

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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Mallard Creek  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**A big thank you**  
to all who came out for the blood drive on  
10/01!

We collected from 16 donors despite several  
no shows. That is 48 lives saved!

The next drive will be in 2024.

More information on dates coming soon.

**Thank you for continuing to support this life-  
saving mission!**



Annual **MCPC Christmas musical** on **Sunday December 3**  
during the Sunday School hour (9:30am).

Our show this year is **"The Christmas County Spelling Bee"**.

We have several people cast but would love more!  
If you have an interest in being in the show, please contact David  
Barnaba or Tara Barnaba ([tara.barnaba@gmail.com](mailto:tara.barnaba@gmail.com))

We will rehearse on Sunday after worship at 11:30am in the  
Sanctuary, beginning on October 8th.  
Please come and join us!



**Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church**  
**Trunk or Treat**

**Sunday, Oct 29 4-5:30 pm**



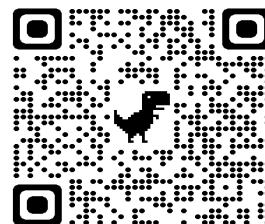
For kids of all ages  
Costume Contest  
Food and Candy Provided  
1600 W. Mallard Creek Ch Rd.



**Mallard Creek**  
**BBQ**  
**Oct 26, 2023**  
**11400 Mallard Creek Rd**

**92nd Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church BBQ**  
**Spread the Word!!!** The BBQ will take place this year  
**October 26th** and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!** This year, more

than ever, we need as many  
members and non-Mallard  
Creek members to help at the  
BBQ. Please ask friends,  
coworkers or family members to  
join us on the days leading up to  
the BBQ to prepare and on the  
day of the BBQ.



Please review the available slots  
below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

[www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)

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**Charlotte, North Carolina 28262**

[www.mallardcreekchurch.org](http://www.mallardcreekchurch.org)

The Lord's Day, October 08, 2023

**THANK YOU**  
for your support!

Happy Sunday,  
In early to mid-October, I will be preparing  
your contribution statement through 9/30/2023. With the  
wonderful new Realm system, we can send those state-  
ments to your email, saving the church money on paper,  
ink and postage. And if you're like me it's easier to save  
statements on my computer and find later. If you would  
prefer a **PAPER statement** sent in the mail, **please email**  
**me** so I can prepare that for you.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Booth  
704-547-0038 ext. 13  
[penny@mallardcreekchurch.org](mailto:penny@mallardcreekchurch.org)

**Sunday School Classes & Locations**

Age 0-2 – Nursery  
Age 3-5 – Preschool Classroom  
1st-4th grade – Youth Club room  
7th-12th grade – Teen room  
Young and Middle Adults – Garrison Martin classroom  
Older Adults – Morrison classroom  
Confirmation Class– Upstairs in the Education Building

Jesus Said:

Love each other.

Just as I have loved you, you should  
love each other.

Your love for one another will prove  
to the world that you are my disciples.

John 13:34-35

A Service of Worship

Prelude (8:30 am) *Amazing Grace* Arr. Brickman  
Prelude (10:30 am) *We Come Together* Arr. Berry  
Welcome and Announcements Rev. Rob Watkins  
Call to Worship Rev. Rob Watkins

Leader In God's grace, God calls into God's presence.  
**People In praise and adoration, we come to worship the Lord.**  
Leader In God's love, God offers healing and redemption to all who gather.  
**People In thanksgiving and affirmation, we come to worship the Lord.**  
Leader In God's presence, there are gifts of grace beyond all imagination.  
**People In worship, we bow before the Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Prayer of Invocation  
† Hymn #60 *Morning Has Broken*  
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession Rev. Rob Watkins  
**Most Merciful God**  
**We come before you, seeking your pardon. Our sins are a stain upon us, for we have wandered far from your way. We have centered our lives on ourselves. We have grown deaf to the needs of others. We have grown blind to the wrongs all around us. We have become lost, lonely, and afraid. In your mercy, hear our prayers, and forgive us. Cleanse us of all that separates us from you and alienates us from one another.**  
**Then, as your people, may we offer the grace received to everyone else, proclaiming the good news of our salvation.**  
**We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, Guide, and Friend.**  
**Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon  
† Passing of the Peace  
Time with Children Rev. Rob Watkins

Offertory (8:30 am) *Just as I am* Arr Cindy Berry  
Offertory (10:30 am) *Amazing Grace* Arr. Berry

† Doxology  
Scripture Lesson John 13:34-35  
Sermon By This, Everyone Will Know You Rev. Rob Watkins

Affirmation of Faith *adapted from 1 John 4:8-12* Rev. Rob Watkins  
**God is love. God's love was revealed among us this way—God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God, but if we love another, God is revealed in us, and God's love is perfected in us.**  
**Amen.**

Musical Meditation (10:30 am) *This is my Father's World* Sheppard  
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer  
† Hymn #284 *They'll Know We Are Christians*  
† Benediction  
Postlude(8:30 am) *Now Thank we all our God* Cruger/Elvey  
Postlude(10:30 am) *Ode to Joy* Arr. Tornquist  
† All who are able are invited to stand.

This week at Mallard Creek	
Sunday, October 8	
8:30 am	Worship Service in Sanctuary
9:00 am	Fellowship Time
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship Service in Sanctuary
Monday, October 9	
6:30 pm	Financial Committee
6:30 pm	Property Committee
Tuesday, October 10	
9:30 am	Prayer Quilt Ministry
5:30 pm	Girls Scouts
Wednesday, October 11	
6:00 pm	Bells
7:00 pm	Choir
Thursday, October 12	
10:00 am	Joy Ringers

**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

**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:** Rodney Smith, Perry Deaton, Nancy Busch  
**DEACONS:** Jackie Brand, Terri Garrison, Karen Kosmoski, Tracy Tucker, Jarret Garrison

**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 09:30 am  
Please let a Deacon know if you have any questions.

**BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET THIS WEEK**  
Our weekly Bible Study will not meet Sunday, October 8 online, or Wednesday, October 11 in person this week.  
Both will resume next week—Sunday, October 15, and Wednesday, October 18.  
We will be beginning a brand new study of the Book of Psalms.  
Please consider becoming a part of this in-depth examination of the prayer book of the Bible. Martin Luther commented that if it is in the Bible, it is in the Psalms—if one cannot read the whole Bible, then focus on the Psalms. John Calvin declared that the Psalms give expression to everything human before God. It will be a rich time of study and insight.

**MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**  
There will be a meeting of the congregation to elect a new class of Elders. Please see their biographical statements that are included in the email and the bulletin.  
**This meeting will be held on October 15 at 10:15 AM in the Sanctuary**

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

*As I have loved you, love one another.*

JOHN 13:34

Nancy Moore - mother of Rob Moore	Elizabeth King	Caroline Williams	Linda Benfield
Brenda Dodds - friend of Sara Haynes	Shirley Hunter	Cecil Massey	Donna Seaford
Donna Garrison— wife of Eddie Garrison	Juanita Untz	Roy Kinnamon	Suggie Christenbury
Larry Carroll - husband of Ann Carroll	Ruby Downing	Dennis Lord	Ginger Penninger
Tom Fuller, Sr. - father of Tom Fuller	Donnie Oehler	Ken Christenbury	Carolyn Sheehan
Linda Taylor - sister-in-law of Nancy Busch	Beth Massey	Judith Rankin	Lynn Kelley
Dale McLaughlin	Ann Brown	Carlita Hunter	Debbie White
<b>Jane Geracimos</b>	<b>Lee McConnell</b>	<b>Robin Fuller</b>	

**PRAYER LIST**