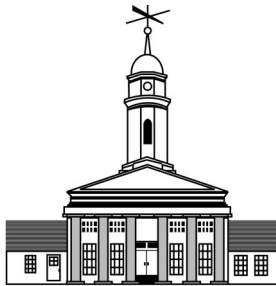


SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024
10:00 A.M. SERVICE



MEDIA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

mediapresbyterian.org

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Our Mission is to love God and love our neighbor. Our Vision is to be a Christian Community that worships together, serves together, and grows together in faith.

Welcome

VISITING TODAY?

If this is your first time worshipping with us, we hope you will feel welcome. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us by phone at 610-566-3944. We also invite you to visit our website at www.mediapresbyterian.org.

Leading worship this morning...

Reverend Dr. David Cagle, Transitional Pastor

Reverend Rose Sparrow, Parish Associate

Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music

Emily Barth, Organist

Steve Buxton, Worship Leader

The Chancel flowers are donated by Michael and Andria Kaskey to the glory of God.

GATHERING

Prelude

Voluntary on Beach Spring

Jason W. Krug

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Teachers' Teammates, Belle Patton

Call to Worship (From Psalm 15:1-5 NKJV)

Leader: Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle?
Who may dwell in your holy hill?

*All: He who walks uprightly, and works
righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart;*

Leader: He who does not backbite with his tongue, nor does evil to
his neighbor, nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;

*All: In whose eyes a vile person is despised, but he honors
those who fear the LORD; He who swears to his own
hurt and does not change;*

Leader: He who does not put out his money at usury, nor does he
take a bribe against the innocent.

All: He who does these things shall never be moved.

***Opening Worship** (Led by Worship Team)

(Music Sheets available)

God so Loved
We the Kingdom

Who You Say I Am
Brooke Ligertwood/Hillsong

Children's Moment

Jeanne Cunningham

Blessing of the Children (All)

*"Almighty God, from whom we receive our life: We thank
you for blessing us with the joy and care of children. Give us
calm strength and patient wisdom, that we may teach
them to love you, and to love whatever is just, true and
good. Protect them from danger and hold them safe in your
arms. In Jesus' name. Amen."*

**please stand in body or in spirit*

Call to Confession (1 John 1:8-9)

Leader: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Now, take a few moments of honesty before God in silent confession)

Prayer of Confession (All)

All: Holy God, we do live in the joy and wonder of your love. However, we find it so easy to be in disagreements. We take each other so much for granted. So often we are tempted to cut the ropes of love that bind us together. Other times we take life far too much for granted. Help us to learn how to love each other and restore within us the powerful cords of forgiveness and compassion. Remind us of the joys and beauties of being alive in Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Ephesians 1:3, 7-8a)

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Song of Praise, Hymn #579 (Blue)

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

*Sharing the Joy of Our Faith

EQUIPPING

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Steve Buxton

First Reading: Hebrews 12:1-2 (pg.978)

Steve Buxton

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Reading: Philippians 3:7-14 (pg.955)

Rev. Rose Sparrow

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Let Go & Let God Have His Way” Rev. Rose Sparrow

RESPONDING

*Affirmation of Faith (All)

The Nicene Creed

Leader: Brothers and sisters, what do you believe?

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem (Led by the MPC Choir)

*Doxology

Hymn #592 (Blue)

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

There are prepackaged communion cups located in baskets at the back of the sanctuary if you prefer not taking communion by intinction.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

The prayer continues...

Sanctus (All)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Richard Proulx

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer *(All)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer of Affirmation

SENDING

*Closing Hymn #422 (Blue)

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

Recessional in C

Josef Haydn

GENERAL INFORMATION

Restrooms -A restroom is located in the parlor at the back of the sanctuary. Handicap-accessible restrooms are located through either side door at the front of the sanctuary, then around the corner.

Nursery -Our Nursery is available for infants and children up to 3 years old during our 9:00 a.m. Sunday School hour and the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Sunday School -Adults meet at 9:00 a.m. in Room 102 and via Zoom. Children's Sunday School is in the Children's Wing. Youth Sunday School is in the Youth Room.

Prayer Chain -If you are in need of prayer or would like to receive prayer chain updates, please email Reverend Rose.

Attention Mothers of Infants -The parlor at the back of the church is available for privacy during church services.

Church Office Hours are Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. During inclement weather, please call to make sure staff is present before coming to the office.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sign up to receive our weekly digital newsletter by going to our website or by emailing rebecca@mediapresbyterian.org.

