



“While You Wait...”

Waiting is hard enough. Waiting without answers is even harder. But waiting in silence — that’s the kind of waiting that tests the soul.

Luke introduces us to Zechariah and Elizabeth as two people who know that kind of waiting well. Scripture describes them as righteous, faithful, and blameless — yet their deepest longing, the desire for a child, had gone unmet for decades. Their story begins not with a miracle, but with quiet disappointment.

And then one day, while Zechariah is serving in the temple, God breaks the silence: “Your prayer has been heard.” These words reveal something beautiful about God’s heart. He does not forget the prayers we forget. He does not lose the petitions we have laid down. He remembers the ones prayed with tears years ago, long before we believed a miracle was still possible.

Zechariah’s imposed silence becomes an unexpected grace. During nine months without speaking, he is invited to listen more deeply, reflect more honestly, and believe more fully. His waiting becomes a classroom of spiritual formation. God does some of His most transformative work in us while we wait.

Elizabeth’s response captures the essence of hope: “The Lord has done this for me.” She names her blessing not as coincidence, or luck, or timing — but as the work of God’s faithfulness.

Their story speaks into our waiting today. Many of us carry prayers that feel unanswered, longings that remain unfulfilled, or hopes that seem delayed. Advent invites us to bring those tender places to God with honesty and expectation. Divine silence is not divine absence. The God who remembered Zechariah and Elizabeth remembers us.

While you wait, God is working.

While you wait, God is shaping.

While you wait, God is orchestrating.

While you wait, God is aligning.

While you wait, God is refining.

While you wait, God is preparing the blessing that will one day leave you saying,

“The Lord has done this for me.”

Grace and peace
Laugh often and Fear not!
David!



Sunday Worship Services
8:30 am – Traditional
10:30 am- Contemporary

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8a-5p M-Th
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Family Ministry News



Youth Group –
Youth Group Dec. 7th 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Children -
Child-care provided during services.
Sunday School @ 10:30am – Dec. 7th

U50s/adults.
Next meeting is Dec. 7th at 1:00 p.m.



Happy season of expectation!!
CJK



Join the MVPC family this Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
for Virtual Church!

Go to the MVPC webpage @ www.mviewpc.org and select
Facebook or YouTube

CLOSED CAPTION AVAILABLE

Are you missing out on Pastor David's wonderful virtual sermons because you can't hear what is said?
We now know closed caption is available on the YouTube broadcast. Follow the directions below:

On Youtube under the video, where you can start, pause, etc. is a "cc". Click on that to start closed



Caroling for Christ



Sunday, December 14, 2025

2:00-4:00pm

Van leaves church at 1:30pm

Open to everyone

Singing for those who can't attend church

MVPC Deacons will be hosting our annual Service of Solace. All are welcome, open to the public.

While some anxiously await the coming of Christ, others dread the holiday season. Join us for a quiet Christmas service provided for those who aren't feeling the cheer of the season.

While experiencing sadness, grief and loss, this special service might help to calm your troubled heart and bring peace, light and hope to you and your loved ones.

Come join us, no sign-up required

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Date: December 6th

Time : 9:00 a.m.

Location: Summit

Cost: \$20

Service of Solace



Mountain View Presbyterian Church
invites you to attend our annual Service of Solace.

December 7, 2025 @ 7:00pm
8601 Del Webb Blvd (Sun City)

Open to the public - all are welcome



Mark your calendars!

Christmas Eve Services
Dec. 24th
4:00pm Contemporary
6:00pm Traditional
10:00pm Candlelight

One Worship Service
Wear your **Christmas**
Sweater Sunday!
Dec. 28th @ 10am



Stewardship Notes

Jesus taught more about money and possessions than He did about heaven or hell. The word “give” is used more than 1,500 times in the Bible, more than the words faith, hope, love, or pray. Why? Obviously, God does not need our money. He is not poor; to the contrary, He is the most generous giver and everything we have is a gift from Him. The Bible teaches that God wants our giving to be a deeply meaningful expression of worship in three dimensions -- past, present and future.

