



METROCREST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The King
& His
Kingdom

**Morning Worship & Holy Baptism
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 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

Call to Worship - Psalm 22:27-28

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

Unison: **For kingship belongs to the LORD, and He rules over the nations.**

We Respond To God's Call

Easter Acclamation

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Unison: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Opening Hymn - "See, What a Morning (Resurrection Hymn)"

See what a morning, gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping: 'Where is He laid?'
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name:
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
This voice that spans the years, speaking life,
Stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears, for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with Him, death is dead,
Love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

Acknowledging God's Presence

Worship Theme - "The Resurrected King, His Mission, and Us"

Theme Verse - Matthew 28:19

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Hymn - "Go Make of All Disciples"

Tune: *Ellacombe*

Go make of all disciples,
We hear the call, O Lord,
That comes from Thee, our Savior,
In Thy eternal Word;
Inspire our ways of learning
Through earnest, fervent prayer;
And let our daily living
Reveal Thee everywhere.

Go make of all disciples,
Baptizing in the name
Of Father, Son, and Spirit,
From age to age the same;
We call each new disciple
To follow Thee, O Lord,
Redeeming soul and body
By water and the Word.

Go make of all disciples,
We welcome Thy command;
"Lo, I am with you always";
We take Thy guiding hand;
The task looms large before us;
We follow without fear;
In heav'n and earth Thy power
Shall bring Thy kingdom here!

We Confess Our Sins

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against Your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Have mercy upon us, O Lord: spare all those who confess their faults, and restore all those who

are penitent, according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Please take a moment to confess your individual sins to the Lord.

Assurance of Pardon - Romans 8:1-3a

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.

Hymn - "Your Will Be Done"

Your will be done, my God and Father,
As in heaven, so on earth.
My heart is drawn to self-exalting;
Help me seek Your kingdom first.
As Jesus walked, so I shall walk,
Held by Your same unchanging love.
Be still my soul, O lift your voice and pray:
"Father, not my will, but Yours be done."

How in that garden He persisted
I may never fully know;
The fearful weight of true obedience,
It was held by Him alone.
What wondrous faith, to bear that cross!
To bear my sin, what wondrous love!
My hope was sure when there my Savior prayed:
"Father, not My will, but Yours be done."

When I am lost, when I am broken
In the night of fear and doubt,
Still I will trust in my good Father;
Yes, to one great King I bow!
As Jesus rose, so I shall rise
In ransomed glory at the throne;
My heart restored, with all Your saints I sing:
"Father, not my will, but Yours be done! "

As we go forth, our God and Father,
Lead us daily in the fight,
That all the world might see Your glory,
And Your name be lifted high.
And in this name we overcome,
For You shall see us safely home.
Now as Your church, we lift our voice and pray:

"Father, not my will, but Yours be done!"

"Father, not my will, but Yours be done!"

"Father, not my will, but Yours be done!"

We Profess Our Faith And Pray

Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed

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.

Greeting

Please greet those around you in the name of the resurrected Christ.

Hymn - "By Faith"

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

(Refrain)

We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward,
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed for Messiah would appear,
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news,
In ev'ry corner of the earth. **(Refrain)**

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible,
For all who call upon His name. **(Refrain)**

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 28:19-20a

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Unison: Thanks be to God.

Understanding and Applying God's Word

Pastor Bill Lovell

"The Resurrected King, His Mission, and Us"

We Share in the Sacrament of Baptism

Instruction on Baptism

Review of God's Covenant Promises

Acts 2:39 - For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.

Genesis 17:7 - And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

Introduction of Those to Be Baptized

Examination & Profession of Faith

Leader: Do you acknowledge your children's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Parents: We do.

Leader: Do you claim God's covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?

Parents: We do.

Leader: Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon God's grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Parents: We do.

Commitment by the Congregation

Leader: Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

Unison: We do.

Children in the congregation are invited to come forward to witness the baptism.

Administration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Prayer for the Newly Baptized

We Respond To God's Grace

Offertory Sentence - Hebrews 13:15-16

Through Christ let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess His name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

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 - Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Sermon Text

English Standard Version - Matthew 28:19-20a

28:19 [The Lord Jesus said] "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Sermon Notes

Matthew 28:19-20a

Pastor Bill Lovell

"The Resurrected King, His Mission, and Us"

Sermon Series: "The King & His Kingdom"

Church Life Notes

Today - May 5, 2024

1. **Sixth Sunday of Easter:** Easter is far too wonderful to keep to just one day, so, at Metrocrest, today is the sixth Sunday of Easter—a whole season of fifty days to reflect on the resurrection of Christ.
2. **Holy Baptism:** This morning we are celebrating the Baptism of our newest covenant members, Kaylee and Scarlett Brewer, daughters of Teddy and Melissa Brewer.
3. **Serving Today:** Our scheduled Liturgy Leader is Paul Hartgrove. Our scheduled Prayer Leader is James Woods.
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 from 6:00-8:00pm at the church. If any youth are interested in singing or playing an instrument in youth group, join us at the church at 5:15pm.

