

Your Church for Worship and the Arts! WORD | CONNECTION | MUSIC

Welcome to Mountain Reformed Church!

We are so grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today! The vision of our church is to provide an open door to relationship with God for all through worship, teaching God's Word, and by celebrating with music and the arts. Our mission is simple: All Glory to God! Our church is independent and non-denominational, with a theology based in the reformed way of being Christian. Please see our website at www.mountainreformed.org for more information about our church.

Prayer of Meditation

Jesus, in your passion and resurrection, you show me there is no place you have not been and no place you fear to go. Morning by morning, you awaken me more deeply to this truth. Send me into the world this day with the courage and wisdom to be a faithful witness to your coming reign of justice, mercy, and peace. Amen.

MRC To Hold Maundy Thursday Service

Mountain Reformed Church will be holding a Maundy Thursday service at "The Event Spot" on March 28th at 7pm. Make plans now to attend this poignant service where we will observe Holy Communion and consider the passion of our Lord.

Tulips for Easter morning!

If you would like to share a splash of color and joy for our Easter worship, you are welcome to bring a potted tulip on 3/31 and take it back home with you after the service!

MRC Women's Workshop April 6th

The women of MRC will be holding a Workshop 9am-2:30pm on Saturday April 6th at Emmanuel Lutheran Church 7763 E Long Look Dr Prescott Valley AZ 86314. The cost of attendance is \$25, and checks can be made payable to Mountain Reformed Church with Women's Workshop in the memo line. A registration form can be found at the Usher's Table with further details.

MRC to offer Mid-week Bible Study

We would like to know how many folks would be interested in attending a mid-week Bible study. Please add your name and email address to the list located at the "welcome" table. More details will be available soon!

Let Go for Lent

Thank you, MRC family, for your donations of clothing and household items! A total of 96 bags were delivered to local charities (Stepping Stones, DAV, St. Vincent). That is an amazing haul of items to help those in need within our community, thank you!

ORDER OF WORSHIP March 24, 2024 – 10:30 AM Palm/Passion Sunday

Gathering

Words of Greeting and Life of the Church

L: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you!

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Prayer of the Day

Introit

Entrance into Jerusalem
Sanctuary Choir

by Wes Cameron

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

L: Blessed is the coming kingdom.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

L: When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem,

Mark 11:1-6

at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples

and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it,

you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it.

If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this,

'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street.

As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them,

"What are you doing, untying the colt?"

They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.

- L: Blessed is the coming kingdom.
- C: Hosanna in the highest!
- L: Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it;

Mark 11:7-11

and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road,

and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

- L: Blessed is the coming kingdom.
- C: Hosanna in the highest!

(Please remain standing)

Opening Hymn #221

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

(Please be seated)

Call to Confession

Ps. 118:2

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.

(Silent Confession)

L: Amen.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gloria Patri, Hymn #670

GLORIA PATRI (GRETOREX)

Declaration of Pardon

Passing of the Peace (Please be seated)

Anthem Blessed Is He Who Comes in

Lloyd Larson

the Name of the Lord!

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Embrace the Cross by John G. Elliott

Ryan Gastonguay, vocal solo

(Please stand as you are able)

Doxology, Hymn #668 OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

The Word

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: The Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Response Hymn #316

At the Name of Jesus

BERRY

Prayer for Illumination

The Holy Gospel

John 12:34-48 (ESV)

34 So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" 35 So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. 37 Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, 38 so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

39 Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

40 "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes,

and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them."

41 Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. 42 Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

44 And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. 45 And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. 46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. 47 If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "From Compassion to Passion" Pastor Gene Grimm

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day #230 The Old Rugged Cross OLD RUGGED CROSS

(Please remain standing)

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

L: Christians, what do you believe?

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.

(Please be seated)

Prayers for the People, concluded with The Lord's Prayer in unison:

(words of prayer, each petition followed by)

P: ... Save us, O Lord,

C: for your mercy is great.

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.

Sending

Charge

Benediction

Response Belfast Amen STOPFORD

Postlude Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee arr. Joel Raney (Hymn #13)

Flowers today celebrate how happy Ron Drachenberg and Susan Noonan are to be part of the MRC church family.

Jean Risdon says, "Thank you, MRC family for all the cards, calls, and prayers regarding my diagnosis and upcoming surgery on March 28th. Your love lifts me up!"

Assisting in Worship:

Pianist: Craig Ralston
Liturgist: Larry Culver
Acolyte: Rahab Gastonguay
Ushers: Sandy Stamper & Jean Risdon
Sound Technician: Fred Williams
Camera Operator: Charlie Simpson

Coffee Fellowship Coordinator: Beth Wingate

Greeter: Karen Thorstad

March Benevolence Offering for US Vets

Thank you, MRC Family, for your donations benefiting homeless Veterans in our quad cities area! We gathered a total of \$415 on Sunday March 3rd! These funds will be making a difference in the lives of Veterans who find themselves in need. Thank you for your generosity!

MRC To Present Spring Cantata "O How Glorious" on May 5th!

The music ministry of MRC is excited to announce that our spring cantata "O How Glorious" will take place on Sunday May 5th, with services at 9am and 11am. This inspirational music and worship celebration will feature the works of Mack Wilberg, Barlow Bradford, John Rutter, Philip Stopford and Ola Gjeilo by our outstanding sanctuary choir and orchestra.

MRC Bulletin and Weekly Email

Would you like to place an announcement in the Sunday bulletin or "This Week at Mountain Reformed Church" email? Please send your info to Ryan Gastonguay at ryan@mountainreformed.org. The deadline is Monday evening of each week for the coming weekend, but we always appreciate as much notice as possible.

