

# MERRITT ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Leading in Worship: Rev. Christina Greenawalt and One Purpose Youth

April 28, 2024

*In Person and Facebook Live*

10:00 a.m.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter - One Purpose**

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Gathering Music

Maryrose Beerman

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship (**responsive**):

Christine Shinkevich

*God invites and calls us into His presence to worship Him. He enters into our busy lives to speak to us.*

One: Like spring breaking through winter's power,

**All: God's resurrecting power breaks into our lives in surprising ways.**

One: Like the vine that supports blossoms and fruit,

**All: God's Word upholds the church in strength.**

One: Let us worship God who makes all things new.

**All: We will praise God who brings growth and renewal to all life.**

Congregational Hymn # 611

***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!*

*Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.*

*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.*

*Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.*

*Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.*

*Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.*

*Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.*

*Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

Time with the Young and Young at 

Call to Confession

Brennan Griffith

Prayer of Confession (**unison**):

**Merciful One, you know when we are afraid to love; you know when we are too cowardly to show mercy. Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears. Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections. Imbue us with a love so strong, with such growth toward perfection, that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of love. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness (**responsive**):

One: Christ is the vine. We are simply branches. If we abide in Christ, Christ's words will abide in us. Ask for whatever you wish in Christ's name and it will be granted. In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!

**All: In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!**

Response: **Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me** Hymn # 582  
*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
 And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

Passing the Peace of Christ:  
*Abiding in Christ's love, let us turn to one another and offer signs of forgiveness, love and peace.*

Prayer for Illumination Soren Griffith

First Reading: 1 John 4:7-21 Page 292, NT  
 One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

Special Music *Friends* One Purpose  
*Hadassah Sieloff, soloist; Soren Griffith, duet*

Second Reading: John 15:1-8 Page 133, NT  
 One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ!**

Message: *Abide in Me, Dwell in my Heart* Rev. Christina Greenawalt

**Responding to the Word**

Prayers of the People Pastor Christina  
 The Lord's Prayer (unison) *a reworking by Rev Josephine Inkpin*

**Breath of our every fibre, flowing in and beyond the stars, may we rejoice in your ever-renewing life. May your love flourish, may your peace be known, in all beings and becomings. Sustain us in what we need. Transform the suffering we inflict, as we transform the suffering we endure. Free us from all that crushes joy, and keep us from unbearable pain. Let your way be our journey, your truth our story, and your life our coming home, now and always, Amen.**

Invitation to Live Generously: *The offering basket is near the back door of the sanctuary.  
 You may also give online at [www.merrittislandpc.org](http://www.merrittislandpc.org)*

Response: **Doxology**  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below  
 Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn: **Thy Word**  
*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
 And a light unto my path; you're the light unto my path. Amen.*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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*Ushers: Peg Boekhout, Lorrie Peek, Lynn Pemberton  
 Attendance Last Week: In Person: 71, On Line: 17*  
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us today, whether you are here in person or online! We gather together as a church family, from wherever we may be. If you would like to know more about MIPC, how you can be more involved, or to speak to the pastor, please contact the church office at the number/email below.

**Worshipping with Children:** We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us, and we pray that your family feels welcome and at home here at MIPC. Children's Church is available for Preschool-6th grade in our Activities Room, right after "Time with the Young and Young at Heart."

**Nursery Care:** If you have infants or toddlers that need care during our worship service, we can help. Please ask one of our Ushers and they will direct you to someone.

**Welcome, One Purpose youth and families!** We're so happy to have you with us today, and thank you for participating in our Performing Arts program.

**Thank you and Godspeed, Maryrose and Ted Beerman!** This is Maryrose's last Sunday with us, as she & Ted are moving to Indiana. We are so grateful for her years of service to MIPC; both Maryrose and Ted will be missed. We wish them joy and blessings in their new home!

**Kids Klub Shows:** Today at 4 PM is the last chance to catch the Kids Klub show, *The Big Bible Idea Group*. You will love this wonderful show! The following weekend, **One Purpose Productions** will present their musical, *Friends Forever*, on Friday, May 3 at 7 PM and Sunday May 5 at 4 PM.

