

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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**THANK YOU**

**Dear MCPC Quilt Ministry**  
Thank you so much for my prayer quilt.  
It's been so comforting knowing both  
Dave and I have been in so many people's  
prayers. I love my quilt and look forward  
to displaying it in my living room like my  
mom has hers from when she also  
received more than a few years ago.



With Love  
Taylor Jones and Dave



**Dear Church**

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



**THANK YOU for a GREAT Year!**



**CONFIRMATION**

Calling all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders!  
A new year of Confirmation class begins on  
September 10 during the Sunday School hour.  
Let Andrea know if you'd like to participate.

**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.



**BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY**

Join us in worship for a special blessing over all our students and educators on Sunday, August 13 at 10:30 as we begin a new school year together. Kids can bring their backpacks for the blessing.

**Sunday School Classes & Locations**

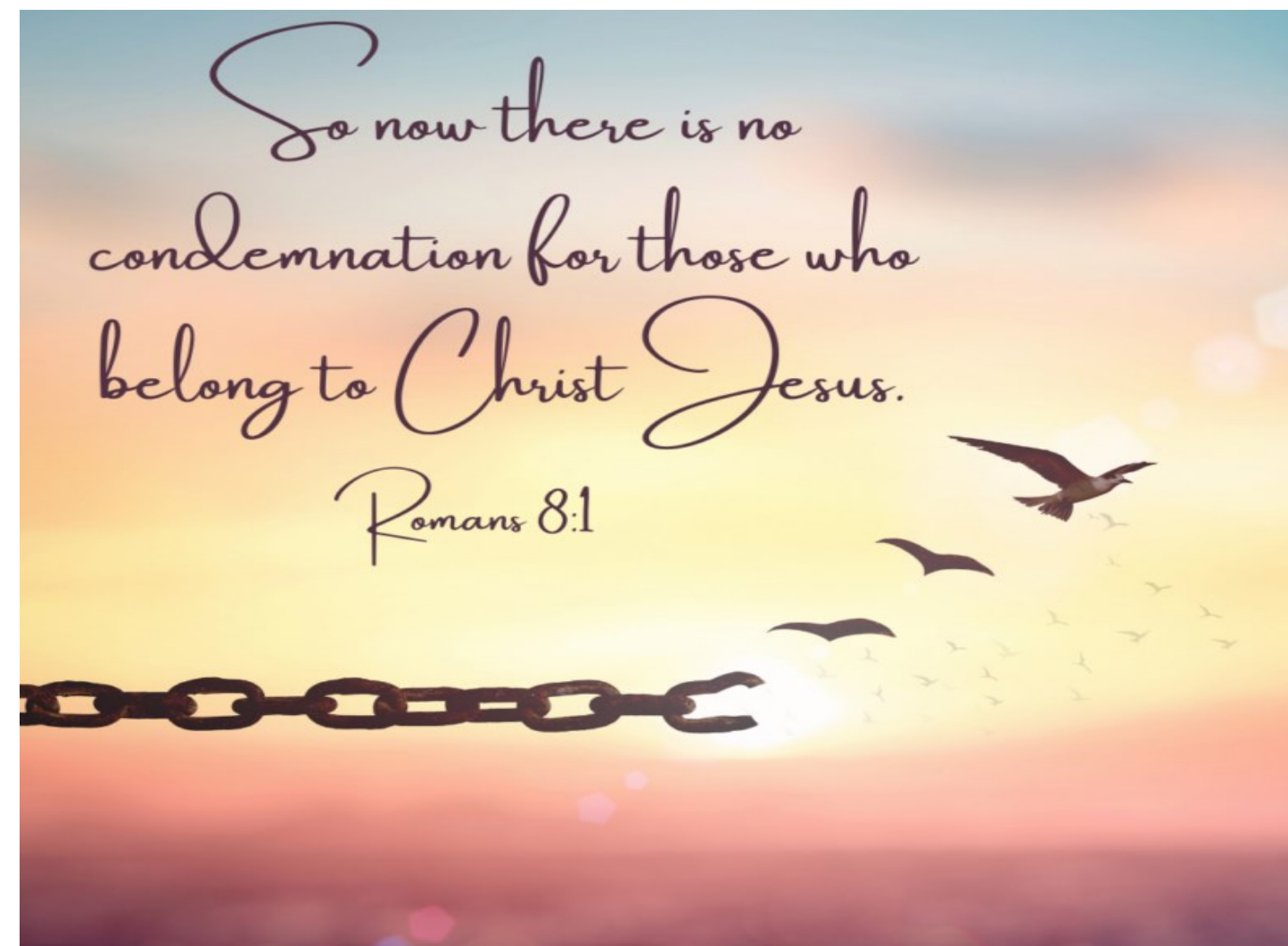
- Age 0-2 – Nursery
- Age 3-5 – Preschool Classroom
- 1st-4th grade – Youth Club room
- 5th-12th grade – Teen room
- Young and Middle Adults – Garrison Martin classroom
- Older Adults – Morrison classroom