Prayer Ministry and Prayer Chain

If you would like to be a part of our prayer ministry and prayer chain, please indicate this on your welcome card. Lyndi Peacock coordinates this ministry, and she will send prayer requests to you by email: lyndi@milehighlending.com. You can also call or text Lyndi at 928-899-2085. If you are seeking prayer please email Lyndi your request directly or fill out a prayer request card (available at the usher's table) and place in the offering plate.

Card Ministry

Cards for encouragement, celebration, sympathy, get well, birthdays and more can be mailed out via our Card Ministry. Pam Rineholt, Amy Greenland, Beth Wingate, Carolyn Peterson, Sharon Tom, Linda Enoch, Julie Ruppert, Sheri Simpson, and Geraldine Keenan coordinate this ministry and can always use donations of cards and stamps. Please let us know if you have someone whose day would be brightened by receiving a card from Mountain Reformed Church! If requesting a card or prayer where a card would be desirable for anyone whose address is not in our current Directory, please include the full name and address of the appropriate recipient along with your request. Please email Pam Rineholt: pueblodesign@gmail.com.

Pastor on Call

The Rev. Dr. Gene Grimm is the Pastor on Call. If you would like to get in touch, feel free to email eugenegrimm@me.com or call 928-925-6057.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls serve as a tangible reminder of God's love for those who are walking through difficult times. A prayer shawl can bring great comfort! Shawls can also be given in celebration of milestones such as graduations, weddings, and new babies. Our shawls are lovingly created by Sharon Tom, Barbara Poland, Sheri Simpson, Debra Ochoa, and Amy Greenland. Please let us know if you have someone who needs a prayer shawl! Recipients do not have to be local. Anyone with a love for knitting or crochet is welcome to participate in this ministry as well. Please email Sharon: sharonctom@yahoo.com.

MRC Name Badges

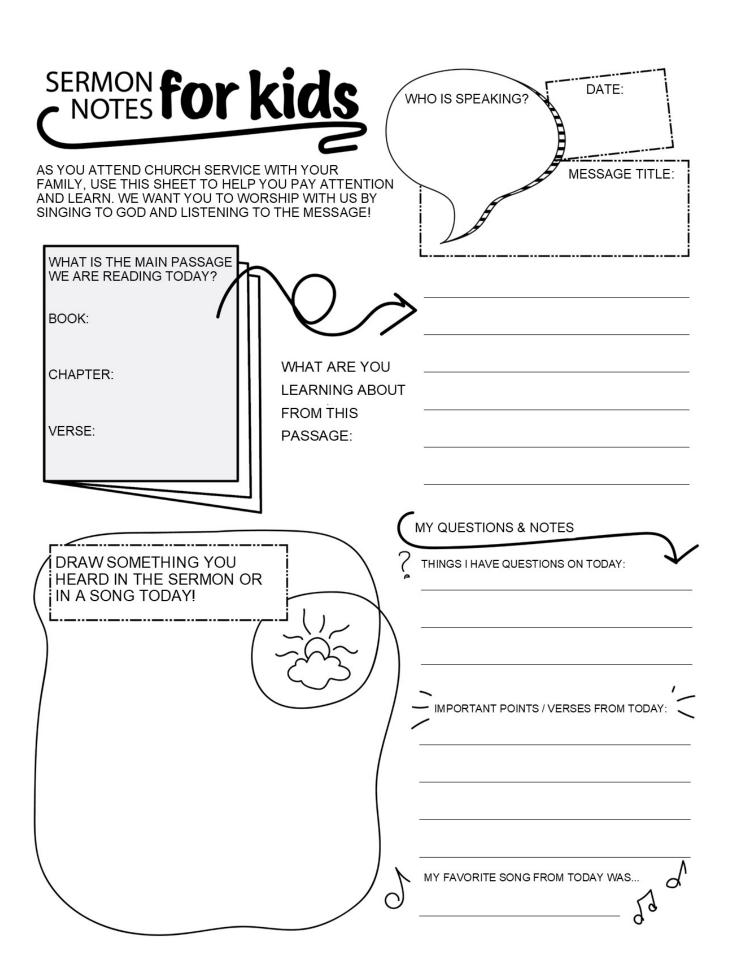
If you would like an MRC name badge, please send your name as it should appear to Ryan Gastonguay: ryan@mountainreformed.org and he will have one made.

Fellowship Brigade: Coffee volunteers needed

The coffee process is now easier than ever with a coffee maker conveniently located in our Event Spot kitchen! If you are interested in serving, please reach out to Beth Wingate 970-456-8763 bbs5829a@gmail.com. The signup sheet is available in the binder where our coffee and snacks are located.

Flowers

Sheri Simpson coordinates our Flower Ministry. If you would like to commemorate a special occasion by providing flowers, please ask an usher to guide you to the flower sign-up chart. The 2024 flower sign-up sheet is now available at the usher's table!



Mountain Reformed Church Expense Forecast 2024

Mountain Reformed(reflects our current operatingChurch Financialexpenses and general fund giving, notActivity Summaryall designated giving & expenses)

	Weekly	Monthly	Annual
OFFERINGS (GENERAL	\$3,080.31	\$13,348.00	\$160,176.00
FUND)			
TOTAL FACILITY	\$793.00	\$3,436.00	\$41,236.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$1,575.00	\$6,828.00	\$81,920.00
TOTAL MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$462.00	\$2,002.00	\$24,020.00
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$213.50	\$930.00	\$11,160.00
Total Expenses	\$3,043.50	\$13,196.00	\$158,336.00

3/17/2024 Worship Attendance: 65

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