First, our giving expresses our gratitude to God for the past. When we give back to God, we express our appreciation to Him for all the ways He has blessed us. God wants our giving to be motivated by gratitude. 2 Corinthians 9:7 provides: “Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Second, our giving expresses our priorities in the present. If you want to know what a person really values, just look at their calendar and their checkbook. The way people spend their time and money reveals what is really important to them. When we give the first part of our income to God, it is evidence that God holds first place in our hearts. Jesus said, “For wherever your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21).

Third, our giving expresses our faith in God for the future. God sees our giving as a test of our faith. In Malachi 3:10, God says, “Bring your whole tithe into my storehouse (Temple) ... Test me in this and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” God challenges us, daring us to trust His promise to take care of us as we put Him first in our finances.

Giving back to God represents thanks for all He has done in our lives and is the heart of worship.

Many thanks to everyone who submitted pledge cards over the past two weeks. If you were unable to do so, you are welcome to submit your pledge card anytime by delivering pledge card to the Church office. MVPC thanks you for the gifts to God of your time, talents and financial resources.

A graphic with a parchment-like background. In the center, the word "STEWARDSHIP" is written in a large, dark red, serif font. Below it, the words "TIME • TALENT • TREASURE" are written in a smaller, dark red, serif font, separated by small orange dots. A small, bright starburst with a rainbow-like glow is positioned above the word "STEWARDSHIP".

STEWARDSHIP
TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

2026 Sanctuary Flower signups



Starting Dec. 7th in the Narthex.

This is a new year and new books to read. Please join us as we discuss a selected book. We meet in the Chapel on the last Friday of the month at 10am. Our upcoming books are:

January 30th

One Thousand White Women by Jim Fergus

That's the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet" - Jumpa Lahiri

Happy Reading!



Monthly Caregiver Support Group

Build a support system with people who understand.

**Meeting the 2nd
Wednesday of
each month
10:30am**

**Mountain View
Presbyterian Church
8601 Del Webb Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV**

Call 1.800.272.3900 to
register.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION®

Alzheimer's Association support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for caregivers of people living with dementia to:

- Develop a support system.
- Exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions.
- Talk through issues and ways of coping.
- Share feelings, needs and concerns.
- Learn about community resources.

Be the **Miracle**

Holiday Shoppe Wish List

Please return unwrapped toys valued at up to \$25 each to

MVPC by December 7, 2025

Dolls:

Monster High / LOL Dolls
Barbie Dolls (Especially Multi-Ethnic)
Baby Dolls (Especially Multi-Ethnic)
Baby Doll Clothes & Accessories

Sports:

Sports Balls
Las Vegas Sports Team Gear
Skateboards/
Scooters with safety equipment

Building:

Large Legos for Young Children
Legos for Older Children
Magnet Tiles
Puzzles - All Ages

Vehicles:

Remote Control Cars - All Ages
Cars and Trucks - All Ages

Themed Toys:

Bluey toys
Paw Patrol Toys
Coco Melon Toys
Super Hero Toys

Others:

Art Supplies & Crafts - All Ages
Sensory Toys
Kinetic Sand
Squishmallows
Make-up Sets
Games - All Ages
Books - All Ages
Nerf Guns & Accessories

\$25 Gift Cards:

Bath and Body Works
Walmart/Amazon/Target
Roblox
Nintendo/ PlayStation
X-Box
GameStop

Gift Supplies:

Gift Bags
Tissue Paper
Wrapping Paper
Bows / Tape

Small Gifts for Parents Appreciated

Questions email;
Gary@mviewpc.org

Supporting families in need.

OLIVE CREST
Strong Families, Safe Kids



Amazon Wish List



RightNow Media is a free service offered to MVPC/Guests/Friends. You will have exclusive access to hundreds of Bible studies and topical videos led by world-class teachers along with a multitude of Christian-based videos for your family to enjoy.

It's easy to sign up, email Tami Samek, Ministry Coordinator at Tami@mviewpc.org and she will set you up and you can start accessing great Bible-based studies/videos today! Merry Christmas!

The Creators Christmas Special (Family)

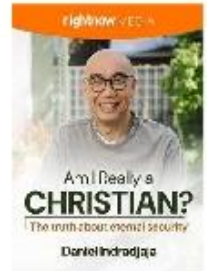
The Creators tells the story of a group of friends who join forces to create films that are "meaningful, virtuous, and good." In this episode, the creators embark on a journey to find the true meaning of Christmas which is found in the life of Jesus Christ. Enjoy this light-hearted children's series that will make your kids laugh and leave them with important truths to consider.



