



MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH

Digital Bulletin
Sunday December 14, 2025 @ 10:30 am



Welcome To Mount Vernon Baptist Church

Announcements:

- The season of Advent continues today, when we celebrate the incarnation of the Son of God to be our Savior. As you will notice, we have lit the third candle of the Advent wreath, often called the Shepherd's Candle to represent the Shepherds rejoicing in the birth of Christ. Let us join in rejoicing in Jesus's birth as we wait for His return!
- Our Christmas card table is set up outside for those who want to save on postage while exchanging cards. So please feel free to use it over the next few weeks, and don't forget to check your folder for cards.
- This afternoon, many of us will join together to carol at nursing homes. If you'd like to join us, please meet at the church to carol at 2:45 pm.
- Next Sunday will be a busy and blessed Lord's Day! Our Advent Breakfast will take place during our Sunday School hour starting at 9 am. While we won't have a potluck fellowship meal after church, our Christmas Concert and Candlelight Service will start at 6 pm. It will be followed by post-concert refreshments, as well as a Gingerbread House competition again this year. More information was emailed in our December church newsletter. If you have any questions, please see Pastor John.
- Our women's ministry meets this Wednesday, December 17th at 6 pm. Ladies, please come and enjoy time together while studying truths from God's Word!
- Today's sermon is from 2 Samuel 20. Our bulletin is available on our web site, mvpbaptist.church/bulletin . On our web site, you can submit prayer requests and give. You may worship through giving by placing your offering in the plates between the double doors just after worship.

Call to Worship:

Psalm 68: 1-6 (ESV)

¹God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him!

²As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!

³But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him!

⁵Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

⁶God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.



Reading in Unison:

Titus 3: 1-7 (ESV)

¹Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work,

²to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

³For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,

⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The First Noel [Lyrics]

Verse 1

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Chorus 1

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

Verse 2

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night

Verse 3

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went

Verse 4

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay

Verse 5

Then entered in those wise men three
Full rev'rently upon the knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense

Who Would Have Dreamed [Lyrics]

Intro

Verse 1

On a starlit hillside, shepherds watched their sheep
Slowly David's city drifted off to sleep
But to this little town of no great renown
The Lord had a promise to keep

Turnaround 1

Verse 2

Prophets had foretold it, a mighty King would come
Long awaited Ruler, God's Anointed One
But the Sovereign of all looked helpless and small
As God gave the world His own Son

Chorus

And who would have dreamed or ever foreseen
That we could hold God in our hands?
The Giver of Life is born in the night
Re-vealing God's glorious plan
To save the world

Turnaround 2

Verse 3

Wondrous gift of heaven, the Father sends the Son
Planned from time eternal, moved by holy love
He will carry our curse and death He'll reverse
So we can be daughters and sons



Scripture for Confession of Sin:

Hebrews 3: 1-19 (ESV)

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession,

²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.

³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.

⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)

⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later,

⁶but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

⁷Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear his voice,

⁸do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness,

⁹where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years.

¹⁰Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.'

¹¹As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest.'"

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

¹⁴For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

¹⁵As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

¹⁶For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses?

¹⁷And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?

¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient?

¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

Assurance of Pardon:

Hebrews 2: 17-18 (ESV)

¹⁷Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.



¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Away In A Manger [Lyrics, 3/4]

INTRO

Verse 1

Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

Verse 2

The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes
I love Thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh

INTERLUDE

Verse 3

Be near me Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there

Responsive Reading of Illumination:

Hear three statements as our request for Illumination. You may respond to each by saying, "Amen."

1. Mighty God, our souls need to be strengthened by your powerful word. Still our wandering minds to hear and receive your truth. Warm our cold hearts with the fire of the Holy Spirit as your word is preached. Lead us to draw close to Christ so that we will live by faith in his gospel of grace. Amen.
2. God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
3. Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.



Prepare Him Room [Lyrics]

INTRO

VERSE 1

O behold the mystery now unfolds
See the star shine on the virgin foretold
Angels sing and light up the sky
Hope rings out in a newborn's cry
Swing wide you ancient gates
For Christ is born today

CHORUS

Prepare Him room prepare Him room
Let the King of Glory enter in

VERSE 2

God with us the promise has come to be
This the one the prophets were longing to see
In the darkness a blazing light
To the hungry the words of life
His kingdom now is near
For those with ears to hear

Sermon: Pastor Matt Watson
The Worthless and the Wise
2 Samuel 20

Pastoral Prayer/Benediction
Hebrews 13: 20-21 (ESV)

²⁰ 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,
²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Elders:

Our elders are Danny Cole, Matt Watson, John Divito & Joshua Hammond-Kelley. You may reach out to our elders via email at church@mvpbaptist.church

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If you are interested in membership or have further questions, please send us an email or reach us at www.mvpbaptist.church/membership

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INSTR BRIDGE

VERSE 3

Oh our hearts as busy as Bethlehem
Hear Him knock don't say there's no room in the inn
Through the cradle cross and grave
See the love of God displayed
Now He's risen and He reigns
Praise the Name above all names

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