

*Media Presbyterian
Church*

SUNDAY
JULY 30, 2023

"THE MOST
IMPORTANT
THING IN
MY LIFE IS...."



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

Sebastian Carpenter, Director of Contemporary Music &
Worship, Director of Youth Ministries

Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music

Andria Kaskey, Director of Children's Ministry

Ed Ardis, Worship Leader

The Chancel flowers are donated by Karen Gible, "Happy Birthday Mae! With love from Mommy and Daddy!"

We want to thank the Spencer Family for donating flowers last week from Philip Spencer's memorial service.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Missions

Eric MacDonald, Worship

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 105)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; call on His name;

All: *make known His deeds among the peoples.*

Leader: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

All: *tell of all His wonderful works.*

Leader: Glory in His Holy name;

All: *let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.*

*Opening Worship (Led by the Worship Team)

(Music Sheets available)

Who You Say I Am

Elevation Worship

Build My Life

Pat Barrett/Housefires

Children's Moment

Andria Kaskey

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.”

Call to Confession

Leader: The kingdom of heaven is for all of us, but we come to this space full of our own burdens.

All: *Let us confess our sins before our Triune God.*

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

**please stand in body or in spirit*

Prayer of Confession (*All*) (based on Psalm 51:10-12)

Holy God, we try to keep you close to us, but in the process, we push our neighbors away. We have been distracted in a distracting world and withheld love from each other and from you. Have mercy on us, O God. In your compassion, cleanse and release us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (based on Romans 8:34)

Leader: Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died and who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for 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

Ed Ardis

Sermon Reading: Matthew 13:44-46 (pg.795) Reverend Dr. David Cagle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “*The Most Important Thing in My Life is....*”

Reverend Dr. David Cagle

RESPONDING

*Affirmation of Faith

The Confession of Belhar

All: *We believe:*

- *that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;*
- *that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;*
- *that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.*

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Offering Song (Led by the MPC Choir)

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Helen Lemmel

*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

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 #557 (Red)**

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Charge and Blessing

***Postlude**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Restrooms -A restroom is located in the parlor in 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 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Sunday School -Adults meet at 9:00 a.m. in Room 102. Youth and Children's Sunday School is off for the summer and will resume in the fall.

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 - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. During inclement weather, please call to make sure staff is present before coming to the office. Effective the week of August 7, the church office will be closed on Fridays.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Like and follow us on Facebook (Media Presbyterian Church) & Instagram (@mediapresby).

ONLINE GIVING

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **VBS Stellar starts tomorrow** July 31 and runs through August 4 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. each evening. Registration can be done through the Newsletter or on our website. Contact Andria (andria@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.
- **Refreshments on the Lawn** is happening all summer long until Labor Day! Join us for some light refreshments outside after the worship service. Today is sponsored by the Spiritual Formation Committee!

- **MPC 2023 Worship Survey Results.** We are excited by the great response to the survey! Based on the data collected from 100 responses, Session decided to continue with our Sunday morning schedule of Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. followed by Worship at 10:00 a.m. Communion will also continue to be a part of worship services, except on occasional Sundays. The Session understands that this may not be the ideal schedule for everyone. Please know that the staff, Worship Committee, and Session all prayerfully and thoughtfully considered many issues as we discussed the survey data. We will continue to reflect on our schedule in the future, knowing that one aspect of the Mission Study will include gathering further feedback on worship. To see details of the survey results, go to: bit.ly/MPC2023WorshipSurvey.
- **The Nominating Committee** is pleased to announce that at the July 18 Session Meeting, the Session approved the following slate of members to serve on the Mission Study team. The Nominating Committee is grateful for the willingness of these members to serve:
 - ◇ Suzanne Beaumont
 - ◇ Robin Kauffman
 - ◇ David Layton
 - ◇ Eric MacDonald
 - ◇ Betsy Podrebarac
 - ◇ Janis Richards



ONGOING MINISTRIES

- **Cornerstone Kids Children's Ministry**
 - ◆ Building Lives on Christ (BLOC) is available most Sundays for children going into 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. No BLOC today.
 - ◆ Every 3rd Saturday join Cornerstone Kids at 10:00 a.m. for a hike near Media. Our final hike will be August 19 at Hildacy Farm Preserve Loop in Hildacy Preserve.
 - ◆ Join our email list for weekly schedule updates and summer activity information.
Contact Andria Kaskey (andria@mediapresbyterian.org)
- **MPC Youth Ministry**
 - ◆ Check out the newsletter or website for a calendar of events for the summer or contact: Sebastian (sebastian@mediapresbyterian.org).

