

Worship Notes

We extend a warm welcome to our guests this morning!

We are very happy that you are in worship with us. Your presence has made this day more meaningful!

If this is your first time at Millbrook Baptist, or if you are a regular visitor, please sign the welcome card located in the pew card rack and include the requested information so that we may welcome you more personally and provide you with information about our church. You may fold the card and place it in the offering plate when passed, or hand it to an usher.

A Word about the Season (or Sundays) after Pentecost:

The Season after Pentecost begins with the day after Pentecost and continues until Advent. During the Season after Pentecost, emphasis is generally focused on the quality of our personal and spiritual lives as well as our growth in the Christian life. More specifically, it is a time to meditate upon our empowerment through the Holy Spirit to be instruments of God's grace and peace in our homes, community and world. This is a time to reflect on creation and what it means to be created by God and to be co-creators with God. This is a season for learning about our faith as we discover whether we have "eyes that will see" and "ears that will hear" and try our best to follow Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the ways of justice, peace, and loving service.

Liturgical Color: Green

Green symbolizes life, growth, hope and the Christian life and is used in the Seasons after the Epiphany and after Pentecost, spans of time usually referred to as Ordinary Time. During these seasons, special days call for the use of white or red.

Today's Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Children's Worship: There will be no children's church today.

Please return the Wee Worship Bags after today's worship service. Children are encouraged to take his/her drawings and papers home. Childcare for children 5 years and younger available in nursery.

DVDs of the Worship Service:

DVDs are available on loan from the church library. If you'd like a personal copy, at no cost, please email or call the church office. There is also a link to sermons on the website.

Altar Flowers:

Flowers on the altar are in memory of Wallace and Doris Sherron's Wedding Anniversary, September 1, 1956. By sons John and Steve.

The 2017 Flower Calendar for the Altar flowers is on the small bulletin board in the hallway intersection near the library. Arrangements are \$52.50. Please make your check payable to Millbrook Baptist Church with Altar Flowers in the memo line. Please fill out a dedication form which can be found on the table by the church office or at the welcome desk. You can place it in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office.

Calendar

Sunday, September 3rd

Children's Choir	9:00 am - 9:40 am
Sunday School for All Ages	9:30 am - 10:30 am
Chancel Choir Gathering	10:30 am - 11:00 am
Worship Service	11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday, September 4th

Labor Day - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5th

Adult Bible Study (new attendees welcome!) <i>Meets in Kairos Classroom</i>	10:00 am
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Wednesday, September 6th

Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm - 8:45 pm
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Deacon of the Week

If you are in need of prayer, comfort, or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact **Ron Creasam (919) 676-1782**

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The Millbrook Mission



Millbrook Baptist Church shares God's love by being an open and inclusive community of faith, developing Christian disciples through spiritual growth, and serving the world through mission and ministry.

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September 3, 2017

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Worship Our Lord



He Qi

The Burning Bush

*But Moses said to God,
'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh,
and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?'*

Exodus 3:11

Please silence all cell phones and pagers during the worship service.
Please do not bring beverages into the sanctuary.

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GATHERING

Ringing of the Hour

Greeting and Community Life

Katelyn McWhorter

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord in worship!

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Prelude

Lift High The Lord, Our Banner

Hayes

Lighting of the Candles

Invocation

Brett McWhorter

†Call to Worship

Why have we gathered on this holy day?

What has drawn us to this time and place?

We have been drawn to a flame burning here.

We sense the glory of God in this place.

God calls us to this time of worship.

The place where we are standing is holy ground.

Give thanks to God: sing praises.

Give attention to the voice of God.

Out of a burning bush, God spoke to Moses.

In the rhythms of worship, God speaks to us.

We will listen for God's message to us.

Surely God's strength will supply our needs.¹

†Hymn 58 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* GREAT IS THE LORD

†Passing of the Peace

Rebecca Hewitt-Newson

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

PROCLAIMING

†Gospel Lesson Matthew 16:21-28 (*NT p.18)

Grace Tharrington

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Invitation to Gather *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.

Every color, every race, all are covered by God's grace.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Children's Message

Rebecca Hewitt-Newson

(Because of the holiday, there will be no children's church today.

We will start the new year on September 10.)

†Hymn 325

Great Is The Lord

GREAT IS THE LORD

Worship in Giving

†Offertory Prayer

Ron Creasman

Offertory *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Larson

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

(Signing of the Attendance Register may be done at this time.)

†Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the Trinity of Love.

Praise God, within, beside, above.

We praise You! We praise You!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

arr: Dan Forrest

Hebrew Bible Lesson Exodus 3:1-15 (*OT p.50) Ron Creasman

This is the gift of Holy Scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Reluctant Prophets

Curtis Freeman

Discipline of Reflection

(The Discipline of Reflection is a brief, quiet time for personal reflection.)

GOING FORTH

†Hymn of Response 285

CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

†Blessing

"We, the light of Christ, return to the world."

†Postlude

arr:David Johnson

See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph

* Pew Bible

† Please stand as you are able.

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or would like to make a public profession of faith,
we invite you to present yourself during the Hymn of Response.
The ministerial staff is available for consultation and would
welcome your inquiry.