

# Welcome

## **MPC'S MISSION**

Worship. Grow. Serve.  
Together

## **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](http://www.mediapresbyterian.org)

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### *Leading Worship This Morning...*

Reverend Dr. David Cagle, Transitional Pastor  
Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music  
Andrew Behringer, Director of Contemporary Music  
Emily Barth, Organist  
Julie Havel, Worship Leader

*Today's chancel flowers are dedicated in  
memory of my husband, Harold's parents, my  
parents and my brothers.*

*~Anne Helfrich*

# GATHERING

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## Prelude

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only*    *ise*

MPC Bells

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship (Psalm 63)

Leader:     O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

**All:     O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;**

Leader:     So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

**All:     Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

Leader:     So I will bless you as long as I live;

**All:     I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

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

*Less Like Me*

Zach Williams, Hank Bentley, Mia Fieldes

*vidence*

Josh Baldwin

## Children's Moment

Jeanne Cunningham

### Blessing of the Children (A/I)

**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 (Isaiah 55:6-7)

Leader:     The prophet Isaiah instructs us to seek and to call upon the Lord. The prophet pleads with the wicked to forsake their way, with the unrighteous to forsake their thoughts. The prophet invites them to return to the Lord that he may have mercy on them and assures them that our God will abundantly pardon. Let us seek God, let us call upon the Lord, knowing that we will be received with mercy and abundant forgiveness.

**All:     Let us confess our sins together.**

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

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

## **Prayer of Confession (All) (Luke 13)**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have been quick to judge others and slow to make changes in our own lives. We confess that we have focused on others' shortcomings instead reforming our own. Turn us, O Lord, from these ways that lead to perishing. Lead us, O Lord, in your ways that lead to abundant life. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

## **Lenten Response #82 (Blue)      *Oh Lamb Of God Most Holy!***

**(All)      Oh Lamb of God most Holy  
Who on the cross did suffer  
And patient still and lowly,  
Yourself to scorn did offer:  
Our sins by You were taken,  
Or hope had us forsaken.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus!**

## **Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 55:8-9)**

**Leader:**      God speaks through the prophet Isaiah: my thoughts are not your thoughts nor are your ways my ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways. Let us find peace in God's ways of mercy and grace knowing that we are forgiven. Amen.

**All:**      **Thanks be to God!**

## **\*Song of Praise**

*Glory Be to the Father*

### **Hymn #579**

Gloria Patri

(Blue)

**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**

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### **THE WORD**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Julie Havel

**Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-3,11-32 pg. 850**

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon: "The Parable of the Loving Father"**

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

## **RESPONDING**

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### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

*The Confession of 1967*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Invitation to Stewardship**

#### **Offertory Anthem**

(MPC Choir)

*Our Father We Have Wandered*

Arr. Larry Harris,

Words: Kevin

Nichols

#### **\*Doxology**

*OLD HUNDRETH*

Hymn #592

**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**

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### **SENDING**

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**\*Closing Hymn #78** (Blue) *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

### **Charge and Blessing**

### **Postlude**

*Postlude on "Martyrdom"*

Robert Buckley Farlee

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**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 4 years old during our 9:00am Sunday School hour and the 10:00am worship service.

**Sunday School-** Adults meet at 9:00am in Room 102. 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 us at [Office@mediapresbyterian.org](mailto:Office@mediapresbyterian.org)

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

**Church Office Hours-** Monday through Thursday, 8:30am-4:00pm.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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### ◆ **Special Meeting of the Congregation**

The Session of Media Presbyterian Church has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation to be held following the 10:00 AM worship service on Sunday, March 30, 2025, in the sanctuary at Media Presbyterian Church and via the Zoom platform for those unable to attend in-person. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee concerning the Pastor-elect, approving the call of the Pastor-elect, and to accept the terms of call.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### ◆ 175th Anniversary Celebration