Upcoming Activities & Events

6. **MPC Children's Sunday School:** Sunday mornings between 9:00-10:00am. Pre-K-Grade 5 - Solid Bible teaching from the Children's Catechism, age appropriate and fun. Scheduled to conclude for the school year next Sunday, May 12.
7. **MPC Youth Sunday School:** Sunday mornings between 9:00-10:00am. Grades 6-12 - Mature reflection on the Bible and the Westminster Shorter Catechism.
8. **MPC Adult Sunday School:** Sunday mornings between 9:00-10:00am. All ages. Will Grover will conclude "The Gospel According to Isaiah" for a summer break, May 19-early September. Classes are scheduled every Sunday through the summer.
9. **Women's Bible Study:** MPC's Women's Bible Study has completed its study of 1 and 2 Kings. For info on future plans, please contact Melodie Bajema (214-669-7135 or rbajema5@sbcglobal.net).
10. **Men's Book Group:** MPC's Men's Ministry has completed its study of Jimmy Davis' *Cruciform: Living the Cross-Shaped Life*. For info on future plans, please contact Paul Hartgrove (972-816-2205 - paul.hartgrove@gmail.com).
11. **Vacation Bible School:** Trinity PCA in Plano has invited MPC families to participate in their VBS, June 24-28. For details, contact Sarah Scott (sarah.scott@trinityplano.org).
12. **Monthly Marriage Workshop:** Interested couples will begin discussing Mike Mason's book, *The Mystery of Marriage*. The workshop will begin after this morning's worship service, and we will enjoy a potluck lunch together. Please contact Diane Kizziar (dianekizziar@gmail.com) for more details.

News & Needs

13. **Life Change for May:** This month's collection will support Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains, a ministry of Mission to North America. Please support those who bring the Light of Christ into hospitals, correctional facilities, hospices, retirement communities, police and fire stations, and businesses.
14. **Shepherding Elders:** Every member of MPC has an Elder who is available as a spiritual resource. If you want further info, speak to Pastor Bill Lovell or Ruling Elder Larry Perry.
15. **Sexual Harassment:** If you are harassed at church, contact one of our Safeguarding Committee Members: Diane Kizziar (972-213-5391, dianekizziar@gmail.com) or Paul Hartgrove (972-816-2205, paul.hartgrove@gmail.com).

High Fives & Thanks

16. **MPC Deacons:** Huge thanks to our hardworking Deacons, Dalton Dallas, Vianny D'Souza, Will Grover, and Brian Ray.

Prayer Requests

17. **For The World:**
 - **Those in Positions of Authority** - For God to grant wisdom to all our national leaders.
 - **Campus Unrest** - For God to bring peace on our campuses.
 - **Armed Conflicts** - For God's mercy on the suffering people in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Yemen, Iran, and Haiti.
18. **For Our Church's Mission and Ministry:**
 - **Newly Baptized** - For God's blessing on Kaylee and Scarlett Brewer, daughters of Teddy and Melissa Brewer.
 - **Witness** - For God to help all of us grow as faithful witnesses.
 - **Church Finances** - For God's generous provision.
19. **For One Another:**
 - **Health Issues** - For God's blessing on Yvonne Alford (Bill Lovell's friend), Gwenda Bennett (Laura Stites' mom), Connie Bielefeld (Margaret Marrs' grandmother), Linda Bull (Scott Marrs' friend), Gary Collum (Paul Hartgrove's friend), Colton Huckaby and family, Max Kizziar, Suzanne Larsen, Cherry Leslie, Ruth Lerner (Elinor Hites' sister), Ariel Lopez, Ashley Marble, Alana Marion, Mike Marion, Tom Mayfield, Ryan & Dianna Muller (friends of Alana Marion), Kristen Novak (Steve & Liz Wallin's daughter), Chip Sayers, David Wamsley, Lori Winn, and Norm Winn.
 - **Expecting Couples** - For God's blessing on Dorian & Joseph Marble, Rachelle & Ben Fant, Olivia & Avery Berg, Maurane & Colton Huckaby, Sam & Josh Wyman, and Nikki & Stephen Grzybowski.

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 worshiped 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 - \$6,695; weekly giving goal - \$7,885; actual giving to-date - \$339,616; and projected giving to-date - \$346,923. Please be as generous as you can in your personal stewardship, and please pray for God's faithful provision.



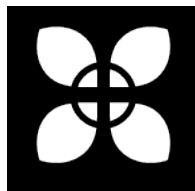
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