

MERRITT ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Leading in Worship: Rev. Christina Greenawalt and Craig Smoot

May 19, 2024

In Person and Facebook Live

10:00 a.m.

Pentecost

May our Pentecost worship reveal to us just how far the gift of God's Spirit reaches.

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Pastor Christina

Call to Worship (**responsive**):

Liturgist

One: Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,

All: and inspire our worship with your truth.

One: Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,

All: and fill us with your love.

One: Strengthen us, Holy Spirit,

All: and move us to act with your power.

One: Breathe in us, Holy Spirit,

All: and receive our prayers and praise.

Opening Hymn # 286:

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.*

Time with the Young and Young at Heart

Call to Confession

Liturgist

Prayer of Confession (**unison**):

God of mystery and mercy, we confess we have not always paid attention to the urging of your Spirit to follow your will and your way. Too often we claim to belong to Jesus, yet we ignore his teaching. You created us to love one another, but we resist loving those who differ from us. Stir our hearts with your Holy Spirit. Transform who we are, and direct who we shall become through Christ's redeeming love.

Words of Forgiveness

One: These words are worthy of our trust and acceptance: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

ALL: Thanks be to God for God's steadfast love and mercy!

Response:

Spirit of the living God

Hymn # 288

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

First Reading:

Acts 2:1-21

Page 144, NT

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music:

As the Wind Song

Jeana Lutz, soloist

Second Reading:

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Page 134, NT

One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ!**

Message:

Guide us in the Ways of Truth and Hope

Rev. Christina Greenawalt

Responding to the Word

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Live Generously: *The offering basket is near the back door of the sanctuary.*

You may also give online at 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 # 291:

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (verses 1 & 4)

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."*

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

*You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.*

*Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.*

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Ushers: John & Nancy Shuford, Milt Seapker
Attendance Last Week: In Person: 37, On Line: 15*

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.

Worshiping 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 the first hymn.

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.

Ways to Serve

Today we collect a special offering for the benefit of Matthew 28 Orphanage & School in Bohoc, Haiti. MIPC has a long history of supporting this mission, and even sent a group to visit the orphanage back in 2013. Matthew 28 is currently feeding 1650 children 5 days per week, in spite of the chaos and unrest they are currently experiencing. You may contribute by writing a check to MIPC or giving online through our website, merrittislandpc.org, and notating Matthew 28.

Today we also receive the Pentecost Offering, the annual PC(USA) collection that seeks to support and inspire young people throughout the world. There are special envelopes near the offering basket for this purpose.

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

1. Vacation Bible School: July 15th- 19th, 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. Interested in helping, please 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.

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. 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 31.) Our study is titled "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts." For more information and questions: 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) Thank you for helping keep our church directory information updated!

Celebrations & Concerns

Happy Birthday:

May 19: Heidi Sams

May 23: Reid Finney

May 23: Barbara Seaman

Happy Anniversary:

May 20: Jim & Jan McConnaha

May 24: Cathay & Bob Erb

May 25: Linda & Rob Serfozo

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, or make a note on the Prayer Request card in the pew.*

Thank you, Jeana Lutz and Leslie Mitchell, for the beautiful music today!

THIS WEEK AT MIPC:

Monday, May 20, 11:15 AM:	Staff Meeting
Monday, May 20, 6:00 PM:	Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, May 21, 6:00 PM:	Riverside HOA in Fellowship Hall, 6 PM
Tuesday, May 21, 8:00 PM:	AA, Fellowship Hall
Thursday, May 23, 6:00 PM	Square Dancers, Fellowship Hall
Friday, May 24, 11 AM	VPK graduation, Sanctuary
Sunday, May 26, 9:00 AM:	Adult Faith Formation, Session Room/Zoom
Sunday, May 26, 10:00 AM:	Worship Service (in person or Facebook Live) - Trinity Sunday
Sunday, May 26, 11:00 AM:	Christ the King Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, May 26, 3:00 PM	Girl Scouts, Activities Room

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

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