The **175th Anniversary Celebration** of Media Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, May 18th. We will be hosting a special service, remembrances of the past and sharing our hopes for the future. A catered meal will occur after the service in Dale Hall. The Sign-Up Genius for the meal is now available. It can be found on the church website and on StayConnected. On the bulletin board in the hallway by the kitchen, there is also a sign-up sheet. To help cover the food costs, we are requesting all who are able, to contribute \$10/adult and \$5/child, payable by check, cash, or online. If cost is a concern, let Rev. Cagle know; we would like everyone to be able to attend. **Please sign up by April 6th so we can get a headcount.** Drinks and some desserts are also desired. Help will be needed for set-up and clean-up. Also, a general fund for the celebration has been established to help defray any associated costs of the celebration. Please indicate "175th Celebration" on all donations. We hope to have a joyous day of celebrating our past and embracing our future!

### ◆ BECOME A PART OF MPC HISTORY

As we celebrate our 175th anniversary as a congregation, each one of us has special memories of our own experiences at MPC. In order to record these individual moments, please stop by Hassler Chapel to fill out a special "Memory Card". Did you have a special moment at Harvey Cedars? Did you spend a week helping others with Habitat for Humanity? Were you thrilled to see your children in a pageant or participate in a musical program? How about a baptism or a wedding? The possibilities are endless. The 4 x6 cards will be placed in albums to be shared this year and the next 175 years. We hope to share the past and our hopes for the future at MPC. A scrapbook will be located in Hassler Chapel starting March 16th. Along with the book are decorated or blank 4 x 6 cards. Use them to write down thoughts and memories about your experiences at church. Then, put the finished cards in the basket designated for completed cards. Add a picture or so if desired.

# ONGOING MINISTRIES

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## ◆ **Adult Sunday School**

- Adult Sunday School meets each Sunday from 9-9:45am in Room 102. You may begin attending at any time! As we wrap up our study in Matthew, we are preparing for our Lenten Study. Taking a prompt from Matthew, we are going to take a step away from studying a book of the Bible to study what are spiritual disciplines. This study will be guided by Richard Foster's book "*Celebrations of Spiritual Disciplines*". Through this 4 week study we will learn what the spiritual disciplines are, why they matter, and how we can practice them in our faith journey. For additional information, please contact: Sharon Riley (sriley1347@gmail.com).

## ◆ **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 (fuselloj@gmail.com) for more information.

## ◆ **MPC Youth Ministry**

- Youth Sunday School meets from 9-9:45am in the Youth Room.  
- Youth Group meets on Thursday from 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Update for February 2025

	<b>Feb 2025</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
Receipts:	\$ 56,214	\$ 109,795	\$ 770,600	14.25%
Expenditures:	\$ 57,764	\$ 109,259	\$ 797,429	13.70%
Receipts minus Expenses:	(\$ 1,550)	\$ 536		

Deacons Fund: Beginning balance in 2025	\$ 5,873
<b>PLUS</b> Received YTD	(+) \$ 1,950
<b>LESS</b> Spending for Benevolence	(-) \$ 2,264
Balance to date	\$ 5,559



# LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE

**LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE** is 22 years old! Since 2003, MPC has provided well over \$50,000 via LLL to show our love for God and for our neighbors during this reflective season that culminates in the triumph and joy of the Resurrection. Once again, this year, our gifts to *Lenten Loaves of Love* will enable us not only to beautify our sanctuary with flowers but also to share our love in a concrete way.

**During Lent 2025, we are supporting two new ministries in response to the devastation of the Southern California wildfires:**

## Cal Fire Benevolent Foundation

The Foundation provides financial assistance for the public good, by participating with burn centers and providing disaster relief throughout the state of California to relieve the burden on families. The money raised goes directly to assist firefighters, their families, those that support firefighters, and to assist burn victims.

