

WELCOME TO MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

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Large-print bulletins are available this morning. If a large-print bulletin is helpful to you, please let us know what may be particularly helpful to include and any other perspectives that may make them even more helpful.

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Our worship is taking place in both online and in-person formats this week. The online service is distributed via email and posted on MPC’s Facebook page. If **you would like to be added to our email list**, please let us know by contacting the office at office@montreatchurch.org.

Our faithfulness to each other and to God includes masking, distancing, vaccination and refraining from physical contact such as hugs and handshakes. Thank you for helping to make our worship together possible. Pulpit speakers will remove their masks when speaking and then resume masking as they exit the pulpit.

The pastor and director of music ask your forbearance as we maintain physical distance from congregants before, during, and after worship, in order to protect our household and those whom we will encounter in person during the course of our week in ministry.

The **MPC Annual Report**, compiling reports from the various committees of the Session, is posted on the church website (Resources/Documents & Policies).

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Upper Anderson, Montreat, North Carolina February 20, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Chimes of the Trinity

Morning Meditation/Prelude

Improvisation on LISTEN

*Listen to the word that God has spoken;
listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation;
listen, even if you don’t understand.*

Ritual of Fellowship

Minutes for Mission

*Call to Worship (responsive)

from Psalm 37:3-8, 39

Trust in the LORD, and do good;

**Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.**

He will make your vindication shine like the light,

and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;

he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

*Hymn 393 (verses 1 and 3)

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *followed by silent prayers of confession*

**Merciful God, we confess
that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises.**

**We love only those who love us;
we show kindness only to those who are kind to us;
we give only when we expect to receive.
Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love.
Change our lives by your matchless grace.
These things we pray through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Reading from the Old Testament Psalter Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Reading from the Gospel Luke 6:27-38

Sermon "To You Who Are Hearing" Keith Grogg

Hymn 451 "Open My Eyes, that I May See"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.**

Offertory "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE/arr. Hopson

Prayer of Dedication

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Hymn 450 (verses 1 and 2)** "Be Thou My Vision"

***The Charge** (responsive) Micah 6:8

God has told you, O mortal, what is good.
**And what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God?**

***Blessing**

***Postlude** "Rigaudon" Campra

**The congregation is invited to stand.*