



May 19, 2024

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Ephesians 5:31-32

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By God's grace and for His glory,  
the Mount Airy Presbyterian Church family exists  
to make, equip, and mobilize disciples  
who grow in love and maturity in Christ.



## LORD' PRAYER

Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

### RESPONSIVE READING

Matthew 19:3-12 ESV

**Leader:** And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?"

**People:** So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

**Leader:** They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?" He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery."

**People:** The disciples said to him, "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry."

**Leader:** But he said to them, "Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.

**People:** Let the one who is able to receive this receive it."

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, Forgive us. For we have sinned. In Your wisdom, You designed the intricate dance of two genders to harmonize, a symphony for our mutual flourishing and Your divine glory. In Your created design, You ordained the sacred covenant of marriage to bind hearts in lifelong devotion.

Yet, our sin nature has tainted our thoughts, words, and deeds. In our interactions with the opposite gender, whether in the solitude of singleness or the sanctity of marriage, we confess moments of unholiness and dishonor, where the precious gift of sexuality has been misused and tarnished.

Purify our minds so that we might see you amidst the clutter of our earthly desires. May the Gospel of Christ, a testament to Your unwavering love and redemption, strengthen us to embody purity in every facet of our lives, living out our calling to live with either chastity in singleness or faithful love in marriage. Let us honor the sanctity of Christian marriages around us, and nurture the sacred flame within our own unions.

Guide us, O Lord, to keep the marriage bed pure as testament to our unwavering covenant commitment to our beloved spouses.

Bring healing and hope to those who have been wounded by others' misuse of sexuality. Allow them to realize they are pure in Your eyes.

*Pause for personal confession*

**All:** For Christ's fame we pray, Amen.

HYMN

HIS MERCY IS MORE

Songbook

RESPONSIVE READING

Ephesians 5:22-33 ESV

**Leader:** Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

**People:** Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

**Leader:** Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

**People:** In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

Leader: For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

**People:** However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

HYMN

COMPASSION HYMN

Handout

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Grace Notes

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 731

*Children ages 3-6 may be dismissed to attend Children's Bible Time in classroom 8*

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

SERMON PASSAGE

Genesis 2:18-25 ESV

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of

his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

SERMON

*God's Design for Marriage*

Sam Hettinger

RESPONDING TO THE FATHER'S LOVE

HYMN

10,000 REASONS

Songbook

BENEDICTION

*We invite you to join us for Sunday School,  
beginning at 11*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



VBS 2024

June 17-21  
9am-12pm

Registration is available on  
our website [mtairypca.org](http://mtairypca.org)



Fellowship Luncheon

**Today** at 12pm

Come fellowship with us  
while enjoying a chicken  
lunch provided by the church.



We are surveying the  
congregation on musical  
gifts, such as singing and  
playing an instrument.

Look out for an email  
from Barb Scheffter.

**For more  
announcements:**



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

Nursery is available up through age 4

PreK-K	Classroom 8	C. & R. Skinner
Elementary Grades	Classroom 4	M.Olson & M Zeher
Middle & High School	Classroom 5	C. & J. Cagle
Adult Class	Sanctuary	Mike Zeher

## **OUR MINISTRIES**

Children's Bible Time - Jessica Davis

ESL - Ken Hohl & Maggie Olson

Missions Committee - Brian Olson

Nursery - Colleen Cagle and Stefanie Esbrandt

Outreach and Evangelism Committee - Drew Jones

Sunday School - Martha Zeher

Youth Group - Emily Benz

Women's Ministry - Robin Skinner & Sharon Benz

Lisbon Small Group - John Horst

Mt. Airy North Small Group - Jeff Cagle

New Market Small Group - Ken Wilhelm

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**CALENDAR: MAY 19-26**

Sunday 5/19 9:30 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Sunday School  
12:00 pm Fellowship Luncheon  
5:00 pm Choir practice  
6:00 pm Youth Group

Tuesday 5/21 8:30 am Worship Committee Meeting  
7:00 pm ESL  
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday 5/22 7:00 pm New Market Small Group

Thursday 5/23 7:00 pm Grace Notes Practice

Sunday 5/26 9:30 am Worship Service  
5:00 pm Choir practice  
6:00 pm Youth Group

*If you have questions about any events, please contact the church*

**GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT**

Last Week's Giving	Weekly Budget Goal	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budget Goal
\$6,437.00	\$6,345.00	\$125,988.49	\$120,555.00



### SESSION

Jeff Cagle  
Drew Jones  
Sam Hettinger  
John Horst  
Gregg Moore, *clerk*  
Mike Zeher

### DIACONATE

Denis Brady  
Tom Criss  
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Jamie Moore

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