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The Lord's Day, July 23, 2023





A Service of Worship

Prelude *Glory to God Forever with To God be the Glory* Arr Victor Labenske  
 Welcome and Announcements Rev. Rob Watkins  
 Call to Worship Andrea Thomas

Leader: Rejoice in the freedom of God, a freedom which sweeps you into an ever-changing reformation of self and the world around you. A freedom that is an invitation to intimacy with God. A freedom that demands action. Grasp this freedom and

**People: Be a prophet**

L: Who seeks and speaks wisdom

**P: Be an advocate**

L: Who slays the dragons that threaten the weak

**P: Be a teacher**

L: Who inculcates the wonder of God

**P: Be a witness**

L: Who testifies with power and insight

**P: Be a public servant**

L: Who sows harmony

**P: Be a visionary**

L: Who sings songs of hope

**All: Rejoice in the freedom of God to be who you were made to be.**

Prayer of Invocation

† Hymn #184 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Andrea Thomas

**Holy God, we confess how often we set our minds on things of this world rather than on You.**

**We confess how we forget you and ignore you.**

**Turn our hearts and thoughts to You, O God.**

**Lead us according to your will.**

**Help us to remember your promises of salvation and share it with others.**

**In your name we pray, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

† Passing of the Peace

Time for Children

Andrea Thomas

Offertory (8:30 am) *Everlasting God with A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Arr Victor Labenske

(10:30 am) *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* Arr by Kevin Hildebrand

† Doxology

Scripture Lesson

Romans 8:1-4

Sermon

It's Not About Us

Rev. Rob Watkins

Affirmation of Faith

Andrea Thomas

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.**

**We rejoice in the freedom that Jesus gives to us all.**

**Jesus came to earth fully human and fully divine**

**To know us deeply**

**And give his life for our salvation.**

**In him, we have been set free.**

**Amen.**

Musical Meditation (10:30 am) *Joy, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Jim/Karen Bells

Arr by Cathy Moglebust

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

† Hymn #204 *Rock of Ages*

† Benediction

Postlude (8:30 am)

*He is Exalted*

Twila Paris

(10:30 am) *Trumpet Voluntary*

Gordon Young

† All who are able are invited to stand.

**This week at Mallard Creek**

**Sunday, July 23**

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

**Sunday July 23 – Sunday July 29**

Montreat Conference HS



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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*Worthy*

Romans 8:1

**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.

Rev. Rob Watkins can be contacted at: revrobwatkins@gmail.com or at 706-825-1132  
 Rev. Hunter Roddey at huntterr@mallardcreekchurch.org or at 704-607-0368

**PRAYER LIST**

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|--|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 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         |
| The family of Frances Christenbury                   | Carlita Hunter      | Stan Mach          | Perry Deaton          |
| Tracy Brienich - daughter of Linda and Teddy Preslar |                     | Lynn Kelley        | <b>Cristina Moore</b> |
| The family of Dallas Kim King - son of Merle King    |                     | <b>Jean Thomas</b> | <b>Earl Thomas</b>    |