- **Women’s Book Club**
 - ◆ We meet every 4th Monday in Room 102 and via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Our book for August is “The Rose Code” by Kate Quinn
Contact: Jean Furey (jeanfurey@yahoo.com). Our next meeting is August 28.
- **Faith & Film**
 - ◆ Every 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Room 103 or Zoom join us for film conversations. Our next meeting is August 10 where we will discuss the movie “Cool Hand Luke.”
Contact: Steve Beckley(strybeck242@gmail.com).
- **Yoga**
 - ◆ A new session of Hatha yoga will be held in Dale Hall at 7 p.m. every Thursday in August (except August 3rd). This is an all-levels class incorporating yoga poses to improve strength, balance, and flexibility. Consider joining our friendly class! If interested, please contact Lisa Dombroski (L.Dombroski@yahoo.com).
- **Spiritual Formation Committee: Pick Up The Sword This Year**
 - ◆ The Spiritual Formation Committee invites you to participate in their 52-Week Bible Reading Plan for 2023! The entire plan can be found in the newsletter or on our website.
- **Lima Estates Bible Study**
 - ◆ All residents of Lima Estates are invited to join Reverend Rose Sparrow for a Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. No meeting August 9. We will resume on August 23. Email Reverend Rose (rose@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.
- **Digital Picture Directory**
 - ◆ We are updating our Digital Picture Directory. If a picture of you and your family is not in our digital directory, if your picture is out of date, or if you are not sure if your picture is in there or what it looks like, contact Sue Hare (susanmlowry@hotmail.com).
- **Intercessory Prayer and Prayer Chain Updates**
 - ◆ Calling all Prayer Warriors! Join us for prayer on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Call 425-436-6394, and use code 338523#. To submit prayer requests or updates, email Reverend Rose (rose@mediapresbyterian.org).

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- **Financial Information**

Financial updates will be posted once a month for the previous month.
Please see the newsletter for more details.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Media Food Bank**

- ◆ Donate food items from current list in newsletter or website.
Drop off in the designated bins around the church.
- ◆ Deliver items from MPC to Media Food Bank. Use the Sign-Up Genius in the newsletter or website.
- ◆ Buy fresh produce from Produce Junction & deliver it to the Media Food Bank. You will be reimbursed up to \$125 by MPC.
Use the Sign-Up Genius to volunteer.
- ◆ Donations have decreased and the Food Bank has immediate needs.
See the newsletter or website for the list.
Contact: Brian McLaughlin (brianmclaughlin363@gmail.com).

FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 30, 2023

Sunday, July 30

- 8:30 a.m. Choir practice, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Room 102 & Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (no BLOC), Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Refreshments on the Lawn, sponsored by the
Spiritual Formation Committee
- 11:30 a.m. Orientation for VBS volunteers followed by
decorating
- 4:00 p.m. Elder Training, Room 102

Monday, July 31

- 12:00 p.m. Prayer & Devotion, Rev. Rose, Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. VBS

Tuesday, August 1

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Room 102
- 6:00 p.m. VBS

Wednesday, August 2

- 9:00 a.m. Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow
Call 425-436-6394, Code 338523#
- 6:00 p.m. VBS

Thursday, August 3

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. VBS

Friday, August 4

- 6:00 p.m. VBS

Saturday, August 5

- 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday August 6,

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Room 102 & Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. VBS Sunday Worship Service (no BLOC),
Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Refreshments on the Lawn, sponsored by the
Children's Ministry Committee
- 4:00 p.m. Elder Training, Room 102

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