

## Welcome to Evergreen Church

We're glad you came today. It is our deep desire that you feel welcome coming as you are and that after spending time here, you will sense God's presence, and when you leave you will be more aware of God's love for you and God's profound purpose for your life. We want to get to know you, and for you to get to know us. Just fill out an Info Card, and we'll be in touch.

## What We're About

**Mission:** To know the Lord and make Him known.

**Vision:** To **experience** God through authentic Christ-centered fellowship and study of His Word, so as to grow in our desire to **exalt** God in heartfelt worship and to **extend** His offer of personal relationship to those who don't know Him.

## Experiencing God

Home Groups—living out our faith in community  
The Bible—studying and applying God's Word  
Our stories—telling what God has done in us

## Exalting God

Worship—acknowledging God's central place  
Authenticity—removing distracting obstacles  
Learning—accurate, interesting, and memorable teaching

## Extending God to Others

Faith-sharing—reconciling people to God  
World Missions—offering God to all people  
Mercy ministry—tangibly expressing God's love

## Our Core Values

God is supremely worthy of every person's praise and honor. Worship that is pleasing to God need not conform to any one culture or tradition but must be offered with genuine and whole-hearted devotion.

Every person is of eternal worth because of the creative grace of God, and the restoring work of Jesus Christ, God the Son, who gave His life for us.

The Bible is God's Word for us, profoundly relevant to our lives and worthy of daily reading, study, and meditation.

Every person is welcome at Evergreen Church to come as they are and to seek to draw closer to God. God intends people of every race, ethnicity, generation and social background to enjoy fellowship with God and unity in Christ with one another. Evergreen Church intentionally desires to be an expression of this.

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## Ways to Stay Connected at Evergreen

The following connection opportunities are open to all. Conference call dial-ins are through 425-436-6200, access code 67839, pin 4799.

### MONDAY

1:30 p.m. Prayer Group (weekly conference call)

### TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. Men's Movie Night (monthly, 2nd week)

### WEDNESDAY

12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, conference room

7:00 p.m. Women's Movie Night (monthly, 2nd week)

7:30 p.m. Independent Scripture Studies (as scheduled)

### FRIDAY

11:00 a.m. Visual Faith (Intermittently)

6:00 p.m. Roots (4th and 5th grades) (2nd and 4th weeks)

### SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. Women's Home Group (weekly, Karen M.'s house, 134 Morven Park Rd. NW, Leesburg)

### SUNDAY

9:15 a.m. High School Small Group (1st and 3rd weeks)

10:00 a.m. Greenhouse (K-5th grades) (weekly)

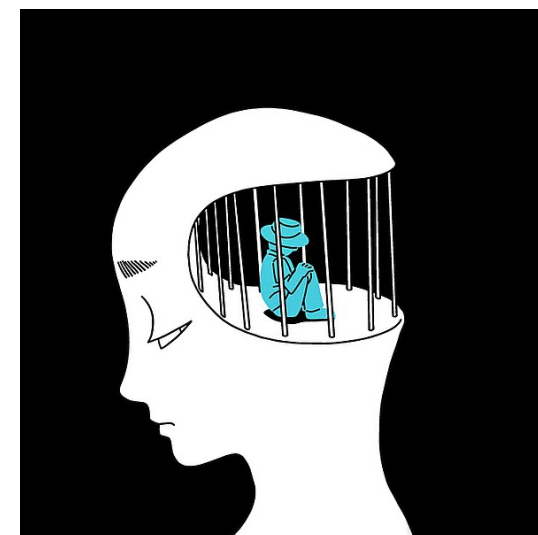
10:15 a.m. Middle School Small Group (2nd and 4th weeks)

11:15 a.m. Men's Fellowship Group (monthly, call church for date)

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (weekly)

## Additional Notes

Additional ways to stay connected include participating on teams like the following: the Children, Youth, and Family Ministry team; the Mowing and Landscaping teams; the AV team; and the Missions team. For more details, contact Pastor Mark. Also, Pastor Mark enjoys connecting with others (in person, over the phone, or virtually). To schedule a conversation with him, call 703-737-7700 or e-mail [pastor@evergreenchurch.net](mailto:pastor@evergreenchurch.net).



# Getting Real and Getting Deep

January 22, 2023

# Info Card

January 22, 2023

The greatest offering we can make to God is ourselves—this card can be a token of that. Please fill it out and place it in the offering basket. Also, we'd like to know that you're here, and what interests you. There's more room for your comments and prayer concerns on the back.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Children, if any (and b-days): \_\_\_\_\_

This is my \_\_\_\_ time here. (1st, 2nd, ... LT = lost track)

How I learned about Evergreen:

friend website facebook other \_\_\_\_\_

## TELL ME MORE ABOUT EVERGREEN OPPORTUNITY

# \_\_\_\_\_  
(see panel on right)

I'd also like to learn more about the following:

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|----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| Sunday School  | The Bible   | Baptism       | Evergreen      |
| Youth Group    | Prayer      | Altar Flowers | Mowing Team    |
| Roots Preteens | Home Groups | Hospitality   | Music Ministry |

Comments:  
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**Call to Worship**  
*From the Inside Out, Hillsong United*

**Worship in Song**  
*Psalm 23*  
*Stronger*

**Evergreen News**

**Worship in Offering**

**Worship in Prayer**

**Worship in Song**  
*Light the Way*

**Message:**  
**Getting Real and Getting Deep**

**Worship in Song**  
*Whom Shall I Fear?*

**Going out in Song**

## Evergreen Opportunities

**1. OLD SNEAKERS, NEW FUNDRAISER**  
Evergreen Christian Preschool needs your old sneakers. The sneakers that are collected will raise money to support the preschool program and will help the environment by keeping sneakers out of landfills. ECP can earn up to \$7 per pair. Please note this drive is for sneakers (and rubber-soled cleats) only. Invite your friends, neighbors, and coworkers. The collection bin will be in the fellowship hall. Put #1 on your INFO CARD if you have questions.

**2. SAVE THE DATE FOR PANCAKE DINNER**  
Evergreen is asking you to dinner, a pancake dinner, scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st. Come for fellowship and yummy food (and to learn more about Shrove Tuesday, what it is, and why we traditionally eat pancakes or other baked goods on that day). For more details, put #2 on your INFO CARD.

**3. FINAL JANUARY ROOTS MEETING DATE**  
Roots, Evergreen's group for 4th and 5th graders where they learn to plant their faith in God, will meet Friday, January 27th from 6:00 to 7:00. For more information on this group, put #3 on your INFO CARD.

**4. ECP ENROLLMENT DATES**  
Enrollment for the 2023–2024 school year at Evergreen Christian Preschool is now open to all current student families as well as Evergreen families with preschool-age children. Enrollment opens to the public on February 1st. Put #4 on your INFO CARD if you would like information about ECP.

**5. EVERGREEN ON INSTAGRAM**  
Evergreen has created a new Instagram account. Please follow us at evergreenunitedmethodist\_va.

## Getting Real and Getting Deep

<sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." <sup>5</sup> And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." <sup>6</sup> And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." <sup>8</sup> And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God. <sup>9</sup> There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup> He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." <sup>11</sup> And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. <sup>13</sup> And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

*1 Kings 19:4-13*

In Stage Four, we want to get \_\_\_\_\_  
with God.

God is happy to hear about the things that  
\_\_\_\_\_ us.

Next Steps:

- 1) Hold your \_\_\_\_\_ when an alligator shows up.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ the alligator to get real with God.
- 3) Be a refuge for someone else experiencing an unexpected \_\_\_\_\_.