Am I Really a Christian?

THE TRUTH ABOUT ETERNAL SECURITY

Too many Christians love Jesus but still wonder anxiously if they're 'good enough', if they're really saved, or if they can lose their salvation. In this six-part series, Daniel Indradjaja tackles these fears head-on, exploring what the Bible says about our eternal security – because our Heavenly Father loves us too much to let us live in doubt about His unconditional love for us.



Excavating the Evidence for Jesus - The Top-10 List for Christmas



Archaeologist and author, Dr. Titus Kennedy, explores the scripture, history, archaeology, and evidence for the ancient world surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ.

The home base for the series is Dr. Kennedy's research lair, a secret basement where he stores maps, slides, tools, and artifacts from his various excavations and adventures. In addition to teaching with a collection of old school resources, Titus treks outside his lair for special visits to Israel's archaeology sites and museums. Designed for all ages, *Excavating the Evidence for Jesus* is fun and educational, encouraging families to dig deeper into the Gospel accounts together.

Advent

Who exactly is Jesus? What kind of God would come to earth as a human? As Christmas approaches, the season of Advent offers us a chance to reflect on our savior, his purpose, and the surprising ways he invited people near to him. Join pastor Derwin Gray in this five-session Advent study as he unveils King Jesus—the God-man who defied expectations, the king of all creation who humbled himself to serve and die, the friend to sinners who wants to lift us up.



The Cost of Christmas

Have you ever thought about the cost of Christmas? Beyond buying presents and decorations—a real price was paid for the joy of Christmas. Three encouraging stories show the true cost of Christmas and Franklin Graham shares how to respond.



"Blessed Bites"

Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025 @ Noon

Church van first come, first served
Separate checks

Join your church family and friends for
a time of fellowship and great food!

Open to all, invite a friend.
Meet at the restaurant.
Sign up in the Narthex.



*We are here
to help!*

DIVORCE Care®

for those going through
separation or divorce

MVPC Group Now Meeting

Monday @ 6:00pm

Esther Room

(2nd fl - Fellowship Hall)



GRIEF SHARE®

GRIEF RECOVERY
SUPPORT GROUP

Group meets on Tuesday
1:00pm - 3:00pm Chapel
No registration required

The 4th Special Offering Christmas Joy Prepare the Way

ISAIAH 40

Nov. 30 - Dec. 14

Special Offering Envelopes
are available in the Pews.

• THE PERFECT GIFT •



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

For checks, please note
"Christmas Joy" in the memo.

NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 14

Redeemed Worship
THAT HOLY NIGHT

Coming Dec. 7th

Divine Dealing

Tuesday's
11:30 to 1:30pm



LOVE
God
LOVE
People
KNOW
God
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The Southern Nevada Musical Arts Society's 62nd Season, in
conjunction with Grace Presbyterian Church and Mountain View
Presbyterian Church, Proudly Presents



Christmas section

Musical Arts Chorus * Grace Presbyterian Chancel Choir
Mountain View Presbyterian Church Choir
Musical Arts Orchestra * Guest Soloists



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 4:00 PM

Dr Mark Wherry, Conductor

Lisa Elliott, Soprano • Valeria Sokolova Ore, Mezzo-
Soprano • Robert Peterson, Tenor • Michael Green, Bass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2:00 PM

Dr Lisa Elliott, Conductor

Mary Lynn Lewis, Soprano • Valeria Sokolova Ore, Mezzo-
Soprano • Robert Peterson, Tenor • Travis Lewis, Bass

Both Performances will be at

Mountain View Presbyterian Church
8601 Del Webb Blvd, Las Vegas

Admission is free. Contributions are
welcome through a free will offering.

Our Vision

LOVE
God
LOVE
People
KNOW
God
KNOW
People
SERVE
God
SERVE
People

It's what we do!

LAUGH OFTEN
FEAR NOT!



