

METROCREST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**The King
& His
Kingdom**

**Holy Communion
Last Sunday of Epiphany
February 11, 2024**

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

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship - Psalm 145:1-3

Leader: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

Unison: Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

We Respond To God's Call

Opening Hymn - " O Worship the King"

Trinity Hymnal #2, verses 1-4

<i>Al Rey adorad, grandioso Señor, Y con gratitud cantad de su amor. Anciano de días, el gran Defensor, De gloria vestido, le damos loor.</i>	<i>Worship the King, great Lord, And with gratitude, sing of His love! Ancient of Days, the great Defender, Dressed in glory, we give Him praise.</i>
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O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Your pow'r has founded of old;
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Acknowledging God's Presence

Worship Theme - "The Nations Will Hope in His Name"

Theme Verses - Matthew 12:20-21

"[My chosen servant] will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets; a bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not quench, until He brings justice to victory; and in His name the Gentiles will hope."

Hymn - "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

Dear Name! The rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place,
My never failing treas'ry filled
With boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death.

We Confess Our Sins

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we confess to You our manifold sins. Because You are holy and cannot look at wrong, we ask for forgiveness, not on the basis of anything we have done, but on the basis of Your Son's perfect obedience. In love, He has called us to Himself and washed us in His Own sinless blood. Have mercy on us, Father, and renew us, we pray, that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ and filled with the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please take a moment for personal reflection and confession.

Assurance of Pardon - Psalm 103:8-12

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever. He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Amen.

Hymn - "Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises,
Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
Now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ who condescended,
Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry;
He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suffering,
Never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
Come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand.

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry,
Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption,
See the Father's plan unfold,
Bringing many sons to glory,
Grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry,
Slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him;
Praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance,
How unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes..

We Profess Our Faith And Pray

Affirmation of Faith - Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father. By Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried. The third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Greeting

Please greet those around you in Christ's name.

Hymn - "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us;
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything;
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ;
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayers of Intercession

We Receive God's Word

Reading God's Word - Matthew 12:15-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Unison: Thanks be to God.

Understanding and Applying God's Word

Pastor Bill Lovell

"The Nations Will Hope in His Name"

Sermon Series: "The King & His Kingdom"

We Commune At God's Table

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Unison: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Unison: We lift them to the Lord.

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

Unison: It is right 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.

Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Please come forward as directed, and wait to consume the elements until all have been served. Please dispose of used cups in the receptacles as you leave.

Prayer after Holy Communion

Eternal God, heavenly Father, You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and You have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of His body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart. We ask in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Respond To God's Grace

Offertory Sentence - 2 Corinthians 9:7

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Closing Hymn - "For the Cause"

For the cause of Christ the King,
We give our lives, an offering
'Til all the earth resounds
With ceaseless praise to the Son.

For the cause of Christ we go
With joy to reap, with faith to sow,
As many see and many
Put their trust in the Son.

(Refrain)

Christ we proclaim,
The Name above every name:
For all creation, ev'ry nation,
God's salvation through the Son!

For the King once lifted high
To cries of rage, of "crucify!"
Endured the cross as every
Sin was laid on the Son.

To the King who conquered death,
To free the poor and the oppressed
For lasting peace, for life
And liberty in the Son. **(Refrain)**
Let it be my life's refrain:

To live is Christ, to die is gain;
Deny myself, take up my cross
And follow the Son. **(Refrain)**

God Sends Us Out With His Blessing

Blessing - 2 Corinthians 13:11,14

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full reconciliation, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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Sermon Text

English Standard Version - Matthew 12:15-21

15 Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed Him, and He healed them all 16 and ordered them not to make Him known. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

18 "Behold, My servant whom I have chosen,
My beloved with Whom My soul is well pleased.
I will put My Spirit upon Him,
and He will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

19 He will not quarrel or cry aloud,
nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets;

20 a bruised reed He will not break,
and a smoldering wick He will not quench,
until He brings justice to victory;

21 and in His name the Gentiles will hope."

Sermon Notes

Matthew 12:15-21

Pastor Bill Lovell

"The Nations Will Hope in His Name"

Sermon Series: "The King & His Kingdom"

"God knows we have nothing of ourselves, therefore in the covenant of grace He requires no more than He gives, but gives what He requires, and accepts what He gives."

