



METROCREST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**The King
& His
Kingdom**

**Holy Communion
Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Pentecost
November 10, 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 and Announcements

Call to Worship - Psalm 47:1-8

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Unison: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

Leader: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

Unison: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom He loves.

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Unison: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

Unison: God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

We Respond To God's Call

Opening Hymn - "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Bless the Lord O my soul; O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. (Refrain)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger;
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Refrain)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending;
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. (Refrain)

Acknowledging God's Presence

Worship Theme - "The Forgiving King & His Forgiving Kingdom"

Theme Verse - Matthew 18:23

[Jesus said to Peter] "23 "[T]he kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants."

Hymn - "Jesus, Where'er Your People Meet"

Trinity Hymnal #377

Jesus, where'er Your people meet,
There they behold Your mercy seat;
Where'er they seek You, You are found,
And ev'ry place is hallowed ground.

For You, within no walls confined,
Are dwelling in the humble mind;
Such ever bring You where they come,
And going, take You to their home.

Your Kingdom, Lord, is built on grace;
Forgiveness, mercy fill this place;
As You forgive our evil sin,
May we forgive our bre-th-ren.

Dear Shepherd of Your chosen few,
Your former mercies here renew;
Here to our waiting hearts proclaim
The sweetness of Your saving name.

Here may we prove the pow'r of prayer
To strengthen faith and sweeten care,
To teach our faint desires to rise,
And bring all heav'n before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but You are near;
Nor short Your arm, nor deaf Your ear;
O rend the heav'ns, come quickly down,
And make a thousand hearts Your own.

We Confess Our Sins

Confession of Sin

O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, Whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, we have not loved You with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With You, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love You with a holy love. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon - Ephesians 1:3-4,7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He has lavished upon us.

Hymn - "The Power of the Cross"

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day;
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men; torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

(Refrain)

This the pow'r of the cross,
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow. (Refrain)

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head;
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
"Finished" the vict'ry cry. (Refrain)

Oh to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

This the pow'r of the cross,
Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost;
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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 the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn - "We Believe (Apostle's Creed)"

We believe in one true God
Father, Spirit, Son;
One Church, one faith, one Lord of all –
His kingdom come.

We believe in God the Father,
Almighty Lord of Life;
Creator of the Heavens,
The earth, the sea, the sky.
And we believe in Jesus,
The only Son of God;
Born of the Virgin Mary
Who lived as one of us. (Refrain)

We believe that Jesus suffered,
Was beaten, crucified;
He died and He was buried,
Entombed in darkest night.
The third day rose victorious,
Ascended into Heav'n;
Will one day come to judge us
The living and the dead. (Refrain)

We believe in God the Spirit,
One church, empowered by Him;
Communion of God's people,
Forgiveness of our sin.
Our bodies resurrected
To everlasting life;
To worship, love, and wonder
Before the throne of Christ. (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 18:21-35

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Unison: Thanks be to God.

Understanding and Applying God's Word

Pastor Bill Lovell

"The Forgiving King & His Forgiving 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

Communion Hymn - "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Trinity Hymnal #252

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Prayer after Holy Communion

Eternal God, heavenly Father, You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your family. Through Your Son Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, You have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of Christ's body and blood. Send us forth now in the power of Your Spirit, 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 - Psalm 96:8

Closing Hymn - "God, Be Merciful to Me (Ps. 51)"

God, be merciful to me;
On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within;
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess;
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace,
And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgment just;
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice,
And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord.

God Sends Us Out With His Blessing

Blessing - Ephesians 3:20-21

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Sermon Text

English Standard Version - Matthew 18:21-35

21 Then Peter came up and said to Him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

23 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. 32 Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. 35 So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Sermon Notes

Matthew 18

Pastor Bill Lovell

"The Forgiving King & His Forgiving Kingdom"

Sermon Series: "The King & His Kingdom"

Next Sunday's Sermon Text: Matthew 19:1-12

Church Life Notes

Today - November 10, 2024

1. **Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Pentecost:** This morning, we will reflect on what the Scriptures teach us about our forgiving King.
2. **Holy Communion:** We will also the Lord's Supper today.
3. **Serving Today:** Our scheduled Liturgy Leader is Jay Marble. Our scheduled Prayer Leader is Paul Hartgrove.
4. **Giving Online:** To access our secure online giving portal, you may use the QR code on the back of the bulletin.
5. **Zoom Prayer Meeting:** This afternoon at 4:00pm, we will pray together via Zoom for our nation. You can get sign-in details on Realm, or in the Lobby.

