

Jesus Our Shepherd
2017 LENTEN SERIES

March 5th
LOVED: PSALM 23

March 12th
GUEST PREACHER: Rev. Dr. Garrett Smith

March 19th
RESTORED: JEREMIAH 23

March 26th
FOUND: LUKE 18

April 2nd
KNOWN: JOHN 10

April 9th
PALM SUNDAY & MEXICO CELEBRATION

April 13th - 7pm
MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 16th - Two services: 9:30 & 11am
EASTER SUNDAY



March 19, 2017 9:30–10:45am

*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."
Psalm 100:4*

Please feel free to sit or stand as we worship through song.

Never Gonna Let Me Go

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

And Can It Be

Time for Young Disciples

Children 1st – 8th grade may go to their classes

Faith Story - Will Grubbs

Offering - MVPC Choir

***The Lord Is My Shepherd* by Allen Pote**

Please sign and pass the registration pad down your pew

Scripture Reading – Jeremiah 23:1-8

Brian Gross

#522 Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Sermon: "Jesus Our Shepherd: Restored"

Pastor Rob Perkins

Cornerstone

Opportunities to Give, Gather, and Go

Blessing

Postlude – Andante con moto in D - W. Volckmar

Need Prayer?

If you would like someone to personally pray for you after the service, please come to one of the "Prayer Corners" at the front of the Sanctuary. This morning's prayer partners are Gary Sanders and Dona Snow.

Jesus Our Shepherd: Restored

Jeremiah 23:1-8

Rev. Dr. Rob Perkins, 3/19/17

[Message Notes](#)

MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM

YOU BELONG HERE
Make MVPC Your Church Home!

INTRO TO MVPC
March 26th,
11–11:45am
childcare provided

GRIEF SHARE

Thursdays, 1:30–3:30pm
beginning April 6th

For those who have lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

Vacation Bible School

2017 MAKER FUN FACTORY
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VBS

Registration for Volunteer Staff & Staff Children is **OPEN**

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June 19-23



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Welcome to Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church!

We're so glad you're here today! Whatever your background, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and no matter what questions and concerns you may have, there's something for you at MVPC. Join us for a cup of coffee or lemonade after the worship service. We'd love to meet you and share more about our church. Or you can stop by the Welcome Center on the patio or visit us online at mvpctoday.org.



Leading Worship: Rob Perkins, Senior Pastor; Dave Ricketts, Associate Pastor; Sam Fielder, Minister for Young Families; Mike Loretto, Minister of Music & Worship; Kathryn Gärlick, Music & Worship Intern.

Thank you! The paintings on the chancel, entitled "40 Days' Journey," were created by MVPC member Jae Moon Lee. We are so grateful for his generosity in sharing his art with us to enhance our worship in this Lenten season.

You're Invited – Next Sunday, March 26th, Pastor Dave will continue the Lenten sermon series, *Jesus Our Shepherd*, with the message, *Found*, from Luke 18.

New Evening Service: Starting April 30, 5pm in the Forum. All are invited to join in prayer for this new service every Thursday from noon-12:30 in the Forum.

Easter Flowers - A dramatic display of lilies will decorate the Chancel in celebration of Christ's resurrection and in memory of our loved ones. Order your lily on the patio today for \$10 per plant. All orders must be received by April 2nd.

Ride the Shuttle – If you are able, please park at Miramonte High School and ride the shuttle to and from MVPC. If you need to park at MVPC, please fill in the upper lots first. We want to make sure our guests, seniors and families with young children can always find prime parking spaces.

MVPC Officer Nominations – The Nominating Committee invites you to recommend individuals who have been a Christian and active MVPC member for at least two years to serve as Elder or Deacon in the Class of 2020. A nomination form is available in the Narthex.

Chancel Flowers – The flowers on the chancel this morning have been given by Troop 212 in grateful thanks for the support, mentorship and spiritual guidance over 40+ years with MVPC. Today, together, we recognize Scout Sunday, acknowledging a Scout's Duty to God.



Moms' Freecycle, Thursday, March 23rd, 9:30-11:30am – Clean out your kids' closets and bring new or gently used items to swap with other moms. You don't have to bring to take, and anything remaining at the end will be donated to MVPC mission partners.

New GriefShare Group, Thursdays, 1:30-3:30pm, beginning April 6th – When you've lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, it can be hard to find people who understand the deep hurt you feel. GriefShare groups meet weekly for eleven weeks to help you face challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Led by Lorna Skantze-Neill and Brad Veitch. Register with Valerie Bigelow: x223; vbigelow@mvpctoday.org.

MVPC Photo Directory – If you didn't receive the email with links to download the MVPC photo directory, including a mobile app, or if you require a print copy, please contact Valerie Bigelow: x223; vbigelow@mvpctoday.org.

