

Welcome

We welcome our visitors, friends, and members to worship as we glorify God on this Lord's Day. *You are invited to prepare your heart and mind for worship in silence during the prelude.* Please use this time to make the transition from "getting here" to "being here." * indicates moments in the service when you are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so.

We Prepare

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL to WORSHIP

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu- alleluia!*

RESPONSIVE CALL to WORSHIP (from Psalm 85)

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN #469** "Morning Has Broken"

PRAYER of CONFESSION

O God, if sin means cutting ourselves off from you and being unprepared to respond to your presence, then surely we have sinned. Our lamps are not trimmed; our lives are not ready for your trumpet call. We have not listened well or encouraged one another in the faith. The distraction of many things has kept us from meditation and prayer. We are witnesses against ourselves, for we have vowed our loyalty and then have gone our own way. Merciful God, we seek your forgiveness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENCE

ASSURANCE of GRACE

Friends, believe the good news and be at peace:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

***HYMN of GRACE**

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost,
but now am found, was blind but now I see.*

We Hear

MINISTRY with the CHILDREN

FIRST SCRIPTUREGenesis 18:1-8

SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 11:1-13

SERMON "Persistent Prayer"

We Respond

***HYMN #527** "Near to the Heart of God"

***AFFIRMATION of FAITH:**

–from "A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)"

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

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.

TITHES and OFFERINGS

***THE DOXOLOGY (UNISON, #592)**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER of THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN #391**“Take My Life”

***CHARGE and BLESSING**

Response: **Alleluia! Amen.**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

*God be with you 'til we meet again;
By His counsel guide uphold you,
with His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you 'til we meet again.*

***PASSING of the PEACE**

You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another as you depart.

Prayer Concerns

Bobbie Anderson, Keith Bidwell, Caitlyn Bidwell, Mary Caley, Elizabeth Clayton, Hayden Evans, Johnnie Hall, Leo and Christine Horton, W.F. & Ida Mae Horton, Sam Lamonica, Susan and Herman Lehman, Ethel Rasmusson, Marcia Sears.

Our Vision

At Montevallo Presbyterian Church, we will

- *glorify God*
- *grow as disciples, and*
- *care for people and creation.*

Announcements

- The Book Group will meet tonight at 7:00 at the Forbes House.
- Wendy will be out of the office Monday – Wednesday, July 26-28.
- If you are interested in teaming up with several families to participate in Christmas International House, please let Wendy know as soon as possible. There is a brochure on our bulletin board.
- The Main Event is coming up on August 14! This is our Presbytery’s annual educational event and will be held this year at Independent Presbyterian Church. See the bulletin board for a schedule, and let Wendy know if you’d like to attend this year!
- No more leaks! We recently put a new roof on the church! If you’d like to contribute towards this unexpected but necessary expense, please mark your offering “roof.” Thanks to all who have already contributed!
- Youth and Adult Sunday School, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
- No Bible Study on Tuesday, July 27.

Church Directory

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Our church office is located at the
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Rev. Wendy Hare – *Pastor* Stacie Harris – *Secretary*
Shari Boruvka-Roth – *Musician*

<u>The Session</u>		
Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012
Jane Clayton	Keith Bidwell	Susan Lehman
Bill Peters	Judy Rogers	Steve Sears

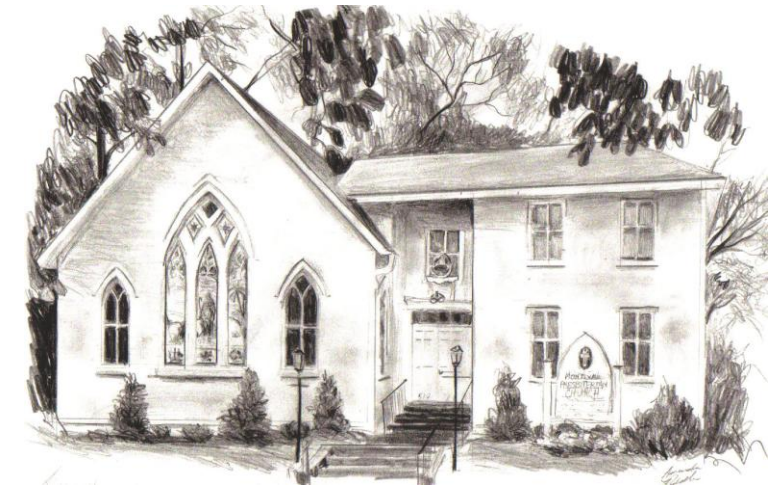
Montevallo Presbyterian Church (USA)

Service for the Lord’s Day

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 2010

11:00 A.M.



To all who are weary and need rest, who are lonely and desire companionship, who mourn and want comfort, who sin and need a Savior, and to whoever wishes to come, this church opens its doors.