Upcoming Activities & Events

6. **Mission Metrocrest:**
 - **Christian Community Action** - Join us Wednesday, November 20, from 5:30-8:00pm at CCA's food pantry, as we help with shopping, bagging, and working the registers. For info, contact Paul Hartgrove (972-816-2205, paul.hartgrove@gmail.com). CCA is located at 200 South Mill Street in Lewisville.
 - **November Life Change** - Please support MPC's Assistance Fund.
 - **Joe's Soup Kitchen** - Please bring cans of cranberry sauce to provide Thanksgiving dinner for needy neighbors. The donation box is in the Lobby.
 - **Bible Tree** - Over the next few weeks, we will be collecting Bibles to donate to CCA. We plan to donate 100 English and 100 Spanish Bibles. Please take a tag from the tree and place it with your \$3 donation per Bible in the provided box on the table next to the tree.
7. **Sunday School:**
 - **For Youth & Children** - Sunday mornings, 9:00-10:00am, in assigned classrooms.
 - **For Adults** - Sunday mornings, 9:00-10:00am, in Room D-04. Will Grover is leading a study of Isaiah,
8. **Youth Ministry:** Jr and Sr high school students are invited to join us at the church on Wednesday nights for Youth Group from 5:00-7:30 pm! For more info, please contact Joseph Marble (Joseph@metrocrestchurch.org).
9. **Christmas Pageant & Party:** Join us Sunday, December 8, at 4:30pm, in the church. The kids will reenact the story of the Lord Jesus' birth, and afterwards we'll celebrate with a potluck.
10. **Concert Community Series Event:** Voice Recital, in the church, Saturday, November 16, at 4:00pm, with soprano Sojung Lim accompanied by SangSoo Kim.
11. **Officer Recommendations:** All communing members are requested to recommend qualified candidates for church office (Elder or Deacon). Based on your recommendations, the Session will invite the next class of officer candidates to participate in the church's year-long officer training

program. Forms (with important instructions) will be available in the Lobby all through November. The deadline to submit names is November 30.

12. **Women's Ministry:**

- **Women's Bible Study** - Tuesdays at 7:00pm at the church, studying "In All Things" by Melissa Kruger, on the book of Philippians. For information, contact Melodie Bajema (rbajema5@sbcglobal.net).
- **Christmas Ornament Exchange** - Please save the date for our annual ornament exchange! This year our event will be held on December 3 at the home of Margaret Marrs. More info to follow.

13. **Men's Ministry:**

- **Men's Bible Study** - Tuesdays at 7:00pm at the church, studying "The Masculine Mandate: God's Calling to Men" by Richard D. Phillips. Books may be ordered online (Amazon, etc). For info, contact Rick Bajema (rickbajema@sbcglobal.net).

News & Needs

13. **Finance Update:** Church giving last week totaled \$11,557. Our weekly goal is \$8,108. To date, since July 1, we have collected \$118,152.

High Fives & Thanks

14. **Missions Conference:** Metrocrest was represented by Scott Kimbrough and Pastor Bill Lovell at last week's PCA Missions Conference in Atlanta.

Prayer Requests

15. **For The World:**

- **Armed Conflicts** - For God's mercy on the suffering people in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Yemen, Lebanon, and Iran.
- **Our Nation** - For God's blessing on the US following the elections.

16. **For Our Church's Mission & Ministry:**

- **Forgiveness** - For God to bless each of us with forgiving hearts.
- **Church Finances** - For God's gracious provision.

17. **For One Another:**

- **Expecting Couples** - For God's blessing on Hope & Daniel Greisser (due Dec 4) and Paige & Will Lovell (due mid-Feb).
- **Those Praying for a Child** - For God's mercy, blessing, and tender care for couples who are praying for a child.
- **Health, Relationships, Etc** - For God's blessing on Yvonne Alford (Bill Lovell's friend), Connie Bielefeld (Margaret Marrs' grandmother), Linda Bull (Scott Marrs' friend), Gary Collum (Paul Hartgrove's friend), Elinor Hite, Suzanne Larsen, Ruth Lerner (Elinor Hites' sister), Cherry Leslie, Ariel Lopez, Dick Lucas (Bill Lovell's friend), Ashley Marble, Gary Marrs (Scott Marrs' dad), Kristen Novak (Steve & Liz Wallin's daughter), Phil Pokatello (Cate Pokatello's father-in-law), Chip Sayers, Sharyn Wallin (Steve Wallin's mom), David Wamsley, Rose Whitlock (Hartgroves' in-law), Lori Winn, and Norm Winn.

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 attempt to use every penny you entrust to us for gospel purposes. We also aim for financial transparency—see Finance Update inside. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact our Treasurer Will Grover (treasurer@metrocrestchurch.org).



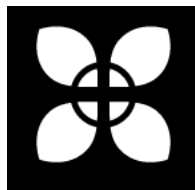
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