



MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH

Digital Bulletin
Sunday May 03, 2026 @ 10:30 am



Welcome To Mount Vernon Baptist Church

Announcements:

- The May Missionary Prayer Guide is available at the book stall. Please pick one up for you and your family to be in prayer for missions work around the world each day!
- Today, we will have our VBS Round Up gathering after the service. It will also be a fundraising meal with pulled pork BBQ for our youth to go to summer camp. So please plan to stay, enjoy some food, and hear more about our Vacation Bible School.
- We will also be having our monthly church prayer meeting this afternoon at 1:30 pm. We'd love to see everyone join us as we come before the throne of God together in prayer.
- Ladies, you will be having your final women's ministry meeting this Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Don't miss this last opportunity for fellowship and Bible study until the fall.
- Today's sermon is from James 1:1. 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.
- Prior to today's sermon, as part of our corporate confession of sin and assurance of pardon, we will take the Lord's Supper. Elements are stacked in two small cups in the plates that will be passed by our elders and deacons. Remember that communion is for baptized believers in good standing with their local church. If you are not, refrain from taking communion today. We want to proclaim the gospel in everything we do. We want everyone here to be moved to the gospel. Our elders stand ready, eager, to talk with you about the gospel.
- Minute of Silence Before Start of Service

Call to Worship:

Psalm 122 (ESV)

Let Us Go to the House of the Lord A Song of Ascents. Of David.

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
- ² Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!
- ³ Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,
- ⁴ to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,



as was decreed for^[a] Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
⁵ There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.
⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
"May they be secure who love you!
⁷ Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!"
⁸ For my brothers and companions' sake
I will say, "Peace be within you!"
⁹ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

Prayer of Praise

Reading in Unison:

Acts 1: 15-20 ESV

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong^[a] he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,
"May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it';
and
"Let another take his office.'



When Trials Come [Lyrics]

[Default Arrangement] by Keith Getty and Kristyn Getty

Verse 1

When trials come no longer fear
For in the pain our God draws near
To fire a faith worth more than gold
And there His faithfulness is told
And there His faithfulness is told

Verse 2

Within the night I know Your peace
The breath of God brings strength to me
And new each morning mercy flows
As treasures of the darkness grow
As treasures of the darkness grow

Verse 3

I turn to wisdom not my own
For ev'ry battle You have known
My confidence will rest in You
Your love endures Your ways are good
Your love endures Your ways are good

Verse 4

When I am weary with the cost
I see the triumph of the cross
So in its shadow I shall run
Till You complete the work begun
Till You complete the work begun

Verse 5

One day all things will be made new
I'll see the hope You called me to
And in Your kingdom paved with gold
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old

He Will Hold Me Fast [Lyrics]

[Default Arrangement] by Ada Ruth Habershon and Matthew Merker

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus 1

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last



**Scripture for Confession of Sin:
Luke 14:25-35 (ESV)**

The Cost of Discipleship

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Salt Without Taste Is Worthless

³⁴ "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵ It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Prayer of Confession of Sin

**Assurance of Pardon:
1 Peter 2:9-10 (ESV)**

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The LORD'S Supper



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O LORD, My Spirit Fails

Psalm 143:7-12

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever, the Spirit of truth. —John 14:16-17



4. ⁷ O LORD, my spir - it fails, Your an - swer swift - ly send;
5. I lift my soul to You; Teach me the way to go.
6. ¹¹ To glo - ri - fy Your name, O LORD, pre - serve my life.



Hide not Your face from me Lest I to depths de - scend.
⁹ In You I ref - uge take; LORD, save me from my foe.
Your righ - teous - ness I claim; De - liv - er me from strife.



⁸ Be - cause I trust in You, O grant that I might hear
¹⁰ Be - cause You are my God In - struct me to o - bey;
¹² And in Your stead - fast love, Cut off my en - e - my;



Your stead - fast love a - gain As morn - ing light draws near.
Let Your good Spir - it lead Me on the lev - el way.
Since I am serv - ing You, Slay those af - flict - ing me.



Responsive Reading of Illumination:

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

1. Father, we have gathered together as weak sinners in need of the strengthening grace of Christ. Empower us as Your Word is preached through the sovereign ministry of the Holy Spirit. Lead us to behold Christ anew so that we will shine His gospel light into the world's spiritual darkness lives. **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.**

A Christian's Daily Prayer [Lyrics, 3/4]

[Default Arrangement] by Dave Fournier, Matt Merker, and Jordan Kauffin

Verse 1

As morning dawns and day awakes
To You I bring my need
O Gracious God my source of strength
In You I live and breathe
Each hour is Yours by Wisdom planned
Each deed empower'd by sovereign hands
Renew my spirit help me stand
Be glorified today

Verse 2

As day unfolds I seek Your will
In all of life's demands
And though the tempter tries me still
I cling to Your commands
Let every effort of my life
Display the matchless worth of Christ
Make me a living sacrifice
Be glorified today

Verse 3

As sun gives way to darkest night
Your Spirit still is here
And though my strength fades like the light
New mercies will appear
I rest in You abide with me
Until our trials and suffering
Give way to final victory
Be glorified today

Sermon: Pastor Matt Watson

James 1:1

Brother James



Pastoral Prayer/Benediction
Romans 15:5-6

⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Elders:

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

Mount Vernon Baptist Church: If you are interested in membership or have further questions, please send us send an email or reach us at www.mvbaptist.church/membership