Richard Sibbes, *The Bruised Reed*

Church Life Notes

Today - February 11, 2024

1. **Last Sunday of Epiphany:** Today ends Epiphany, the season of mission. Next Sunday, February 18, will be the First Sunday of Lent.
2. **Holy Communion:** We will share the Lord's Supper this morning. The Table is open to all who know and worship the Lord Jesus and are in communion with His Church.
3. **Serving Today:** This morning's scheduled Liturgy Leader is John Fowler. Our scheduled Prayer Leader is Paul Hartgrove. Pastor Bill Lovell will preside at the Lord's Table, with Ruling Elders assisting and Deacons serving as ushers.
4. **Giving Online:** To access our secure online giving portal, you may use the QR code on the back of the bulletin.
5. **MPC Youth Ministry:** Tonight, our large group meeting for middle and high school youth will meet for our annual **Super Bowl Party**. Arrive as early as 5:00pm and hang out until the game ends, around 9:30pm. Guys bring something salty, girls bring something sweet, and leaders bring drinks. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Activities & Events

6. **MPC Sunday School for All Ages:** Please join us Sunday mornings between 9:00-10:00am.
 - **Children** - Pre-K-Grade 5 - Solid Bible teaching from the Children's Catechism, age appropriate and fun.
 - **Youth** - Grades 6-12 - Mature reflection on the Bible and the Westminster Shorter Catechism.
 - **Adult** - Highly interactive study of "The Gospel According to Isaiah"—led by Will Grover.
7. **Women's Ministry:** MPC's Women's Bible Study will meet at 7:00pm on Tuesday nights at the church, starting this Tuesday, February 13. The study will also be available via Zoom. We will study I and 2 Kings using the guide "What A Royal Mess" by Susan Tyner. Call or email Melodie Bajema to register and receive the study book (214-669-7135 or rbajema5@sbcglobal.net).
8. **Ladies Night Out:** Please join us for our Ladies' Night Out on **Wednesday, February 21, at 7:00pm**, at The Grind (2500 King Arthur Blvd. #100 The Colony 75056). Enjoy food, fun, fellowship, and the chance to get to know other ladies in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.
9. **Chili Cook-Off and Square Dance:** Please join us for this long-time MPC favorite, set for 5:30pm on Saturday, March 2! Everyone is invited to cook their best chili recipe and bring it to the church to share in a friendly competition. We will also enjoy great old-time Square Dancing with a professional caller.

News & Needs

10. **Safeguarding Committee:** MPC is committed to being a community that is free of sexual harassment. If you ever experience harassing behavior by a pastor, officer, staff person, or Church member, please contact **Diane Kizziar** (972-213-5391, dianekizziar@gmail.com) or **Paul Hartgrove** (972-816-2205, paul.hartgrove@gmail.com).
11. **Men's Book Group:** Interested men meet on **Tuesday evenings at the church** to study Jimmy Davis' ***Cruciform: Living the Cross-Shaped Life***. For info, contact Paul Hartgrove (972-816-2205 - paul.hartgrove@gmail.com).
12. **Life Change** for February 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 Life Change basket will be in the back of the sanctuary this week. If you prefer, you can write a check with "Life Change" written in the memo line, or you can give online via Realm.

High Fives & Thanks

13. **New Church Officers:** Congratulations and best wishes to our new Church Officers who were ordained and installed last Sunday!

Prayer Requests

14. **For The World:**
 - **Armed Conflicts** - For God's mercy on the suffering people in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, and Yemen.
15. **For Our Church's Mission and Ministry:**
 - **Church Officers** - For God's blessing on our Session and Board of Deacons.
 - **Church Finances** - For God's provision.
16. **For One Another:**
 - **Health Issues** - For God's blessing on Yvonne Alford (Bill Lovell's friend), Connie Bielefeld (Margaret Marrs' grandmother), Kerry Buswell, Kathy Carruth (Rick Carruth's mom), Jim Huckaby (Colton Huckaby's grandfather), Max Kizziar, Suzanne Larsen, Cherry Leslie, Marcia Livingston (David Wamsley's sister), Ruth Lerner (Elinor Hites' sister), Ariel Lopez, Ashley Marble, Alana Marion, Jeannie Marion (Mike Marion's stepmom), Mike Marion, Tom Mayfield, Lauren Muckleroy (friend of Scott Marrs), Ryan & Dianna Muller (friends of Alana Marion), Kristen Novak (Steve & Liz Wallin's daughter), Carol Revell, John Revell, David Wamsley, Marlene Wamsley, Lori Winn, and Norm Winn; and also for God's blessing on Lydia Judith and new mom and dad, Madeleine and Caleb Esmond.

Welcome to Metrocrest! Please take a few moments to leave your contact information with Pastor Bill or a member of the Welcome Team. We would love to know that you worshipped with us today.



How can we pray for you? MPC is a praying church! You can share your prayer requests with us by (1) using one of the cards found in the lobby; or (2) pointing your smartphone camera at this QR code to access a digital card. Please indicate whether your request is private or public. You may also request to pray with an Elder.

Do you want to make a donation? To fund MPC's mission and ministry, we depend on God's provision through you. If you'd like to make a donation this morning, you can do so by (1) placing it in the collection basket during the Offertory; or (2) pointing your smartphone camera at this QR code to access our secure online giving portal.



Thank you for your financial support! At MPC, we aim for financial transparency. Here's where we stand this fiscal year (July-June): Last week's giving - \$12,235; weekly giving goal - \$7,885; actual giving to-date - \$230,947; and projected giving to-date - \$252,308. Please be as generous as you can in your personal stewardship, and please pray for God's faithful provision.



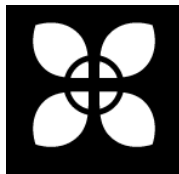
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