her, "Go, my daughter."

3 So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

Angels We Have Heard on High

1 Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:
Gloria, in excelsis Deo;
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

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Doxology (Amen)

Verse 1
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above you heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Chorus
Amen Amen Amen
God we praise You
God we praise You

Verse 2
Praise God for all that He has done
Praise Him for He has overcome
The grave is beaten love has won
Praise God our Savior Christ the Son

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Go Tell It on the Mountain

Verse 1

While shepherds kept their watching
Over silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

Chorus

say go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

Verse 2

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth

Verse 3

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
On that blessed Christmas morn

Chorus

I say go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

Verse 4

I was a lonely seeker
I sought both night and day
I asked the Lord to help me
And he showed me the way

Verse 5

He made me a watchman
Upon a city wall
And if I am a Christian
I am the least of all

Chorus

I say go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born
I say go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

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