

From the Pastor's Desk



Saturday, August 8, 2020

Midsummer Blessings

This Sunday (August 9), the Sunday morning worship service of the Montreat Conference Center and Montreat Presbyterian Church should be accessible at 10:30 A.M. or any time thereafter.



This Sunday's worship service will include Holy Communion. You may wish to arrange a space conducive to worship and prepare the elements of bread and cup before the service begins.

Included during the communion liturgy will be a necrology, remembering and giving thanks to God for those in our community who have died in the past year.

Links are provided below for

- Church Chat at 9:30 A.M.
- The Summer Worship Series service at 10:30 A.M.
- Hymn Sing at 7:00 P.M.

Next Sunday, **August 16, the Montreat Presbyterian Church service will be distributed by 10:00 A.M.** If you are receiving our weekly Memo, occasional Evening Prayer services, and "From the Pastor's Desk," you are already signed up to receive the online worship services that will begin on August 16.

All indications continue to reaffirm that our worship will be online at least through September.

FOR THIS SUNDAY, August 9:

9:30 A.M. Church Chat

[Click here to join friends before the service for Church Chat,](#)

an online Zoom opportunity to see friends and check in before worship. Drop in and leave as you feel comfortable. A convener will simply make sure that everyone who wants to check in and catch up can do so. Feel free to join even if you think you want to be a silent participant. Everyone is welcome!

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10:30 A.M. Worship:

For this week's service,
please go directly
to the Montreat Conference Center **[Worship page](#)**
and find the link for this week's service there.

**Look for a box that will have the words
"Join Sunday's Service Here," and click on that box.**

The **bulletin** for August 9
can be downloaded by **[clicking here.](#)**

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7:00 P.M. Montreat Hymn Sing

We welcome Eric Wall as our leader
for this final hymn sing of the summer series.

Use **[this link](#)** to join.

For a PDF to accompany the evening's hymn sing,
please **[click here.](#)**

**Ahead of the special "virtual" Montreat Wednesday
being presented online this week,
August 12 at 5:00 P.M.,
the CE Committee offers some resources.**

- The video on which our presentation is based, produced by the Second Presbyterian Church of Roanoke, Virginia entitled *A Conversation with Dr. William Lee on Racism in America and the Aftermath of George Floyd's Death*:

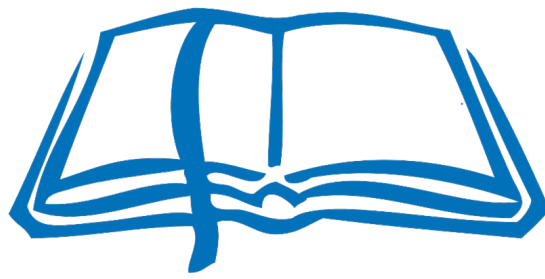
<https://youtu.be/czuAvOtruKA?t=319>.

- For a lovely article giving **background on the Rev. Dr. Bill Lee**, please [click on this link](#) for an item from The Roanoke Times.

- In addition to the Bill Lee/George Anderson video, the Christian Education Committee has put together a list of additional recommended educational materials (click [here](#) for the list). Some of these are the ones recommended or mentioned by Dr. Lee; others are part of the presbytery's recommended reading list. This list will also be posted on our website, MontreatChurch.org.

- **We also have ten copies each of two of the books included on this list, *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabelle Wilkerson and *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates, that are available for members to borrow.** You can pick them up from the green bin outside the MPC office door.

Details of how to "virtually attend" the online presentation will be announced this coming week!



*I love you, O Lord, my strength.
The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,
my God, my rock in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold.
In my distress I called upon the Lord;
to my God I cried for help.
From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.
It is you who light my lamp;
the LORD, my God, lights up my darkness.*

Psalm 18:1, 2, 6, 28

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