

Mars Hill Presbyterian Church

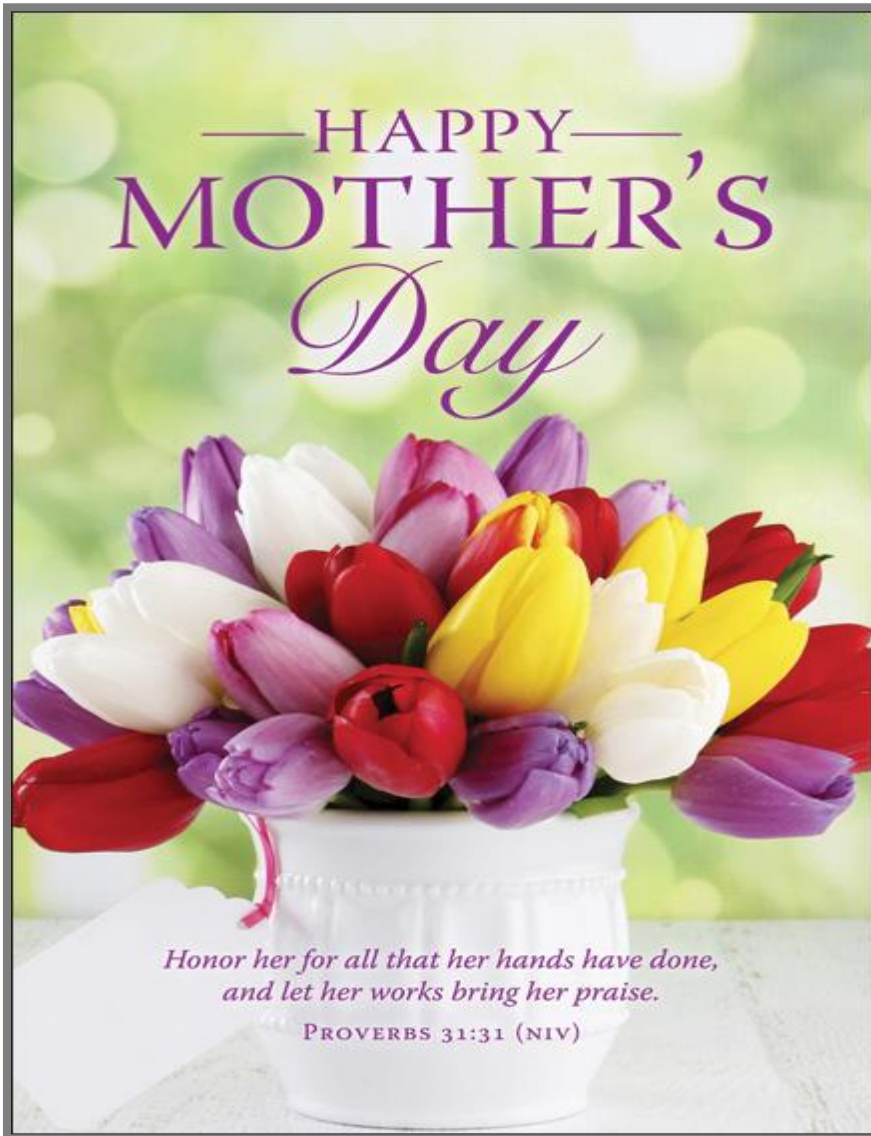
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May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Sunday Morning Worship

May 14, 2023

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10:45 a.m.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Pay close attention, my child, to your father's wise words and never forget your mother's instructions. For their insight will bring you success, adorning you with grace-filled thoughts and giving you reins to guide your decisions.

People: **Children, if you want to be wise, listen to your parents and do what they tell you, and the Lord will help you. For the commandment, "Honor your father and your mother," was the first of the commandments with a promise attached: "You will prosper and live a long, full life if you honor your parents."**

People: **Let us worship God.**

†HYMN OF PRAISE:

Hymnal 155

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Father, you have blessed us so much this morning. We praise you for the mothers that bore us, the families that reared us, and the faith that has been taught to us. Please forgive us for not teaching our children when they were in our homes, when they laid down, and when they rose up. Help us to set as the highest priority the teaching of our children in our lives, our families, our churches, and our communities. Bind your commandments to our doorpost and in our gates, that faith and trust in you will see us faithfully through any and all circumstances. For we ask these prayers in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The man called his wife's name Eve because she was the mother of all living. There is no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

People: You should be known for the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.

Leader: Hear the great news, all our sins are forgiven!

†RESPONSE

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymnal 579

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

(After the message, children ages seven and younger are invited to children's church.)

†HYMN

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Hymnal 455

First 4 Verses

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Proverbs 31:25-31

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ANTHEM

“Breath of Heaven”

Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Peter 3:3-4

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“The Measure of a Godly Woman”

Dr. King

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal 14

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Forgive us our debts)

Hymnal 16

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – OFFERTORY

†DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 592

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymnal 525

“Here I Am, Lord”

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

†Please stand as you are able.

Ushers this morning are Bill Wilson and Sue Sanor.

WEEK OF MAY 7, 2023:

WORSHIP/SUNDAY SCHOOL	46/27
STREAMING.....	9
OFFERING.....	\$8,050.00

The “After Worship Fellowship” will resume on Sunday, May 28, with Sue and Tom Sanor as hosts. We need volunteers to host beginning June 11. This fellowship gathering will continue on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Each host is asked to provide light refreshments. The signup sheet is located outside the Church Office.