**Please note** that our roof replacement project continues this week on the Fellowship Hall and preschool buildings. Be aware that access to those buildings will be limited. Please call the office with any questions.

### **Ways to Serve**

**Faith Formation Ministries:** Here are 2 ways you can be of service to our ministry:

1. Vacation Bible School: July 15th- 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: We are in need of volunteers to help with many different aspects of this program (Snacks, games, crafts, activity stations, transporting kids to various stations). If you love to work with children, and are looking for a fun summer activity, please come and join us. Contact Pam Poland or Karri Fjeldheim. There is also a sign-up sheet available in the Narthex.
2. Men's Bible Study: There has been some interest expressed regarding forming a men's Bible study group. We are in need of people to lead the study, and participants. Please contact Pam Poland or Karri Fjeldheim if you are interested in helping to start this new program. There is also a sign-up sheet available in the Narthex.

**Custodian:** Our custodian Glenn Fields has retired for health reasons. If you know anyone who may be interested in a part-time cleaning job, or if you'd like to volunteer to help do some occasional cleaning around the church while we seek Glenn's replacement, please contact the church office.

### **Ways to Connect**

**Adult Faith Enrichment Class:** Join us for Adult Faith Formation at 9:00 a.m. in the Session Room or on Zoom. Our new study is *Journey of Faith* with Milt Seapker. All are welcome at any time! The Zoom link is emailed weekly.

**Join us for coffee and snacks** in the Narthex after worship today. Thank you, Lynn Pemberton, for providing today's goodies! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for anyone who would like to bring food one week.

**Women's Ministry: Fabulous Fridays!** Come and join us in the Activities Room every other Friday @ 2:00 p.m. for our Women's Bible Study Group. (Our next gathering is May 3.) Our study is titled "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts." For more information and questions: [cj2hill@bellsouth.net](mailto:cj2hill@bellsouth.net) or 321-431-5333.

**Church Directory:** We have set the date of June 1 to print a new official MIPC directory! There are interim directory copies in the Narthex; please check to make sure your contact information is correct, and contact the church office if there are any changes. There will be opportunities for new individual and family photos if you would like your picture updated - but you can also email the church office with a photo of you/your family that you would like us to use. ([mipresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:mipresbyterian@gmail.com)) Thank you for helping keep our church directory information updated!

### **Celebrations & Concerns**

#### **Happy Birthday to:**

May 1: Mike Smith

**Our Prayers are with:\*** Cindy Bottomley, Dot Corbett, Carolyn Crockett, Andre Koodie, Elaine Krieger, Janet Post, Kelly Shephard, George Wilcox, and Bob Willett.

*\* Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested. If you would like your prayer concern to be shared on our Prayer Chain Email (or if you'd like to be on the email distribution list), contact Jill Franklin at [mipcprayerchain600@gmail.com](mailto:mipcprayerchain600@gmail.com), or make a note on the Prayer Request card in the pew.*

**Our Sympathies are with:** JoJo Hentschel, following the death of her brother Lennie on April 25.

**Thank you,** One Purpose Youth, Leslie Mitchell, and Ted & Maryrose Beerman, for the beautiful music today!

#### **THIS WEEK AT MIPC:**

Monday, April 29, 6:00 PM	Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 30, 3:00 PM:	Kids Klub cast party, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 30, 8:00 PM:	AA, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, May 1, 3:30 PM:	One Purpose tech/dress rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
Friday, May 3, 7:00 PM	One Purpose Show, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, May 5, 9:00 AM:	Adult Faith Formation, Session Room/Zoom
Sunday, May 5, 10:00 AM:	Worship Service - Rev. Rick Oppelt will fill in for Pastor Christina
Sunday, May 5, 3:00 PM	Girl Scouts, Activities Room
Sunday, May 5, 4:00 PM	One Purpose Show, Fellowship Hall

*For more information on any of these events, check with the church office.*

### **Rev. Christina Greenawalt, Pastor**

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