

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

12:30 p.m. Lunch and Games (monthly, 3rd week, location TBD)

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

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

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.



In the Dark

July 17, 2022

Info Card

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

Come What May, We Are Messengers

Worship in Song

*Our God
Give Me Faith*

Evergreen News

Worship in Offering

Worship in Prayer

Worship in Song

Knowing You

Message: In the Dark

Worship in Song

You Are With Me Still

Going out in Song

*You are with me still, and Your love will endure.
You are with me still, and Your promise is sure.
You are with me still, and Your mercy remains.
You are with me still; You give strength as I wait.*

Evergreen Opportunities

1. PATIENCE WITH PARKING, PLEASE

Please have patience as we work together with the Sportsplex to address recent parking lot issues. As always, all are warmly welcome at Evergreen, and we want to make sure that is apparent every Sunday, even as visitors drive onto the property.

2. RSVPs NEEDED FOR JULY'S WEEK OF SERVICE EVENTS

Many of the activities scheduled for our upcoming Make-An-Impact Week of Service need headcounts in advance. Please check out the schedule (copies are on the table in the fellowship hall) and RSVP to Dana Jackson as soon as possible. This week of serving is for everyone regardless of age or abilities. Participants under the age of 18 must have parental supervision. For more, put #2 on your INFO CARD.

3. JULY'S MAKE-AN-IMPACT: FOOD COLLECTING AND PACKING

As we head into July, our project is to collect various food items that will be used in packing school meal bags for the organization Women Giving Back. The list is on the information board in the fellowship hall. We will create the complete meal packs as one of our upcoming Week of Service activities. Put #3 on your INFO CARD if you have questions about either of these opportunities.

4. EVERGREEN IS HIRING

Evergreen is on the hunt for a new Worship Leader and a new Office Manager. Both positions are part-time, and a passion for people, mission, and service is a plus. If you know of someone who is seeking employment (or if you are interested), please put #4 on your INFO CARD to acquire more position-specific information.

In the Dark

About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. ² He killed James the brother of John with the sword, ³ and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. ⁴ And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. ⁵ So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church. ⁶ Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. ⁷ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. ⁸ And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹ And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. ¹¹ When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

Acts 12:1-11

A closed door is never the _____.

Sometimes God works in our lives in the _____.

The best things God does in us might happen without us _____.

Next Steps:

- 1) If and when the lights go out, discern if they _____ be.
- 2) If they should be, learn to be _____ there.
- 3) _____ your experience.