

Following Christ into the 21st Century

WEEKLY MESSAGE SERIES #8

Memorial Park Presbyterian Church: A Faithful Plan

Memorial Park Church has always been an evangelical and missions oriented Presbyterian congregation that “preaches the unchanging Word of God to an ever changing world.”

It is because of

- our profound belief in Jesus Christ as the only Savior and Lord for all humanity.
- Our understanding that the Bible is God’s Holy authoritative and infallible Word.
- Our conviction that all followers of Christ are called to holiness, by living in obedience to Christ and His Word through the power of the Holy Spirit...

That we:

- Joined the *Confessing Church Movement* in April 2001 to proclaim boldly and prophetically to the PCUSA, what we believe, in light of the decline of the denomination and its’ ongoing departure from the historic standards of the biblical faith.
- In September 2005, became a member of the *New Wineskins Association of Churches* joining with over 173 congregations across the United States to uphold and practice the essential tenets of the Reformed faith.
- Entered a season of congregation discernment in spring 2007 to determine the Lord’s direction for MPC.

The session of Memorial Park Presbyterian Church after eighteen months of prayer, study, and discernment have voted unanimously to recommend to the congregation that Memorial Park Church ask for dismissal from the PCUSA to realign with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC).

What are reasons for realignment with the EPC?

- To follow Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
- Believe Scripture is the unchanging Word of God.
- To create greater theological unity and integrity.
- To uphold and practice the historic principles of our faith related to the conscience and exercise of power.
- To align with a Presbyterian body whose members believe that Jesus is Lord and the only way to salvation, and in the unchanging Word of God.
- To be true to the essential tenets of the Reformed faith.
- To focus attention and effort on missional activity rather than on continual conflict and debate over core Biblical truth and polity.
- To create greater structural effectiveness with the church, by designing a leaner, more relational and more flexible network of churches that centers on and supports the life and ministry of the local congregation.

We believe that God is forging a new vision for His Church worldwide. **We ask you to pray and seek the Lord as we prepare for a congregational vote on Sunday morning, June 3.** Prayer outlines are available at the Denomination Information Center.

“See, I am doing a new thing in your midst. Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”

Isaiah 43:19
