Mount Vernon
Baptist Church

Digital Bulletin
Sunday, November 1, 2026 @ 10:30 am

MVBC Bulletin

Welcome To Mount Vernon Baptist Church
Announcements:

- The November Missionary Prayer Guide is available on the book stall. Please pick up a copy with daily prayers to use in your personal devotions and family worship.
- We have a member meeting next Sunday, November 8th, at 1:30 pm. A printed packet is available at the welcome center for all members, please take one per family. Please see Pastor John if you'd like an email version.
- Today's sermon is from James 4: 13-17. Our bulletin is available on our website, mvbaptist.church/bulletin. On our website, 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.

Call to Worship:
Psalm 90: 1-12 (ESV)

1 For Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"
4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.
5 You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:
6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.
7 For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.
8 You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.
9 For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
10 The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.
11 Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?
12 So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Reading in Unison:
Ephesians 5: 1-5 (ESV)

1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

[2] And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
[3] But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.
[4] Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.
[5] For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah (Cwm Rhondda) [Lyrics]

Verse 1

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand
Bread of heaven Bread of heaven
Feed me now and ever more
Feed me now and ever more

Verse 2

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer strong Deliverer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield

Verse 3

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee
I will ever give to Thee

What A Friend We Have In Jesus [Lyrics]

[Default Arrangement] by Charles Crozat Converse and Joseph Medlicott Scriven

Intro, V1, V2, V3

Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit O what need - less pain we bear
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer

Verse 2

Have we trials and temp - tations is there trouble any - where
We should never be dis - couraged take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sor - rows share
Jesus knows our every weakness take it to the Lord in prayer

Verse 3

Are we weak and heavy laden cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our Refuge take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends de - spise for - sake thee take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee thou wilt find a solace there

Scripture for Confession of Sin:
1 Peter 1: 13-25 (ESV)

13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on
the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,
15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,
16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."
17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds,
conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,
18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not
with perishable things such as silver or gold,
19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.
20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times
for the sake of you
21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so
that your faith and hope are in God.
22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love
one another earnestly from a pure heart,
23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living
and abiding word of God;
24 for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the
flower falls,
25 but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached
to you.

Assurance of Pardon:
1 Peter 2: 24-25 (ESV)

24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to
righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.
25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of
your souls.

Lord's Supper

Psalm 16C(PFW) Preserve Me, O God [Lyrics]

[Default Arrangement]

Preserve Me, O God

Verse 1
Preserve me, O God, for I'm trusting in You.
"Yes, You are my Master," I said to the LORD;
Besides You I do not possess any good.
In Your holy messengers I take delight.

Verse 2
Those running to idols will multiply griets.
I will not pour out their drink off'rings of blood,
Nor will I confess their vain names with my lips.
The LORD's my inherited portion and cup.

Verse 3
You care for my lot, where the lines fell to me,
My pleasant and lovely inherited land.
The **LORD** who gives counsel to me I will bless,
For surely my mind teaches me through the night.

Verse 4
The Lord ever present before me I keep.
He stands at my right hand; I shall not be moved.
My glory rejoices, my heart is made glad;
And also my flesh will live safely at ease.

Verse 5
5. For You'll not abandon my soul to the grave,
Your Godly One You will preserve from decay.
Life's path You will show me; full joy is with You;
Your right hand holds pleasures for me evermore.

Responsive Reading of Illumination:

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

1. Sovereign Lord, you have revealed yourself to us so that we can know and worship you. May your preached Word lead us to know you more fully and deeply. May this knowledge draw us closer to you in worship to praise you for our salvation in Christ. Bless us today through the ministry of Your Word. **Amen.**
2. Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**
3. Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Have Thine Own Way [Lyrics]

Verse 1

Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way
Thou art the Potter I am the clay
Mold me and make me after Thy will
While I am waiting yielded and still

Verse 2

Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way
Search me and try me Master today
Whiter than snow Lord wash me just now
As in Thy presence humbly I bow

Verse 3

Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way
Wounded and weary help me I pray
Power all power surely is Thine
Touch me and heal me Savior divine

Verse 4

Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way
Hold o'er my being absolute sway
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only always living in me

Sermon: Pastor Matt Watson
James 4: 13-17
Boastful, Arrogant Planning

13 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend
a year there and trade and make a profit”—
14 yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that
appears for a little time and then vanishes.
15 Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.”
16 As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.
17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

Pastoral Prayer/Benediction
Numbers 6: 24-26

24 The Lord bless you and keep you;
25 the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
26 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace

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 an email or reach us at www.mvbaptist.church/membership