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ONLINE GIVING

Visit MediaPresbyterian.org/GiveOnline or scan the QR code to give your tithes & offerings.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Looking Back Meetings**

- ◆ As mentioned in a recent letter to the congregation, there will be two opportunities to attend a “Looking Back” meeting led by Pastor David. This will be a time to address concerns and answer questions about MPC’s past. To nurture a strong healthy fellowship for MPC’s next pastor, we need to resolve our concerns. One meeting will be today, Sunday January 21, at 2:00 p.m. in Dale Hall. The second meeting will be on Wednesday January 24, at 7:00 p.m. in Dale Hall. This is not a two-part meeting. Please attend one meeting or the other. For more information, see Saturday’s Stay Connected email or speak to David after Worship.

- **What Do We Think as a Congregation?**

The Mission Study Team has been analyzing the results of our fall survey and we want to share the results with the congregation.

Sunday, January 28

Immediately following our worship service that morning.

Come learn what we as a congregation said about various aspects of our life together as one part of the family of God! We will present the findings and have plenty of time for questions. We will also preview the small group discussions that are the final phase of our mission study process.

“For surely I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord, “plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”
Jeremiah 29:11

- **Show Your Love Throughout February**

- ◆ Throughout February, Deacons are collecting school supplies for the 2nd semester of the year to support Teachers' Teammates. This organization offers supplies to teachers who work in districts serving predominantly lower-income populations in public, charter, and parochial schools. With a small membership fee, teachers can order a wealth of necessary supplies for their students. By this time of the year, supplies are drying up! Please help us by providing 2-pocket folders, crayons, glue sticks, single-subject notebooks, filler paper, and washable markers, which can be dropped off in bins found around the church. Sunday, February 25, will be the last day to drop off supplies. To find out more about this organization, see teachersteammates.org. For questions, please contact Belle Patton (mbepatton@comcast.net). Thank you!

ONGOING MINISTRIES

- **Adult Sunday School**

- ◆ Adult Sunday School meets each Sunday beginning February 11, 2024, from 9:00-9:45 a.m. in Room 102. We are studying the Gospel of Luke. You may begin attending at any time! Please contact Andria Kaskey (aleakaskey@yahoo.com) for more information.

- **Cornerstone Kids Children's Ministry**

- ◆ **Family Game Night Wednesday, February 7 from 6-8 p.m.** We plan to eat, laugh, play games (such as Pickleball), and board games. Pizza will be served for dinner at 6:00 p.m. To get a headcount, we are asking that everyone please RSVP to the link below or in the Stay Connected <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A5AD2EA1FF2-47236912-mpcgame>
- ◆ **Building Lives on Christ (BLOC)** is available most Sundays for children in 2nd grade and younger. The children are dismissed after the Children's Moment and should be picked up from Room 201 when the service is over.
- ◆ Contact Jeanne Cunningham (fuselloj@gmail.com) for more information.

- **MPC Youth Ministry**

- ◆ Youth Sunday School meets from 9-9:45 a.m. in the Youth Room. Youth Group meets on Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

MPC IS HIRING

- **Director of Contemporary Music**

MPC is looking to hire a Directory of Contemporary music to guide the congregation and lead them in Spirit-filled worship through the ministry of music. See the job description on our website or email employment@mediapresbyterian.org for more information.

- **Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries**

- ◆ The Search Committee requests your help in finding a qualified applicant for the position of Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries at MPC. This is a full-time, non-ordained position that is responsible for developing and leading our ministry to children, youth, and families. Qualified candidates may contact employment@mediapresbyterian.org. See the website or newsletter for more information.

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2024

Sunday, January 21

8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
8:45 a.m. Nursery opens for drop-off
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Room 102 & Zoom
9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
9:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service with BLOC, Sanctuary
2:00 p.m. Looking Back Meeting, Dale Hall

Monday, January 22

12:00 p.m. Prayer & Devotion, Rev. Rose, Zoom
4:45 p.m. Mission Study Team meeting, Room 102
7:00 p.m. Women's Book Club, Zoom

Tuesday, January 23

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting, Room 102 & Zoom

Wednesday, January 24

10:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow
Call 425-436-6394, Code 338523#
2:30 p.m. Bible Study, Lima Estates
7:00 p.m. Looking Back Meeting, Dale Hall

Thursday, January 25

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study Breakfast, Court Diner, Media
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Rev. Rose, Zoom
12:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer & Prayer Chain Updates
7:00 p.m. Men's Book Club, Room 103
7:00 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room
7:00 p.m. Yoga

Friday, January 26

Office Closed

Saturday, January 27

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, January 28

8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
8:45 a.m. Nursery opens for drop-off
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Room 102 & Zoom
9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
9:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service with BLOC, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Mission Study Team results Meeting, Sanctuary

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