The 200th Anniversary Planning Committee members announced they are ready to place an order for t-shirts with the 200th logo to wear during summer and fall for local and church events. Refer to the email sent to you May 7 for ordering details or call the Church Office. Send your order to the Church Office or to Sandra Boyd (sbboyd@crescent-inc.com or 423-506-1956). The deadline for ordering this first round is Monday, May 15, at noon. They are encouraging everyone to purchase a t-shirt early.



The Men's Prayer Breakfast group meets at 7:30 a.m. each Wednesday by Zoom. We invite you to join us or let us know your prayer requests. Please contact Davis Haynes at haynesd@comcast.net for the Zoom link and directions.

Choir Rehearsal is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday. If you would like to join, please contact Music Director Pam Thigpen. (423-506-4610, mspamie@gmail.com)

GriefShare meets every Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Contact Dick Pelley for additional information (423-829-5052) (pelpsych@comcast.net).

Please note a change in the Church Office hours. We are now open from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. **Effective Monday, June 12, we will be open 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.**

The Session has discussed the need for a more “user friendly” website. They appointed a study group that eventually led to the **design and implementation of our new website**. Please visit the website (marshillpres.org) and let us know what you think. You may need to press the refresh button.

The Session has approved setting up a **book lending library**, which will be located upstairs in the Bridge Room on the back shelves. Donate a book to share with others and feel free to borrow one. If you enjoy reading and have an abundance of books in your library, come by and check it out!

The **High Nooners** will meet Tuesday, May 16, 12:30 p.m., at Vittorino's Cucina Italian Restaurant, 111 North Main Street, Sweetwater. All are welcome!!! Please call Bill Wilson if you plan to attend (423-298-6163).

The Session will meet Sunday, May 21, at noon.

A PRAYER FOR ALL MOTHERS

*Loving God, thank you
for all the mothers in the world.*

*Bless them so that they may always
give life and nourishment to their
children through their firm faith,
generous and selfless love, good
example and constant concern for
their bodily and spiritual health.*

*Grant that we, their children, may
honor them always with a spirit of
profound love, respect and
thanksgiving.*

*Grant this through Christ our
Lord. Amen.*

**HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY!**

Weekly Prayer List:

Marc Adams, health concerns; **Sally Anderson**, health concerns; **Steve Baker**, health concerns, Carole Haynes' brother; **Mel Barker**, health concerns, friend of Marc Adams; **Frank Carpenter**, health issues; **Linda Cheek**, health concerns; **Nancy Coats**, wife of Chris who is the Worship Pastor at First Baptist Church, health concerns; **Daisy Dunlop**, health concerns; **Sam Goodin**, health concerns, friend of Johnny Coffman; **Mike Jaquish**, health concerns; **Mary Long**, Ann Parise's sister, has cancer; **Kim Mynatt-King**, health concerns; **Brandon and Ashley McDonald**, health concerns, friends of Randy Dunlop; **Jim McReynolds**, health concerns, Sherree Reed's father; **Tracy Murphy**, health concerns, Randy Dunlop's friend; **Reba Powers**, health concerns; **Tim Reed**, health concerns, friend of Pastor Ford and Kim

Mynatt-King; **Brooklyn Rogiers**, Roy and Janet Martin's grandniece, receiving treatments; **Vicki Sims**, health concerns, Sylvia Pelley's sister-in-law; **Judy Sullins**, health concerns; **Sheryl Turney**, health issues, sister of Kim Mynatt-King; **Mary Watkins**, NHC Place Cool Springs, 211 Cool Springs Blvd., Apt. 309, Franklin, TN 37067, health concerns; the **people of Ukraine**; those who have **suffered gun violence** in our nation; those **hospitalized**; the **people of Turkey and Syria** suffering from the aftermath of an earthquake; those **grieving**, **healthcare workers**, **first responders** and those **servicing in the military**.

Please continue to be in prayer for our church leaders, and for the arrival of our new pastor, Dr. Cheryl Bourne, in June. Also, be in prayer for Ford as he prepares to begin a new journey serving God. We appreciate all he has done for Mars Hill in the past four and one-half years, and we will miss him.

If you have prayer requests you would like to include or an update to an existing prayer request, please notify the church office by Wednesday so we can update the bulletin.



**If you have a prayer request this morning,
please fill out a prayer request card and place
in the offering or give to Pastor Ford.**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE TUESDAY – FRIDAY, 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

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Elder Class of 2023

Peggy Hallenberg
Worship
Marsha Lucas
Mission & Outreach
Sue Sanor
Christian Education

Elder Class of 2024

Sandra Boyd
Clerk of Session
Janet Martin
Mission & Outreach
John Mackerseie
Christian Education
Bill Wilson
Stewardship

Elder Class of 2025

Melissa Goins
Stewardship
Sarah Maynard
Congregational Support
Sherree Reed
Property

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 14

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

2:00 p.m. GriefShare

MOTHER'S DAY

Tuesday, May 16

10:30 a.m. MHPC Bridge
12:30 p.m. High Nooners
10:00 a.m. PET Meeting

Wednesday, May 17

7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, May 18

3:30 p.m. Bridge Club

Friday, May 19

Saturday, May 20

Sunday, May 21

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
2:00 p.m. GriefShare
Noon – Session Meeting

Monday, May 15

11:00 a.m. Bridge Group

Church Office Closed