Together in Prayer – Please pray for the people listed here and ask the Lord how He might invite you to care for them:

Grieving: Elaine Lind and Family upon the death of her husband, Bill, whose memorial service will be March 24th at 1:00pm; Ed, Nicole and Justin Nagayama upon the death of Bonnie, whose memorial service will be April 15th at 11:00am; Pat Tidmarsh and Family upon the death of his father and long-time member, Peter Tidmarsh whose memorial service will be April 7th at 1:00pm

Praise! Welcome Fox Marsena Wallace born on March 14th to parents Ryan and Mya Terry, Grandparents Dick and Marcy Terry, and Uncle Steve and Aunt Amybeth Terry. Welcome Justin Kidd born to parents Janel and Ian Kidd, brother Owen and sister Katie, and grandparents Bill and Sue Kidd
Mission Partners: Michael Stephens (Helimission, Indonesia) – pray for healing of intestinal issues; Bay Area Chaplains – pray for Dan Conklin and chaplains to share the hope of Christ with wisdom and discernment.

Thank you! Ed, Nicole and Justin Nagayama would like to thank their MVPC Family for all the prayers, cards, meals, love and support during Bonnie's illness.

If you would like your name to appear here, or if you or a loved one are sick and would like prayer with the Elders, please designate it on your Prayer and Care card located in the pew or contact Valerie Bigelow; x223; vbigelow@mvpctoday.org. AM Prayer meets on Wednesday, 8:00-9:15am, in the Resource Center.



Membership and Baptism: Intro to MVPC, Sunday, March 26th, 11-11:45am – If you'd like to join MVPC, be baptized, or just learn more about following Jesus, come to this informal gathering. Learn MVPC's history, vision and mission, acquaint yourself with its ministries and opportunities, and dialogue with church leaders. Bring your questions and we'll help you discover the next step for you at MVPC. This is Step 1 of the membership and baptism process. Childcare provided.



VBS 2017: You Were Made for This! – Registration for volunteer staff and staff kids is now open for *Maker Fun Factory: You Were Made for This!* We are praying for you and can't wait to see how God fills our Factory! More information and registration online at mvpctoday.org. General registration begins in April. Contact Shelly Guinn: sguinn@mvpctoday.org.



Mexico Fundraiser – Even if you can't go on the Mexico mission trip this year, you can still participate! Look for the Mexico Envelope boards on the courtyard. Select an envelope and return with your donation to support the Mexico mission trip. Help us build homes and hope!

Pray for Mexico – Prayer cards for individuals participating in the Mexico trip are available today on the patio. Let's cover this trip and everyone involved in prayer.

MVPC Sermon-Based Community Groups Jesus Our Shepherd "Restored" - Jeremiah 23

Connect with One Another

- Whose leadership do you admire, and why?

Study God's Word

Read aloud Jeremiah 23:1-4.

- What have the shepherds done, and what are the consequences?
- God's response includes both judgment and promise. Explain.

Read aloud Jeremiah 23:5-6.

- Describe "the righteous Branch."

Read aloud Jeremiah 23:7-8.

- Why would people have said the statement in v. 7? Why would they replace it with the statement in v. 8?

Living the Truth of God's Word

- Who do you shepherd? What does this passage say to your practice as shepherd?
- Some use bad church leadership as an excuse for their lack of participation in the church. How could you use this passage to encourage them?
- Jesus is our Shepherd. How does this picture of Jesus give you hope in hard times?
- How can Jesus' model of leadership help you be a better leader?
- What is Jesus saying to you through this study, and how will you respond?

Praying Together

- Pray that you will be a faithful follower of Jesus as you shepherd others.

Family Share Questions

We invite you to use these questions to reflect on Jeremiah 23:5-6 individually and with your family:

- What makes a good leader?
- How is Jesus a good leader?
- Pray that you will be a faithful follower of Jesus.

MVPC PROGRAMS

ADULTS

Prayer

Wednesday 8am (Resource Ctr)
Saturday 8am (FMC202)
Sunday 9am (Bride's Room)

Women's Bible Study – Tuesday 9:30am or 7pm (FH)
RAMs Breakfast – 2nd Wed. 8am (Fellowship Hall)
HUGS Knitting Group – Wed. 9:30am (FMC201-202)
Moms' Council – Thursday 9:30am (Fellowship Hall)
AA Meeting - Thurs. 6pm & Sun. 5pm (FMC 212)
Choir – Thursday 7pm (Music Ctr)
Men's Bible Study – Saturday 7:30am (Fellowship Hall)
Beth Moore Bible Study – Saturday 10am (Forum)

Sunday Classes

8:15am Exploring Reformed Theology (FMC205)
8:15am Intersections (Fellowship Hall)
11am Family Ties (2nd & 4th FMC211-212)
11:15am Faithbuilders (FMC205)

Membership and Baptism: Intro to MVPC - Sunday, 11am (Fireside Room) 3/26

CHILDREN

Kingdom Kids for 2nd-5th gr. – Tuesday 3:15pm (Forum)
Praise Kids Choir for Pre-K-1st gr. – Tues 3:15pm (MC)
Kingdom Kids Choir – Tuesday 4:45pm (Music Ctr)

Sunday Classes 9:30am

Noah's Nursery (Nursery)
Promiseland (FMC 111-115)
SonTown (Start in the Sanctuary)

STUDENTS

Middle School (Quest)
Thursday 7pm (Forum)
Sunday 9:30am (1st & 3rd FMC 205)
High School – Wednesday 7pm (Forum)

Please visit our website for a complete calendar of events:
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