

An aerial photograph of a vast vineyard with rows of green grapevines stretching towards a bright sunset on the horizon. The sky is filled with golden light and scattered clouds. The foreground shows a grassy slope leading up to the vineyard rows.

MEDIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 24, 2023

MEDIA PRESBYTERIAN.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

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

Andria Kaskey, Director of Children's Ministry

Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music

Susan Kassab, Worship Leader

Stan Orr, Organist

The Chancel flowers are donated by Judy Wentz in loving memory of her parents Walter and Betty Wentz's wedding anniversary.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introduction of New Members

Call to Worship (Psalm 107:1-3, 43)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Let those who are wise give heed to these things,

All: and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Opening Worship (Led by Worship Team)

(Music Sheets available)

Your Love Never Fails

Jesus Culture/Chris Quilala

Good Good Father

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."

**please stand in body or in spirit*

Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. With that assurance and the promise of God's grace through Jesus Christ

All: *Let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

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

Prayer of Confession (All)

All: *Gracious God, forgive us when we grumble and complain against your goodness as the Israelites did in the desert, as the elder brother did to his father, as the workers in the field did to the landowner. We judge and weigh your gifts according to our standards. We often question your fairness instead of receiving your grace with thanksgiving and joy. Help us to see your world through your eyes and with your spirit of generosity and grace, that we may welcome the chance to serve in your kingdom and all who join with us. Forgive us, Lord, in your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon (From Psalm 145:9 & Ephesians 2:8-9)

Leader: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;

All: *it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast*

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

All: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!*

*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

Susan Kassab

Sermon Reading: Matthew 20:1-16 (pg.801)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Merit System”

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

RESPONDING

Baptism

Rukijah Apin

*Affirmation of Faith (All)

The Apostle’s Creed

Leader: Brothers and sisters, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Recognition &
Thanksgiving for Faithful Service

Sebastian Carpenter & Andria Kaskey

Invitation to Stewardship

Offering Song (Led by the MPC Choir)

Lord, Hear My Prayer

*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 Song

Evidence
Josh Baldwin

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 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

- **Introducing New Members**-David and Sue Kolva, Rakijah Apin, Katie Davis, and Gary Alexander. Their pictures are now in the Instant Church Directory. Learn their names and welcome them into our church family!
- **Fall Book Study**-The Spiritual Formation Committee along with the Pastoral staff has chosen for the Fall Book Study “The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism” by Tim Keller. The study will start the week of October 8 and run until November 12. Stay tuned for days, dates, and times of groups that you may join. For more information contact Rose (rose@mediapresbyterian.org).

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. The ideal candidate will have a passion for working with children and youth, a strong understanding of Protestant theology and practice, and experience working with children and youth in a variety of settings. Qualified candidates may contact employment@mediapresbyterian.org. See the website or newsletter for more information.
- **Nursery Person Needed**-We are looking to hire a part-time person to join our nursery worker Amanda Jacobson, Wednesday evenings from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. to care for children ages 4 and below. Presently, we are looking for a volunteer to help out until the position is filled. There is a PA State Police Background Check and PA Child Abuse Clearances required for anyone who volunteers with children. For all inquiries, please email office@mediapresbyterian.org.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

- **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.
 - ◆ Children in 2nd grade and younger join us every Wednesday night from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Children's Wing for games, crafts, songs, and more!
 - ◆ Contact Janis Richards (janis_richards@yahoo.com).
- **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 Choir**
 - ◆ Join the MPC Choir! Use the gift of singing to bless His people! Practice takes place every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. To find out how you can join or for more information, contact Lisa VanHeldorf, Directory of Traditional Music, (lisa@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 September is "[The Girl with Seven Names: Escape from North Korea](#)" by Hyeonsoo Lee and David John. Contact: Jean Furey (jeanfurey@yahoo.com). Our next meeting is tomorrow, September 25.
- **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. Email Reverend Rose (rose@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.
- **Prayer and Devotion Group**
 - ◆ From the tiny beginnings among Jesus' disciples, the Church exploded into a worldwide force in just a few years. How? Come and join us Mondays at noon via Zoom as we study Luke's account of how the gospel was carried from Jerusalem to Rome. We are using as our Study Guide "[Acts by Life Change, A NavPress Bible Study](#)".
Zoom Meeting ID: 861 5515 1611; Passcode: 19063

Elders & Deacons Classes of 2024, 2025, 2026

<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 SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Sunday, September 24

- 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. Worship Service with BLOC, Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Reception for Sebastian & Andria, Dale Hall

Monday, September 25

- 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, Room 102 & Zoom

Tuesday, September 26

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

Wednesday, September 27

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow
Call 425-436-6394, Code 338523#
- 2:30 p.m. Lima Estates Bible Study, Lima Estates
- 6:30 p.m. Cornerstone Kids Wednesday Nights,
Children's Wing

Thursday, September 28

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study Breakfast,
Court Diner
- 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, September 29

Office Closed

Saturday, September 30

- 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, October 1

- 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. Worship Service with BLOC, Sanctuary

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