Wrapped in God's Love

Free-will offering for Hoving Home

**Women's Ministry
Christmas Brunch**

**Sat., Dec. 6, 2025
11:00am - Fellowship Hall**

**Open to all women
- bring a friend!**

**Potluck signup
in the Narthex**

For questions, email Allison@mviewpc.org

Merry Christmas from the Gift and Book Store!!
We support Christian Education and Mission trips!!

Stock up on these holiday gift favorites:

MVPC purple shirts

Shelf Sitter

Jewelry

Angels

Bracelets

Wall Crosses

MVPC purple coffee thermos

Pocket Pieces

Window Hangers w/sentiments

Books, Bibles

Greeting Cards

Initials Necklaces





Todd Herbst – Dec. 6th
 Selema Ghadhban – Dec. 7th
 Laura Martin – Dec. 7th
 Deborah Trujillo – Dec. 8th
 Arina Lewis – Dec. 10th
 Charlene Stamos – Dec. 10th
 Diane Emick – Dec. 12th
 Cheryl Hodges – Dec. 12th
 Tommy Krier – Dec. 12th



Jerry and Carole Nelson – Dec. 10th
 Daryl and Cheryl Jones – Dec. 11th
 Arlon and Suzan Sibert – Dec. 12th

This Week's Events

Sun., Dec. 7

8:30 a.m.
 10:30 a.m.
 1:00 p.m.
 4:00 p.m.
 4:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

2nd Sunday of Advent

Traditional Worship, SC
 Contemporary Worship, SC
 Grace Presbyterian Church, SC
 Youth Group, FH
 Messiah, SC
 AA Meeting, FH
 Service of Solace, SC

Mon., Dec. 8

9:00 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
 3:00 p.m.
 4:30 p.m.
 6:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

Quilters, FH
 Staff Meeting, CH
 Just Us Team Meeting, CH
 Women's Ministry Meeting, CH
 Divorce Care, Esther
 Gamblers Anon., CH

Tues., Dec. 9

9:45 a.m.
 11:30 a.m.
 1:00 p.m.
 2:00 p.m.
 5:30 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study, FH
 Divine Dealing, FH
 Griefshare, CH
 Cookie Exchange, FH
 Narcotics Anon., CH
 Women's Bible Study, FH
 Men's Bible Study, CH

Wed., Dec. 10

10:00 a.m.
 10:30 a.m.
 5:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

Pastor's Bible Study, FH
 Dementia Support Group, CH
 Bell Choir, CH
 AA Meeting, FH
 Choir Rehearsal, SC

Thurs., Dec. 11

4:30 p.m.
 5:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

Stephen Ministry, Mark
 Redeemed Worship Rehearsal, SC
 Grace Choir Rehearsal, SC
 Al Anon, Esther

Fri., Dec. 12

2:00 p.m.

Knitting, FH

Sat., Dec. 13

9:00 a.m.
 1:00 p.m.
 5:00 p.m.

Messiah Rehearsal, SC
 Harpole Memorial, SC
 AA Meeting, FH



Messenger articles and Sunday announcement requests are due in the Church office by **Wednesday at noon** each week! Thank you for your cooperation!

LET THE PEOPLE PRAY

Pray without Ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Our Members

- Marilyn Gramms
- Dean Grassick
- Fred and Arden Grassick
- David and Sandra Gray
- George and Allison Gray
- Kathy Gray
- Charleen Grime
- The Grimes Family

Our World

- People of Indonesia
- Congo/Rwanda peace
- Gaza recovery

Our Nation

- Cold Blast temperatures
- Healthcare enrollment
- Pricing stability

Our City

- Airport security
- Human trafficking awareness
- Opportunity Village

Our Churches

1. Polish Community Church
2. Advent United Methodist Church
3. Corner-Stone Church

Our Congregation

Rae Narcisse-Bryant, Bob Berry,
Katherine Forred, Kathy Gray,
Marilyn Kopp, Elaine Poole,
Delores Singleton, Jeff Southwell

- Elders: Jeff Patterson
- Deacons: Karyn Klein,
Anne Lawton

Other Prayer Concerns...

Sympathy to the family of Patrick Harpole
Leah McCormack
Doyle Gillespie
Rick Shafer
Bill Stryker
Billy Sagerman
Dwight Kirk
Abigail Radabaugh

