

New ways to give at Mallard Creek



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WE GIVE because GOD GAVE FIRST

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son... John 3:16

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Dear Church

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers when I most needed them I am much strong because of them and I am doing well Thank you again Penny Louya



IGNITING A SPARK

2023 Montreat Middle School Conference @ Maryville College July 19-23, 2023



I was already a very blessed child of God, but during this latest little "mountain" I have been overwhelmed with caring, love and Blessings, especially from you, my sisters and brothers of Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church and I thank you sincerely from my heart and soul. My cup runneth over!

My love, prayers and blessings to each of you, Sandra Tracy



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The Lord's Day, July 16, 2023

THANK YOU for a GREAT Year!



We're Hiring!

If you LOVE working with children in a loving, Christian environment, we have a place for you!

Pre-K teacher and assistant teachers needed for the 2023-2024 school year!

To apply, email [kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org](mailto:kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org) or call 704-549-9741.



Sunday School Classes & Locations

- Age 0-2 – Nursery
- Age 3-5 – Preschool Classroom
- 1st-4th grade – Youth Club room
- 5th-12th grade – Teen room
- Young and Middle Adults – Garrison Martin classroom
- Older Adults – Morrison classroom



MATTHEW 13:1-9  
A STORY ABOUT DIRT

A Service of Worship

Prelude Prelude on "Slane" Gordon Young  
 Welcome and Announcements Rev. Hunter Roddey  
 Call to Worship Rev. Rob Watkins

Leader Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.  
**People Seek the Lord with heart and soul, and God's grace will be upon us.**  
 Leader Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.  
**People Praise the Lord! The name of the Lord be praised!**  
**ALL LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

Prayer of Invocation  
 † Hymn #259 "Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

Call to Confession  
 Prayer of Confession Rev. Rob Watkins

**Most Merciful God**  
**Have mercy upon us, meeting us in your grace, redeeming us through your compassion, and restoring us as your people.**  
**We confess the things we have said and done that cut us off from one another and alienate us from your way. We confess how often our hearts are rocky soil, unable to allow compassion to flourish. We confess how often the distractions of life stunt the growth of faith within us. We confess how our passions fire and fade so quickly that nothing much gets accomplished.**  
**In your grace, forgive us, renew us, and reclaim us as your people. Create clean hearts within us that are able to allow faith to blossom and works of love abound from us.**  
**Hear our prayers made in and through the hope of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon  
 † Passing of the Peace  
 Time for Children Andrea Thomas  
 Montreat blessings Andrea Thomas  
 Offertory *Song of Peace* John A. Behnke

† Doxology  
 Scripture Lesson Matthew 13:1-9

Sermon "Depending on the Dirt" Rev. Hunter Roddey

Affirmation of Faith Rev. Rob Watkins

**We believe in God the Sower, the One through whom all being came into being.**  
**We believe that God, in the desire to reclaim creation from sin and death, sent his Son into the world to sow again the seeds of grace and to implant faith within us. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, all these things were added unto us and planted within us to blossom in the fellowship of faith.**  
**We believe that God, to ensure our ability to be people of faith, sent the Holy Spirit upon us to nurture and nourish our souls to become gardens of grace, watering us with the presence of God to bring forth life and light and wisdom within the world.**

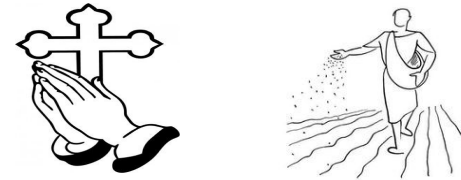
Musical Meditation (10:30 am) Toccata on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" J. Wayne Kerr

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer  
 † Hymn #76 "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

† Benediction  
 Postlude *Thy Strong Word* Arr by Kevin Hildebrand

† All who are able are invited to stand.

This week at Mallard Creek	
Sunday, July 16	
8:30 am	Worship Service in Sanctuary
9:00 am	Coffee & Fellowship Time
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship Service in Sanctuary
11:30 am	Montreat Conference MS meeting
Wednesday July 19 – Sunday July 23	
Montreat Conference MS	



Please pray for our teens to deepen their faith and come to know God more fully at Montreat this summer

**Backpack Blessings** will continue to collect clothes thru the rest of the year so if you have clothes that your child has outgrown please bring them to church; we have bins in the gathering space. Maria Menconi 704-560-3961

**Please do not forget** – Sign the attendance book with all the names of your family that are attending church today. **Thank you**

**CHURCH STAFF**

**The Rev. Rob Watkins**  
Senior Pastor  
**The Rev. Hunter Roddey**  
Transitional Associate Pastor  
**Mrs. Andrea Thomas**  
Director of Children & Youth Ministry  
**Ms. Amanda Booth**  
Financial Manager  
**Ms. Claudia Perez**  
Administrative Assistant  
**Mr. David Barnaba**  
Director of Music  
**Mrs. Kristy Maddux**  
Preschool Director  
**Mrs. Kristin Reyes** Pianist

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**OFFICERS ON DUTY**  
**ELDERS:** Harvey Alexander, Cristina Moore, Jamie Garrison  
**DEACONS:** Leigh Johnson, Jean MacNeil, Jane Geracimos, Andrew Coore, Allston Oehler, Chris Mingus.

**A Note For Parents With Small Children:**  
 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." We celebrate these words as we welcome ALL ages in worship with us. Our desire is to help you make the most of this worship experience. Here are a few reminders:  
 1. There are Children's Worship Bags and Bibles available in the back of the church.  
 2. There is a cry room in the Gathering Space, if you need to take a quick "time out" during the service.  
 3. There is a nursery for infants through age 4 downstairs during the 10:00 service.

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**PRAYER LIST**

Nancy Moore - mother of Rob Moore	Elizabeth King	Caroline Williams	Sandra Tracy
Jimmy Rodgers - son of Frances Christenbury	Shirley Hunter	Cecil Massey	Donna Seaford
Donna Garrison— wife of Eddie Garrison	Juanita Untz	Roy Kinnamon	Elaine Lord
Larry Carroll - husband of Ann Carroll	Ruby Downing	Dennis Lord	Guy Eberhart
Andy Marcus - brother of Rachel Rodden	Donnie Oehler	Ken Christenbury	Carolyn Sheehan
Barry Henson - brother-in-law of Perry Deaton	Taylor Jones	Judith Rankin	Barbara Cottrell
LaVern Winter - father of Tammy Alford	Suggie Christenbury	Joana Lovette	Cy Alexander
Grey Taylor - brother of Nancy Busch	Dale McLaughlin	Ann Brown	David Saviano
<b>The family of Frances Christenbury</b>	Carlita Hunter	Stan Mach	Perry Deaton
Tracy Brienich - daughter of Linda and Teddy Preslar		Lynn Kelley	
The family of Dallas Kim King - son of Merle King			