



Sunday, December 31, 2023
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Happy

New Year

MEDIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

Elizabeth Rohr, Worship Leader

Emily Barth, Organist

The Chancel flowers are donated by Cindy and Kevin McPeak "in honor of our greatest blessing, our daughter, Marin Grace."

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (From Psalm 25:1-6 NKJV)

Leader: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

All: O my God, I trust in You;

Leader: Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me

All: Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed. Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

Leader: Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths.

All: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation;

Leader: On You I wait all the day.

All: Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your loving kindnesses, for they are from of old.

*Opening Hymns (Blue)

#25 Away in a Manger (v.1)

#38 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (v.1)

#53 What Child Is This? (v.1)

#43 O Little Town of Bethlehem (v.1)

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 (I 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: Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is righteousness and an abundance of mercy. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; please fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and give us hearts like yours that we may freely share our love with one another. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Micah 7:18-19 NKJV)

Leader: Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Song of Praise, Hymn #22 (v. 4) (Blue)

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

*All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!*

*Sharing the Joy of Our Faith

EQUIPPING

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Elizabeth Rohr

First Reading: Philippians 4:14 (pg.955); Daniel 11:32 (pg.729)

Elizabeth Rohr

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Reading: Joshua 1:1-11 (pg.168)

Rev. Rose Sparrow

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Be Strong and Courageous"

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 worshiped 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

Offering Song (Performed by Renee Erickson and Elizabeth Rohr)
The Time Came

*Doxology

Hymn #31 (v. 3) (Blue)

Hark! The Harald Angels Sing

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

*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 #40 (Blue)

Joy to the World!

Charge and Blessing

*Postlude



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.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Like and follow us on Facebook (Media Presbyterian Church).

ONLINE GIVING

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Holiday Office Hours**
 - ◆ The office will be closed on Monday January 1, 2024 and will reopen for regular hours on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.
- **MPC Missions-Alternative Gift Cards**
 - ◆ Please help support our Global and Local Missions of MPC by purchasing gift cards. This is the last Sunday they will be on sale in Hassler Chapel. This year we are supporting Compassion for Life in Liberia, and the Greenhouse Project in Chester, PA. For questions or more information, don't hesitate to contact Cindy McPeak (cindymcpeak101@gmail.com).

ONGOING MINISTRIES

- **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.
- **Cornerstone Kids Children's Ministry**
 - ◆ 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 (fuscelloj@gmail.com).

MPC IS HIRING

- **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.

MISSION STUDY TEAM UPDATE

Dear Church Family,

The Mission Study Team is thankful to everyone who participated in the Hartford Survey. We continue to meet weekly to pray over this time of opportunity in the life of MPC and synthesize the data from the survey. We look forward to meeting in small focus groups in the New Year to discuss the important themes we are learning from the survey results. Please stay tuned!

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

Faithfully, the Mission Study Team-Rev. Dr. David Cagle, Suzanne Beaumont, Robin Kauffman, David Layton, Eric MacDonald, Betsy Podrebarac, Janis Richards.

Elders & Deacons

	<u>ELDERS</u>	
<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Sandy Campbell	Jim Gatch	LuAnn Crosby
Art Kalemkarian, Jr.	Julie Havel	Jeanne Cunningham
Cindy McPeak	Jessica Johnson	Mark Gibble
Elizabeth Rohr	Eric MacDonald	Susan Kassab
Robin Smith	Kate Meehan	Eileen McLaughlin
Jo Snead	Paul Tutton	
	John Walton	
<i>Moderator:</i> Reverend Dr. David Cagle	<i>Clerk of Session:</i> Joe Hare	
	<u>DEACONS</u>	
<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Elaine Fetterman	Suzanne Beaumont	Jim Archambo
Jeanne Furey	Doug Crosby	Kim Gilchrist
Karen Gibble	Susan Hare	Michael Kaskey
Dave Layton	Dave Heckman	Alex Moore
Lynne McCone	Robin Kauffman	Sharon Riley
	Jill Lardon	
	Betsy McKeone	
	Pamela Orr	
	Belle Patton	

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Sunday, December 31

8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
8:45 a.m. Nursery opens for drop-off
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service (no BLOC), Sanctuary
Happy New Year!

Monday, January 1

Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 3

10:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow
Call 425-436-6394, Code 338523#

Thursday, January 4

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. Youth Group, Youth Room
7:00 p.m. Yoga

Friday, January 5

Office Closed

Saturday, January 6

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, January 7

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

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	Nursery	Ext. 1023
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