[www.calfires.foundation](http://www.calfires.foundation)

## World Central Kitchen

WCK is the first to the frontlines, providing fresh meals in response to humanitarian, climate & community crises. Food is essential to life every single day, all over the world—and it is more important than ever in a crisis. Not only is a thoughtful, freshly prepared meal one less thing someone has to worry about in the wake of a disaster, it is a reminder that you are not alone, someone is thinking about you, and someone cares. Food has the power to be the nourishment and hope we need to pick ourselves back up in the darkest times. WCK is currently working in Southern California providing meals and support to those displaced by the fires and the First Responders fighting the fires. [www.wck.org](http://www.wck.org)

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*In addition to these special Mission/ Ministry opportunities, your contribution to Lenten Loaves of Love enables us to provide tulips and daffodils to make our sanctuary beautiful for Easter and to send cheer to our shut-ins after the service. If you would like to reserve flowers to take home after the worship service on Easter, please make a note on the dedication form below when you make your contribution to LLL. After we pay for the flowers, all other contributions will be divided evenly between our designated ministries.*

Each \$10.00 gift provides a single Lenten Loaf of Love. There is no limit to how many Loaves you may give! **Gifts received by Sunday, April 13, will be guaranteed acknowledgment in the Easter Sunday bulletin.** Fill out the information below and enclose it with your gift in the LLL envelope found in the pews and place the envelope in the offering plate.

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 I/we donate \$10.00 for each Lenten Loaf of Love

Total gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (make checks payable to MPC)

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tulips \_\_\_\_ Daffodils \_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like to take a flower (s) home How many? \_\_\_\_\_

# FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 23rd, 2025

## **Sunday, Mar 23rd**

8:30am Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
8:45am Nursery opens for drop-off  
9:00am Adult Sunday School, Room 102  
9:00am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room  
9:15am Worship Team, Sanctuary  
10:00am Sunday Worship Service (BLOC), Sanctuary  
11:30am Confirmation Class, Youth Room

## **Monday, Mar 24th**

12:00pm Prayer & Devotion, Zoom  
6:30pm PNC, Room 102  
7:00pm Women's Book Club, Zoom

## **Tuesday, Mar 25th**

10:00am Staff meeting, Room 102  
6:30pm SFC mtg., Zoom  
7:00pm Deacons mtg., Room 102 & Zoom

## **Wednesday, Mar 26th**

9:00am Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen  
10:00am Prayer Warriors,  
Call 605-313-5637, Code 2707235#  
6:30pm Cornerstone Kids  
7:00pm Admin cmt. mtg., Zoom

## **Thursday, Mar 27th**

7:00am Men's Bible Study, Court Diner, Media  
10:00am Women's Bible Study, Zoom  
6:30pm MPC Ringers, Sanctuary  
7:00pm Men's Book Club, Room 103  
7:00pm Yoga  
7:00pm Youth Group, Youth Room

## **Friday, Mar 28th**

Office Closed

## **Saturday, Mar 29th**

3:00pm Reception, Dale Hall  
7:00pm NA Meeting, Dale Hall

## **Sunday, Mar 30th**

8:30am Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
8:45am Nursery opens for drop-off  
9:00am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room  
9:15am Worship Team, Sanctuary  
10:00am Sunday Worship Service (BLOC), Sanctuary  
11:30am Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary  
11:30am Worship Team, Sanctuary

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|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Transitional Pastor                        | Reverend<br>Dr. David Cagle          | David@mediapresbyterian.org Ext.1001   |
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| Director of<br>Contemporary Music          | Andrew Behringer                     | Andrew@mediapresbyterian.org           |
| Organist                                   | Emily Barth                          | Emily@mediapresbyterian.org            |
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|                                            | Main Kitchen                         | Ext. 1021                              |
|                                            | Parlor<br><i>(Back of Sanctuary)</i> | Ext. 1022                              |
|                                            | Nursery                              | Ext. 1023                              |
|                                            | Benevolence Hotline                  | Ext. 2000                              |

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## ONLINE GIVING

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